
LORD KERR OF KINLOCHARD, GCMG

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Director and Vice Chairman of Scottish Power Limited

Type: Non-Executive, Independent Director

Date of Appointment: 15 July 2009 (appointed as Vice Chairman in 2012)

Current professional activities and positions

Independent Member of the House of Lords; and member of its International Agreements Select Committee.
Chairman, Centre for European Reform.

Personal profile and academic training

He was educated at Glasgow Academy and at Pembroke College, Oxford (BA Modern History 1963). He has Honorary degrees from the Universities of St Andrews, Aston and Glasgow. He is a Fellow of Imperial College London and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and a Hon Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford.

He is fluent in English and French.

Noteworthy experience in the energy and industrial engineering sector

Chairman of Imperial College London from 2005 to 2011.

He was the first Deputy Chairman (2005/2012) of Royal Dutch Shell plc; and a director (2003/2011) of Rio Tinto plc.

Noteworthy experience in other industries

Director of the Scottish American Investment Company plc from 2002 to 2019.

Other information

A career diplomat, he was UK Ambassador to the EU (1990/1995), and the USA (1995/1997), and Foreign Office Permanent Under-Secretary (1997/2002). In mid-career he served in HM Treasury, including as Principal Private Secretary to two Chancellors. After leaving UK government service he became Secretary-General of the EU Convention (2002/2003) under President Giscard D'Estaing.

He has been a Trustee of the National Gallery, the Rhodes and Fulbright Trusts, and the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland. He currently is a Trustee of the Refugee Council, and of St Andrews Clinics for Children.