



HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

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Appointment of independent Member to the House of Lords Appointments Commission

Professor Adeeba Malik CBE DL has been appointed as an Independent Member of the House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC).

Professor Adeeba Malik CBE DL has over 35 years' experience of working in the voluntary sector and has held several ministerial and non-ministerial appointments at local, regional and national level. She is currently the Deputy Chief Executive of QED Foundation, a charity dedicated to improving the economic and social circumstances of disadvantaged communities.

Adeeba was recently appointed as Lord Lieutenant of the County of West Yorkshire from December 2025. She is currently a member of the Strategic Race Advisory Board (Home Office), the State Honours Committee (Cabinet Office) and the UK-Pakistan Advisory Council (Foreign Office). She is also on the board of the Bradford Culture Company and is a Visiting Professor at York St John University.

Professor Malik's appointment follows an open competition under the Governance Code for Public Appointments. Her appointment is for a non-renewable term of five years and took effect from 1 September 2025.

Notes to editors:

1. Media enquiries about the House of Lords Appointments Commission should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.
2. Further information about the Commission is available on its website: <https://lordsappointments.independent.gov.uk>
3. HOLAC is an independent non-statutory advisory body. Established in 2000, its functions are to recommend individuals for appointment as non-party-political life peers and to vet nominations for life peerages, including those nominated by the UK political parties, to ensure the highest standards of propriety.

4. As of 1 September 2025, Rt Rev and Rt Hon Lord Richard Chartres KCVO and Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle DBE have concluded their appointments as independent members of the Commission.

5. The Commission now comprises four independent members Baroness (Ruth) Deech DBE (Chair), Wayne Reynolds, Rt Hon Sir Hugh Robertson, Professor Adeeba Malik CBE DL and three members nominated by the political parties: Baroness (Ann) Taylor (Labour), Baroness Sheila Noakes DBE (Conservative) and Baroness Kate Parminter (Liberal Democrat).