Welcome Plenary, Regulation and Challenges in the UK and Challenges Overseas

Helen Stephenson, Chief Executive of the Charity Commission

Helen joined the Charity Commission as CEO in July 2017. She has extensive experience of senior leadership across the public and voluntary sectors, having previously served as Director of Early Years and Childcare at the Department of Education and Director of the Office for Civil Society.

Helen has filled senior roles at the Big Lottery Fund and the Shaftesbury Society and was, chair of the National Childbirth Trust and a member of the Advisory Council of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations. Helen also became a Charity Commission board member in September 2018.

Luncheon Speaker, Tuesday, July 16

Keir Goddard, Director of External Affairs, Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF)

Keir oversees ACF’s external affairs, policy and communications functions, as well as playing a lead role in strategic development and partnerships. He is responsible for ensuring that key issues receive the profile and impact they require and for advocating on behalf of foundations to government, regulators and other stakeholders.
Inspiring foundations to be ambitious and effective in the way they use their resources, Keiran has written and spoken widely about sector issues, sits on the DAFNE Legal affairs Committee and is a co-author of the Foundation Giving Trends series. Keiran is a Company Director of ACF’s trading subsidiary.

Opening Speaker, Wednesday, July 17

Sir Stuart Etherington, CEO, National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir Stuart Etherington announced his retirement after 25 years as CEO of NCVO. Membership of the NCVO has grown from 400 when Etherington took up the role in 1994 to more than 14,000 today. In 2015, he was appointed by the government to lead the review into the self-regulation of fundraising in the wake of the Olive Cooke case, which led to the creation of the Fundraising Regulator. He was knighted in 2010 for services to the voluntary sector.

Luncheon Speaker, Wednesday, July 17

Peter Lewis, Chief Executive of the Institute of Fund Raising

Peter Lewis’s role as CEO involves responsibility for the overall leadership and management of the Institute, making sure they deliver against the organizational objectives set by our members in the most effective way possible.

Peter Lewis’ previous roles include Chief Executive of London Voluntary Service Council; he has worked for Crisis, acted as CEO of the London Cycling Campaign and held a senior role at the Greater London Authority.