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NPC announces changes to its board

New Philanthropy Capital (NPC) has announced the appointment of Peter Wheeler as Chair of its Board of Trustees. Wheeler is one of NPC's co-founders and has been acting Chair of the trustee board since David Robins stepped down last year after seven years in the role.

Other changes to the board include the appointment of a new trustee to the board, Peter Smitham, and the departure of long-serving trustee and co-founder, Gavyn Davies.

Peter Wheeler, incoming Chair said: 'NPC has established itself as the leading proponent of effectiveness among charities and funders, and is helping the sector to unlock its enormous potential. Both David Robins and Gavyn Davies were there from the start and deserve our heartfelt thanks and recognition for their unstinting commitment to the cause. Without them we would, quite literally, not be here today.'

Peter Wheeler is Head of Wholesale Banking, West at Standard Chartered Bank and has a number of other philanthropic and social investment interests.

The board has been strengthened by the appointment of a new trustee, Peter Smitham, who brings a wealth of experience from business, charities and the foundation world. Smitham is on the board of Atlantic Philanthropies and Marie Stopes International. He has been a partner at the private equity firm, Permira, since 1985 and the Chairman of Actis since 2005.

Peter Smitham said: 'I have had experience of NPC personally as a client and have been very impressed with the work it has done. By being more effective, I believe charities and funders can help more people and see their donations have a greater impact. Anything that will help NPC to grow and develop the charitable sector in this way will be a great step forward. I look forward to helping NPC as it works towards this goal.'

Economist Gavyn Davies has stepped down after eight years on the board. Davies, who conceived and founded NPC, together with Peter Wheeler, has expressed his ongoing support for NPC.

Gavyn Davies said: 'I am extremely proud of the impact which NPC is making. We have been thought leaders in developing a methodology for measuring charity effectiveness, and we have increasingly been able to influence charitable flows and charitable activity for the better. The beneficiaries have been the people who really matter to NPC – those in need. I am excited by the prospect that NPC will make an even greater contribution in this vital area in the decade ahead.'

NPC chief exec Martin Brookes thanked the board for its continuing support. 'NPC has had, and continues to benefit from, a supportive board. The members of our board have played a key role in helping the organisation develop and succeed.' he said.

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Notes to Editors

1. **New Philanthropy Capital (NPC)** is a consultancy and think tank dedicated to helping funders and charities to achieve a greater impact. We provide independent research, tools and advice for both charities and funders in the UK and internationally. We have an ambitious vision: to create a world in which charities and their funders are as effective as possible in changing people's lives and in tackling social problems. For charities, this means measuring the results of their work and using evidence to learn and improve, as well as to attract support. For funders, it means using evidence of charities' results to make funding decisions and to measure their own impact. For further information, see www.philanthropycapital.org.
2. **NPC has eight trustees:** Peter Wheeler, Jon Aisbitt, Kathleen Duncan OBE, Rishi Khosla, Peter Mallinson, Harvey McGrath and Baroness Neuberger DBE and Peter Smitham.