



Press Release

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Lord Stevenson to Chair CCCS Scotland

Lord Stevenson of Balmacara is to become the new chairman of leading debt charity, CCCS Scotland.

He was elected to the board today (November 26 2010) in Edinburgh and will take over from Malcolm Hurlston on December 20 2010.

Lord Stevenson formerly ran the Smith Institute and the British Film Institute and worked at no 10 Downing St with Gordon Brown.

Announcing the appointment Malcolm Hurlston said: "I am glad that after a lengthy interregnum a Scot is once more chairing the charity.

"Through its close relationship with the UK Foundation for Credit Counselling CCCS Scotland can step up its support for people in debt despite the straitened circumstances of the state."

Wilf Stevenson said: "This is a time of need. I plan to see CCCS Scotland play an increasing role in providing people in debt with free efficient and compassionate help."

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Notes to editors:

1. CCCS Scotland was founded in 1996 and Malcolm Hurlston became chairman in 1999. Its nine counsellors, based in Glasgow advise over 5,000 Scots a year. Some 3000 more people are helped online through CCCS Debt Remedy, based on the decision logic of Scottish counsellors.
2. CCCS's ethos is to help the "can't pays", not the "won't pays", and does not condone debt avoidance. CCCS always aims to help its clients pay back what they owe, in a realistic timescale and manner that is suited to each individual's situation.

3. CCCS is self-funding. Lenders share with the charity the benefit they receive from its operation, making a donation from the money repaid to them. This allows CCCS to retain its independence and ensure that its advice is always in the best interest of the client.
4. The CCCS free phone helpline 0800 138 1111 is open 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday.
5. *CCCS Debt Remedy* is available at www.cccs.co.uk .

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