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The Responsible Gambling Trust restructures its Board of Trustees

The Responsible Gambling Trust today announced that it has restructured its Board of Trustees to reflect the charity's new status as both a fundraiser and a distributor of grants.

In developing its commissioning plans, the Responsible Gambling Trust has taken into account the need to generate widespread trust and credibility, particularly in view of the investment of both fundraising and commissioning functions in a single, industry-led body and this includes the appointment of wholly independent trustees - that is, independent of the gambling industry, service providers, the Gambling Commission and anyone else that may have a vested interest.

Neil Goulden, Chairman of the Responsible Gambling Trust, explained:

"A number of Trustees have willingly stood down to enable us to meet our promise to create an appropriate balance of industry-related and independent Trustees. We have now appointed Liz Barclay (a broadcast journalist and Chair of Camden Citizens Advice Bureau) who, together with Gerry Sutcliffe MP (former Gambling Minister) and Jonathan Wolff (Professor of Political Philosophy at University College London and a member of the Gambling Review Body led by Sir Alan Budd which recommended a voluntary system for funding research, education and treatment), represent our first three independent Trustees."

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On being appointed as a Trustee, Liz Barclay, said:

“As a consumer and personal finance journalist and money adviser with experience of the impact of gambling, I am delighted to join the Board of Trustees at the Responsible Gambling Trust. I very much look forward to helping guide the charity to achieve its key objective to become an independent, authoritative and respected voice for responsible gambling in Britain.”

Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, added:

“I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Carl Leaver (Group Chief Executive of Gala Coral Group) to the Board of Trustees and to express my sincere thanks to the outgoing Trustees namely Ian Burke (Chief Executive of Rank Group plc), Andrew Love (Deputy Chairman of The Ritz Hotel and Chairman of The Ritz Club), Ralph Topping (Chief Executive of William Hill) and Ken Turner (Chief Executive of Sceptre Leisure plc) for the tremendous commitment and support that they gave to The GREaT Foundation and the subsequent merger with the Responsible Gambling Fund in creating the Responsible Gambling Trust.”

The Responsible Gambling Trust Board of Trustees now consists of:

Chairman	Neil Goulden
Trustee (independent)	Liz Barclay (Broadcast Journalist and Producer)
Trustee (independent)	Gerry Sutcliffe MP (Bradford South constituency)
Trustee (independent)	Jonathan Wolff (Professor of Political Philosophy at University College London)
Trustee (industry)	Richard Glynn (Chief Executive of Ladbrokes plc)
Trustee (industry)	Nick Harding (Chief Executive of Praesepe plc)
Trustee (industry)	Clive Hawkwood (Chief Executive of the Remote Gambling Association)
Trustee (industry)	Carl Leaver (Group Chief Executive of Gala Coral Group)
Trustee (industry)	Jonathan Paveley (Executive Chairman of Admiral Taverns)

The Responsible Gambling Trust remains committed to appointing a further two independent Trustees in due course in order to deliver a fully balanced Board of five industry Trustees, five independent Trustees and a Chair.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

To request a copy of the images, or to arrange an interview with either Marc Etches or Liz Barclay, please contact Karen Churches Peacock (Director of Fundraising) either by phone on 020-7287-1994 or by email at Karen@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk.

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is a national charity committed to minimising problem gambling and gambling-related harm in Britain.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust will commission 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 the Responsible Gambling Trust.
- Since April 2009, the British gambling industry has raised over £15million to fund research, education and treatment in relation to problem gambling.
- For more information on the Responsible Gambling Trust's Board of Trustees please visit www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/trusteesandstaff.html.