



House of Lords

Principal Activities

- Peer of the Realm, Member of the House of Lords
- Member, UK Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Security and Defence Assembly
- Executive Chairman, IBBC Limited (Iraq Britain Business Council)
- Executive Chairman, AMAR International Charitable Foundation (Iraq, Lebanon)
- Chairman, Asociatia Children's High Level Group (Romania)
- Co-Chairman, High Level Group for Romania's Children with PM of Romania
- Co-Chairman, High Level Group for Moldovan Children with PM of Moldova
- Member, American Bar Association Middle East North Africa Council
- Member, Foundation for Dialogue between Civilisations
- Honorary Advisor to Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki of Iraq
- High Representative of the President of the Republic of Moldova

All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) and Associate Parliamentary Group (APG) Memberships

- Chairman, APPG on Foreign Affairs
- Chairman, APPG for Economic Development in Iraq and the Region
- Vice Chairman, APPG on Human Trafficking
- Vice-Chairman, APPG for EU Enlargement
- Vice-Chairman, APPG for Georgia
- Treasurer, APG for Islamic Finance
- Member, APPG for Moldova
- Member, APPG for China
- Member, APPG for North Korea
- Member, APPG for Transatlantic and International Security
- Member, APPG for the Great Lakes Region of Africa
- Member, APPG for Russia
- Member, APPG for Jordan
- Member, APPG on the United Nations
- Member, APPG on the Arab League
- Member, APPG for Bulgaria
- Member, APPG for United Arab Emirates
- Member, APPG on Agriculture and Food Development
- Member, APPG for Children
- Member, APPG on University
- Member, APPG on Global Security and Non Proliferation
- Member, APPG on Women, Peace and Security
- Member, APPG for Photography
- Member, APPG for Archaeology
- Member, APPG for Saudi Arabia
- Member, APPG for Canada
- Member, APPG for Tackling Terrorism
- Member, APPG for War Heritage
- Member, APPG for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

Other Current Honorary responsibilities include:

- Prize Committee Member, Arab Gulf Programme for UNDO
- Board Member, American Islamic Congress
- Member, Organising Committee of the New Arab Woman Forum
- Member, Freedom House International Solidarity Committee
- Vice President, The Booker Prize Foundation
- President, Council of the Caine Prize for African Writing
- Trustee, Africa '95
- Member, Supervisory Board of Booker Prize for Russian Fiction
- Vice President, Family Farmers' Association
- Member, Board of Advisers for the New York University Center for Dialogues, Islamic World - U.S. - The West
- President, Alliance for Direct Action against Rape in Conflicts and Crises
- Patron, Zambia Society Trust
- Vice President, Local Government Group for Europe
- Vice President, Mary Hare School for severely and profoundly deaf children and young people
- Vice President, Little Foundation
- Vice President, Family Farmers' Association
- Vice President, Local Government Group for Europe
- Patron, The Winsford Trust
- Patron, Saferworld
- Patron, Crusaid
- Fellow, Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce
- Member, Pakistan, Indian and UK Friendship Forum
- Member, Women In International Security
- Member, Oxford Chamber Music Society
- Member, Oxford Philomusica Piano Festival Advisory Board
- Patron, Beethoven Piano Society of Europe

European Parliament Political Responsibilities, 6th mandate of the European Parliament 2004-2009

- Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs (Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 2004-2007)
- Member, Subcommittee on Human Rights
- Substitute Member, Committee on Budgets
- President, Permanent Ad-Hoc Delegation for Relations with Iraq
- Member, Delegation for Relations with Iran
- Substitute Member, Delegation for Relations with the Mashreq Countries
- Vice President, Committee on Women's Rights of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly
- Responsible for gender mainstreaming for the Foreign Affairs Committee
- *Rapporteur* for Kashmir
- *Rapporteur* for Romania (2004-2007), including various parliamentary missions
- *Shadow rapporteur* for Iraq
- *Shadow rapporteur* on EU-India Free Trade Agreement
- *Shadow rapporteur* on a Special Place for Children in EU External Action
- Chief Observer, European Union Election Observation Mission, Yemen (2006)
- Member, European Union Election Observation Missions. To Palestine (2005), Azerbaijan (2005), Lebanon (2005), Afghanistan (2005), Armenia (May 2007), Pakistan (February 2008), Lebanon (June 2009)
- Member, United Nations Election Observation Missions, Iraq (January and December 2005)
- Member, OSCE/ODIHR International Election Observation Mission - European Parliament delegation, Moldova (April 2009)
- Parliamentary missions to Saudi Arabia (October 2004), to Jordan (July 2005), to India (June 2006), to Pakistan (June 2006), to Israel and Palestine (December 2006), to Lebanon (March 2007), to Iran (December 2007) et al.
- Member, Friends of Azerbaijan Group
- Vice-President, Friends of India Group

European Parliament Political Responsibilities, 5th mandate of the European Parliament 1999-2004

- Vice President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Defence & Security Policy
- *Rapporteur* for Iraq
- *Rapporteur* for Romania
- Member, Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities
- Member, Interparliamentary delegation to Mashreq countries and the Gulf State
- Member, European Parliament Delegation to Euro-Mediterranean Forum
- Member, Stability Pact for South East Europe Parliamentary Group
- Substitute Member, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- Substitute Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee for Romania
- Substitute member, Parliamentary Cooperation Committee for Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia

Degrees and Qualifications

- The Royal Academy of Music (LRAM)
- The Royal College of Music (ARCM)
- Honorary Doctorate of the University of Birmingham (Scientific)
- Honorary Doctorate of the London Metropolitan University (Disability)
- Honorary Doctorate of the 'Victor Babes University' University of Timisoara (European Union enlargement)
- Honorary Doctorate of the 'Dimitrie Cantemir' Christian University, Bucharest (European Union enlargement)
- Member of the University Courts of Reading, Southampton, Exeter and Sussex