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## Directors UK announces new board members

Directors UK is delighted to welcome our new Board.

Joining the Board are **Abigail Dankwa, Avril Evans, James Hawes, Zoe Hines, Alex Kalymnios, Karen Kelly, Tinge Krishnan** and **Carolyn Saunders**. And re-elected to the Board are **Jessica Hobbs, Lisi Russell** and **Anna Thomson**.

Following an election which saw more candidates stand than ever before, these 11 new board members were voted for by their peers within the Directors UK membership and were announced at tonight's AGM.

As a membership organisation, Directors UK is made up of screen directors working across different genres, from different backgrounds and with different experiences of the industry. Our Board informs and advises the work that we do to support directors and the craft of directing, which is why it is vital that it reflects the wealth of expertise of our membership.

Sitting on the Board alongside these working directors will be CEO **Andy Harrower**, Finance Director **Guy Gibbons**, and non-executive director **Deborah Stones**.

Andy Harrower, Directors UK CEO, said: *"I'm really looking forward to working with the new Directors UK Board. This is a crucial period for the organisation and our industry, and it will be fantastic to be able to draw upon the knowledge and experience of these board members as we chart the future direction of Directors UK. I'd also like to thank our outgoing board members, many of whom have served their maximum term, and who have all made a huge contribution to our organisation. Particular thanks goes to Steve Smith, our outgoing Chair, whose insight, expertise and dedication has been so valuable."*

Outgoing board members are Directors UK Chair **Steve Smith**, Vice-Chairs **Bill Anderson** and **Susanna White**, and **Ed Bye, Jan Genesis, Nic Guttridge, Lotus Hannon, Morgan Hopkins, Christine Lalla** and **Dan Zeff**.

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### Notes to Editors

#### **About Directors UK**

Directors UK is the professional association of UK screen directors. It is a membership organisation representing the creative, economic and contractual interests of over 7,800 members – the majority of working TV and film directors in the UK. Directors UK negotiates rights deals and collects and distributes royalties to its members. It also campaigns and lobbies on its members' behalf and provides a range of services including legal advice, events and career development. Directors UK works closely with fellow organisations around the world to represent directors' rights and concerns, promotes excellence in the craft of direction and champions change to the current landscape to create an equal opportunity industry for all.