

General statement in response to Debbie Scott nomination to House of Lords

The Board and Trustees of Tomorrow's People are delighted to announce that the contribution that Debbie Scott, Chief Executive, has made to the welfare-to-work debate on behalf of the charity has been recognised in her nomination by David Cameron to join the House of Lords as a Conservative peer. We feel sure that this appointment will help us to further highlight the issues surrounding long-term unemployment in the UK.

Under Debbie's leadership, Tomorrow's People has helped over 400,000 people on their journey back into work. Since its foundation in 1984, Tomorrow's People has worked hard to ensure that the welfare-to-work policies developed by all the political parties really do make a difference to the people who most need the help in disadvantaged communities across the UK and we look forward to Debbie's continued leadership in the next important phase of the charity's development.

Under her leadership, Tomorrow's People - which celebrates its 25th anniversary this week - helps break the cycle of unemployment so that people can take positive control of their lives and build a brighter future. They also save employers time and money by finding them the right people for the right jobs.

Tomorrow's People has been working with people who are furthest from employment since 1984, with very impressive results - 90% of the people the charity helps find a job are still in work after three months and 76% are still working after a year.

Debbie was also Vice chairman of the Social Justice Policy Review chaired by Ian Duncan Smith which resulted in the influential Breakthrough Britain report.

Through her work on Social Justice policy group Debbie has influenced Conservative thinking - and the national debate - on how to rescue people from multiple deprivation through employment.

She has also appeared on the platform at Conservative conferences.

David Cameron said:

"I am delighted to announce that I will be nominating Debbie Scott to become a Conservative peer.

"As Chief Executive of Tomorrow's People, she has been one of the most inspirational figures behind our thinking on welfare reform and tackling poverty.

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"She has had years of experience fighting poverty on the front line and understands exactly what is needed to help the worst off in our country climb the ladder. She will be an enormous asset to the Conservative Party."

Debbie Scott said:

"I'm honoured and excited.

"If in taking up this role I can give further opportunity to help those on the margins of society then I will be thrilled.

"I've always seen my job as helping people to focus on their destiny and not their history.

"I am delighted to be joining David Cameron and the Conservative team.

"David, Theresa May, Chris Grayling and others have all demonstrated a longstanding pragmatic and serious approach to this challenging issue and I look forward to working with them in the years ahead."

Notes to Editors

Tomorrow's People is a specialist national employment charity which since 1984 has helped over 400,000 long-term unemployed people on their journey back to work. The charity helps break the cycle of unemployment and welfare dependency so that people can move into employment and self-sufficiency, improving their lives and those of their families and communities. Up until the recent economic down-turn 90% of the people we helped to find work were still there after three months, and 76% were still employed after a year.

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