

Dr Rhian Hayward MBE - Board member for Wales and Chair of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee

Outlines the professional history of our Board Members and gives details of any business interests they may have in order to ensure transparency.



Rhian joined AberInnovation as Chief Executive Officer in January 2017 and has led the construction of the £40.5m Innovation Campus and the initiatives that support early-stage bioscience businesses to grow. During this time Rhian has acted as Vice Chair of the UK Science Park Association, held public appointments for Welsh Government including membership of the Welsh Industrial Development Board and the Food & Drink Industry Board and became a Fellow of the Institute of Directors.

Rhian's commitment to science and innovation continues from a series of roles in the commercialisation of life science technologies in the private and public sectors. Amongst these, Rhian founded a consultancy business to assist investors in the due diligence around technology-based businesses, held marketing and business development roles in biotech companies (including Abcam plc) and technology transfer roles in the Higher Education sector. Rhian has a DPhil from University of Oxford in infectious disease epidemiology and a first class BSc from King's College London. Rhian was awarded the MBE for services to Entrepreneurship in Wales in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2016.

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Chief Executive Officer of the Aberystwyth Innovation and Enterprise Campus Ltd

Unpaid Roles

- None

Fee-paid work

- None

Shareholdings

- None

Clubs and other organisations

- None

Other personal interests

- None

Fellowships

- None

Indirect support

- None

Trusteeships

- None

Land and property

- None

Other public appointments

- Non-Executive Director of the Wales Office, UK Government

Non-personal interests

- None