

Judith Cobham-Lowe, OBE, FIoD, FCIL, FRSA

Judith's early career covered a variety of jobs, including being asked to teach traditional skills back to the Mohawk Indians on the US-Canada border and fronting 'Megamorphosis', a bilingual World Service series of 9 programmes on the impact of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

More serious roles included Fellow in International Management at what is now Cass Business School, then at Manchester Business School, and becoming a Tutor on the Oxford Strategic Leadership Programme, culminating in an appointment as Deputy Director in the European Business School.

On the back of this international experience, she became MD of a City-based corporate strategy practice, working in 19 countries, advising the Boards of such companies as BP, BT, Standard Chartered, Glaxo, Accenture and National Grid, on their longer-term future.

Keen to mitigate the restrictions of consultancy, she inadvertently became the first woman ever appointed a Non-Executive Director by the Institute of Directors' Board Appointments Service. This led to seven further public and private sector NED Chairmanships, Deputy Chairmanships and Directorships, including becoming the first woman NED to join HM Treasury. She also served on a BBC Advisory Board.

Judith became a Goldsmiths' Liveryman in 1993. Since then, she has been closely involved in the Company's charitable and education activities, including the Goldsmiths' Centre's Apprenticeship Programme. In May 2017, she became the Company's first female Prime Warden in 700 years.

Her wider interests include opera, classical theatre – she is a Patron of both the ENO and the RSC – and finding a foolproof method of discouraging Crossrail-tunnelling moles in a large South Warwickshire garden.

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