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TOMORROW'S PEOPLE CEO AWARDED OBE IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

Debbie Scott, Chief Executive of employment charity Tomorrow's People, has been awarded an OBE for services to the unemployed in the Queen's New Year Honours.

Tomorrow's People was founded in 1984 and works in some of the most deprived communities around the UK, helping long-term unemployed people overcome the barriers that prevent them from working and helping them to find and keep a job.

Debbie Scott joined Tomorrow's People as Development Manager in Kent in 1984 and has been at the helm as CEO for six years. The continuing growth and development of the charity is her responsibility, as is building key partnerships with the corporate sector, local employers, local and national government and voluntary organizations. She also campaigns forcefully on a cross-party basis for improvements to welfare-to-work policy. Her enthusiasm and 'nothing is impossible' attitude reflects the philosophy of the charity.

Debbie was a founder member of the Employment Related Services Association (ERSA) and was its first Chair, until April 2007. She is also a member of the Association of Chief Executives of National Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO) and the Employment Advisory Group of the CBI and its Public Service Industry Forum (PSIF). Debbie is also a member of the Advisory Board for the International Centre for Drugs Policy (ICPD) and the Chair of its Fundraising sub-group. In August 2007, Debbie was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex. She is also a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Debbie said of her award: "I am deeply honoured to have been recognised in this way. I feel very proud personally, but also for Tomorrow's People. The fact that the charity is a successful and well-respected organisation, with high calibre partnerships across a number of sectors, is a reflection of the hard work, dedication and commitment of every member of the Tomorrow's People staff."

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Notes to Editors:

Tomorrow's People is a national charity that has helped change the lives of over 400,000 people across the UK who had been resigned to long-term unemployment and welfare dependency. 90% of the people the charity helps into work are still in employment 3 months later and 76% are still working 12 months later.

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