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### **The Responsible Gambling Trust achieves its aim in appointing an equal balance of independent and industry-related Trustees**

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that Hilary Stewart-Jones has been engaged as the charity's fifth independent Trustee and confirmed that, as a result of this appointment, its Board now has an equal balance of independent and industry-related representatives.

Hilary Stewart-Jones is a partner of DLA Piper, one of the largest global law firms. Based in the organisation's London office, she works within the Intellectual and Property Technology Group and specialises in gambling related issues. Hilary operates globally on a multi-jurisdictional basis, specialising in regulatory issues; general commercial and corporate support (including fundraising); and tax planning. She has written legislation and regulations for governments and has drawn up industry codes of practice. Hilary has also played a role in most of the online sector floats/acquisitions since 2000.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive, explained:

"From the outset, one of our key strategic objectives has been to develop a governance structure which balances industry donors with independent Trustees in order to generate widespread trust and credibility and I am delighted that we have now achieved this aim."

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On being appointed as a Trustee, Hilary Stewart-Jones said:

“I very much look forward to providing impartial advice and support to the Responsible Gambling Trust to help the charity become an independent, authoritative and respected voice for responsible gambling in Britain. As a partner at one of the world's largest global law firms I fully understand the international reach of technology and the global nature of the gambling industry, I hope to bring these insights to my work with the Responsible Gambling Trust. I also hope that I can contribute to raising awareness of the Trust’s important role and in so doing encourage the gambling industry to recognise the value of supporting the Trust.”

Neil Goulden, Chairman, added:

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome Hilary to the Board of Trustees and I very much look forward to working with her as we continue to develop our fundraising and commissioning programmes for research, education and treatment of problem-gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain.”

The Responsible Gambling Trust’s Board of Trustees are:

<b>Chairman*</b>	Neil Goulden
<b>Trustee (independent)</b>	Liz Barclay (Broadcast Journalist and Producer)
<b>Trustee (independent)</b>	Alan Jamieson (Public and Mental Health Consultant)
<b>Trustee (independent)</b>	Hilary Stewart-Jones (Lawyer)
<b>Trustee (independent)</b>	Gerry Sutcliffe MP (Former Minister of State responsible for gambling policy)
<b>Trustee (independent)</b>	Jonathan Wolff (Professor of Political Philosophy at University College London)
<b>Trustee (industry)</b>	Richard Glynn (Chief Executive of Ladbrokes plc)
<b>Trustee (industry)</b>	Nick Harding (Chief Executive of Praesepe plc)
<b>Trustee (industry)</b>	Clive Hawkswood (Chief Executive of the Remote Gambling Association)
<b>Trustee (industry)</b>	Carl Leaver (Group Chief Executive of Gala Coral Group)
<b>Trustee (industry)</b>	Jonathan Paveley (Executive Chairman of Admiral Taverns)

\*Non-voting role

Trustees of the Responsible Gambling Trust donate their time and services on a pro bono basis and do not receive any remuneration for their roles in directing the charity's activities.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

To request a copy of the images or to arrange an interview with either Marc Etches or Hilary Stewart-Jones please contact Karen Churches Peacock (Director of Fundraising) either by phone on 020-7287-1994 or by email at [Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk](mailto:Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity committed to minimising problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain through effective education and prevention techniques, which stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensuring that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support ([www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk](http://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 will be a three-year rolling strategy that will be 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](http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/PDFs/statementofintent.pdf)).
- For more information on the Responsible Gambling Trust's Board of Trustees please visit [www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/trusteesandstaff.html](http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/trusteesandstaff.html).
- Since April 2009, the British gambling industry has raised over £17million to fund research, education and treatment in relation to problem gambling.