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Speaker biography

Julia Unwin



Julia Unwin CBE, Chair, Independent Inquiry into Future of Civil Society

Julia Unwin is an experienced, well known and respected senior strategic leader, with extensive professional leadership experience in the voluntary and public sectors, and corporate social responsibility. She was a member of the Housing Corporation Board for 10 years and a Charity Commissioner from 1998-2003, and chaired the Refugee Council in the late 1990s. Julia was also Deputy Chair, and later Chair, of the Food Standards Agency from 2007 – December 2016 and, until December 2016, CEO of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

In January 2016 Julia was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of Mears Group Plc. and in 2017 she was appointed as a non-executive director at Yorkshire Water. She is also a non-executive director of the Financial Reporting Council. She chairs the Independent Inquiry on the Future of Civil Society, which reported in November 2018.