

## **Doreen Davidson**



Doreen Davidson graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from Edinburgh University. She went on to do a post-graduate course in Human Resource management and is a member of the Institute of Personnel & Development (CIPD).

She has had a long career in human resource management, initially in the publishing sector (with Holmes McDougall), as well as a short spell with a large organisation in Johannesburg, South Africa (Brown Boveri). For more than 30 years she worked with a large contract research organisation. The company was originally known as Inveresk Research but became part of a global organisation of more than 12,000 staff called Charles River Laboratories, headquartered in Massachusetts, in October 2004. Her role was Senior Director of Human Resources for their UK and Ireland operations (ca 1,100 staff). As well as having overall responsibility for all human resources and training strategies in these territories, she was also a member of the Executive management team which oversees the preclinical operations in the UK and Ireland. During the period when the company was part of the Inveresk group, she played an active role in mergers and acquisitions including a management buy-out, a number of European acquisitions, a US NASDAQ listing and the sale of the Inveresk group to Charles River in 2004. She retired from this role in March 2017 and is now operating as an independent HR Consultant.

In addition to the above, she is currently a member of the General Council Business Committee and previously was Convener of the Finance & Services Standing Committee for 3 years.

She is currently a member of :

- the Advisory Board for the Scottish Life Sciences Association
- the Life and Chemical Sciences Industry Leadership Skills Group
- the Developing Young Workforce Board for Edinburgh and the Lothians
- the Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board Frameworks and Standards Group

She is also a member of the Edinburgh Archangels Investment Group.

She was elected to join the Court of Edinburgh University from August 2013.

### [Register of Interests](#)

#### **Memberships**

- Trustee of the University's Staff Benefits Scheme
- Committee on University Benefactors
- Exception Committee
- Investment Committee
- Knowledge Strategy Committee (Convener)
- Nominations Committee
- Policy and Resources Committee
- Remuneration Committee