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Responsible Gambling Trust announces departure of Director of Fundraising

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that, after four and a half successful years as Director of Fundraising, Karen Churches Peacock will leave the charity in September.

Karen was responsible for the development, implementation and management of communications and database systems that have been essential to the charity fundraising in excess of £24million since April 2009.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive, said:

“Karen has been a much-valued member of our team and has contributed greatly to the charity’s success in raising a minimum of £5million each year to fund research, education and treatment services to minimise gambling-related harm. Her recent success in inspiring over forty people from a diverse range of businesses to participate in fundraising expeditions to Africa in October 2013 (Kilimanjaro) and March 2014 (Sahara) are a testament to her contribution. We are grateful for all her hard work over the last four and a half years and wish her well for the future.”

Karen Churches Peacock, Director of Fundraising, explained:

“After much consideration, my husband and I have decided to move out of London later this year. Therefore, in light of our impending relocation, I have chosen to step down as Director of Fundraising at the Responsible Gambling Trust in September.”

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She added:

"I have very much enjoyed working for the Responsible Gambling Trust and am both delighted and proud to have played a part in helping the charity increase its annual fundraising income year-on-year from £4.2million (April 2009) to £5.7million (May 2013). I am also excited about the future and look forward to exploring a number of potential business opportunities that will not require a daily commute into central London."

The Responsible Gambling Trust will begin recruiting for a new Director of Fundraising in July and remains committed to promoting and supporting the fundraising expeditions to Africa.

Anyone interested in applying for the position of Director of Fundraising should contact Marc Etches (marc@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk) to request a copy of the job description and details of the application process.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

To arrange an interview with Marc Etches or Karen Churches Peacock please either phone 020-7287-1994 or email Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk.

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity committed to minimising gambling-related harm in Britain by funding effective education and prevention strategies and ensuring that those individuals that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).
- The Responsible Gambling Trust commissions research, education and treatment services as prioritised in a national responsible gambling strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The evidence-based strategy is a three-year rolling strategy that is developed in a collaborative, open manner between the RGSB and Responsible Gambling Trust.
- In August 2012, a 'governance and assurance framework' was published describing the new arrangements for prioritising, commissioning, funding and evaluating research, education and treatment (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/PDFs/statementofintent.pdf).
- Since April 2009, the Responsible Gambling Trust has raised over £24million from the gambling industry operating in Britain to fund research, education and treatment in relation to problem gambling.