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CfBT Education Trust says farewell to Chief Executive

International education consultancy CfBT Education Trust formally says farewell to long-standing Chief Executive Neil McIntosh today (November 15) at the charity's annual general meeting.

Neil has been CEO at the Reading-based charity since 1990 and in that time has led the organisation through considerable change and diversification to become a worldwide provider of educational services.

His retirement is being marked at the AGM at Central Hall, Westminster by guest speaker Lord Adonis, former Minister for Schools who will pay tribute to Neil's time with CfBT and his impact on English education.

Neil, a firm believer of the role of the third sector in improving the performance of state delivered services such as education, has been at the forefront of significant education policy developments; including the growth of free schools and academies and was the driving force behind the development of CfBT Schools Trust, multi-academy chain.

For 35 years Neil has been at the head of national and international voluntary organisations. Prior to joining CfBT Neil was Director of both Shelter, the housing and homelessness charity, and Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), a UK charity providing skilled fieldworkers in developing countries around the world. He is chair of the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisation's (ACEVO) education interest group and is an Honorary Norham Research Fellow at Oxford University's Department of Education.

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Andrew Stuart, Chairman of CfBT Education Trust working alongside Neil from 1992-2004 said: “Not many people have led such significant organisations as Shelter, VSO and CfBT. Not many have built up a failing, almost bankrupt, charity into a £150 million company, known and respected all over the world and a leader in its chosen field of education. Not many have had the imagination to use the surpluses of that organisation for everything from researching high achieving schools to funding a man to go round mending sewing machines in Tanzania. Not many people are like Neil and CfBT has been extremely fortunate to benefit from his vision, determination and leadership.”

Steve Munby, former Chief Executive of the National College for School Leadership, has been appointed as successor to Neil and will take up post on November 26.

Philip Graf, current Chairman of CfBT, added: “Since he joined CfBT as CEO in 1990 Neil has transformed the organisation from a £7.4 million per annum manager of English Language programmes to an organisation with an annual income of more than £150 million and a worldwide presence as a leading education consultancy.

“CfBT is now one of the UK’s top 30 charities and this is in no small part due to Neil’s leadership and direction. His are big shoes to fill but I feel sure that we shall continue to flourish under Steve’s leadership.”

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Notes for Editors:

CfBT Education Trust is a top 30 UK charity providing education services for public benefit in the UK and internationally. Established more than 40 years ago, CfBT Education Trust now has an annual turnover exceeding £100 million and employs 2,000 staff worldwide who support educational reform, teach, advise, research and train.

Since we were founded, we have worked in more than 80 countries around the world. Our work involves teacher and leadership training, curriculum design and school improvement services. The majority of staff provide services direct to learners; in nurseries, schools and academies; through projects for excluded pupils; in young offender institutions and in advice and guidance centres for young people.



We have worked successfully to implement reform programmes for governments throughout the world. Government clients in the UK include the Department for Education, the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), and local authorities. Internationally, we work with educational ministries in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Singapore among many others.

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