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# STATES OF JERSEY



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUST: RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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Presented to the States on 15th July 2011  
by the Minister for Home Affairs

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## REPORT

The Constitution of the Jersey Community Relations Trust, as amended by the States of Jersey on 20th January 2004, sets out the aim of the Trust as follows –

“To seek to eliminate discrimination on any ground including, but not limited to, grounds of colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins, gender or sexual orientation, disability or age, by promoting good relations between all members of society, and seeking to achieve equality of treatment and opportunity within our community”.

The Objectives are further specified in paragraph 3 of the Trust Constitution, as follows –

- (a) To encourage mutual respect among all people in the Island.
- (b) To promote equality of treatment and opportunity.
- (c) To encourage and facilitate partnerships which enhance social harmony.
- (d) To identify areas where discrimination arises, while promoting and encouraging existing and future initiatives to tackle it.
- (e) To promote education in the community about the aim of the Trust.
- (f) To promote recognition and acceptance of cultural diversity.
- (g) To promote training in furtherance of the aim of the Trust and the development thereof.
- (h) To provide information and advice and facilitate initiatives concerning discrimination.
- (i) To sponsor and support research in furtherance of the aim of the Trust.
- (j) To take measures to counter discriminatory behaviour, attitudes, and policies.
- (k) To monitor these objectives.

### **Appointment of Chairman**

Paragraph 5.1 of the Trust Constitution requires the Minister for Home Affairs to give at least 15 days' notice to the States of his intention to appoint a Chairman, who is not a member of the States, to the Community Relations Trust. This is in line with the States' decision to change the procedure for most States-made appointments (P.205/2009).

Dr. Elena Moran has been the Chairman of the Trust since 22nd October 2008, when the States approved her appointment to the role for a 3 year period. That tenure is due to expire on 21st October 2011. The Minister is happy that Dr. Moran is committed to the objectives of the Trust, and wishes to reappoint her for a further 4 year period in line with the Trust's Constitution.

The experience and qualifications of Dr. Moran with regard to this appointment are as follows –

Dr. Moran holds a PhD in discrimination law.

#### Professional experience

- 2010 – current: Hanson Renouf –  
advice and litigation large-scale commercial disputes; acting in trust disputes; contentious and non-contentious employment matters; advising on company law and protection of minority interests; dealing with professional negligence claims.
- 2003 – 2010: Collas Crill (formerly Crill Canavan)
- 1994 – 2002: BBC Litigation Department
- 1992 – 1994: British Gas Plc.

#### Voluntary work

- 2008 – current: Chairperson, Jersey Community Relations Trust
- 2007 – 2008: Chairperson, Silverstar Pre-School, St. Mary
- 1989 – 1994: Legal Advice Worker, Hoxton Hall Community Centre
- 1990 – 1992: Advocate, Free Representation Unit