

Further Information

The next couple of years are going to offer people from under-represented groups, particularly women, those from black and minority ethnic communities, and disabled people, an unprecedented opportunity to “Step Up to the Board” in the public sector. The proportion of women currently serving on UK public bodies is 33.3%, ethnic minorities is 5.7%, and disabled people 5%.

A new campaign led by the Government Equalities Office and the Cabinet Office is seeking to raise awareness particularly amongst women, ethnic minorities and disabled people about the opportunities in public appointments.

The campaign aims to ensure that by 2011 the boards of public bodies across the UK are more representative of the make-up of the UK population and they better reflect the communities they serve. Under tough new cross-Government targets, women are set to form 50% of new public appointees, disabled people 14%, and people from ethnic minorities 11%.

Whatever your background and achievements so far, we are looking for people with a passion and commitment for improving public services.

You could be a social or private entrepreneur, a carer or someone working in any sector. Your invaluable skills are much in demand for public bodies like the NHS, Regulatory Authorities, Arts and Cultural organisations, Sporting bodies, Enterprise and Development groups and other agencies in the 1,200 public bodies that we are recruiting people for in the UK today.

So if you've never considered a Public Appointment – the time to start is now! Come and network with and listen to a panel of speakers who will share their insights and own personal paths into the public sector, as well as regional leaders and representatives from the Government Equalities Office and Appointments Commission.