
PRESS STATEMENT

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Responsible Gambling Trust Director of Fundraising, Alan Armstrong, to retire.

Alan Armstrong has announced his retirement as Director of Fundraising of the Responsible Gambling Trust.

In his time in the role, RGT has raised over £20 million to fund its work to reduce gambling-related harm through research, education and treatment.

Alan is looking forward to devoting more time to family and his various leisure pursuits.

RGT is now conducting an open recruitment process for a new Director of Fundraising and details of how to apply are available on the RGT website.

Marc Etches, RGT's Chief Executive, said:

"Alan has done an outstanding job in achieving record-breaking levels of donations in each of the last three years, and we confidently expect that this year (2015-16) will represent another very significant step-up.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside one of life's true gentlemen who has treated all our donors, big and small, with the utmost respect and gratitude. If RGT has a good reputation across the British gambling industry, which I believe it does, this is very substantially down to the kind and thoughtful treatment that Alan has afforded every single enquiry and subsequent donation."

Neil Goulden, Chair of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said:

"I was delighted when we were able to persuade Alan to come on board as I knew his unparalleled network across the industry would be critical to our success in raising unprecedented levels of funding for RGT's work. As it has turned out, he has far exceeded our expectations, and we all owe Alan an enormous debt of gratitude for his outstanding commitment to RGT and to helping us to meet our charitable objects."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. The Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises over £6.5 million each year in voluntary contributions from the gambling industry operating in Great Britain. This donation based system was proposed under the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission in its Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust's programme of treatment, education, harm prevention and research are guided by the National Responsible Gambling Strategy, which is defined by the independent Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission.
- Details about the role of Director of Fundraising and the application process are on the RGT website at <http://www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/about/join-our-team/>.