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Dear Head of Department,

### **Nominations for REF sup-panel**

I have now received a letter from HEFCE inviting CCUE to nominate suitably qualified people to serve on the English Subject Panel of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework exercise. CCUE wants to conduct a consultative process which is as wide and comprehensive as possible in order that we can arrive at a sub-panel which commands the full respect and confidence of the community.

The criteria for appointing panels is contained in paragraphs 51-58 of the document 'Units of Assessment and Recruitment of Panels' now available at

[http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/pubs/2010/01\\_10/](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/pubs/2010/01_10/)

In particular we need to note that:

- Each panel should include expertise across the main fields of research within the UOA.
- Where possible at least a third of the members of the sub-panel will have RAE panel experience and at least a third will not have served on RAE panels.
- Sub-panels should normally include members from the private, public or third sectors with expertise in commissioning, applying or making use of research.

A list of the full membership of RAE 2008 UoA Sub-panel, English Language and Literature can be located at:

<http://www.rae.ac.uk/panels>

We are inviting all Heads of Department to nominate **six academics**, who are not members of their own Department, whom they would like to see serve on the REF sub-panel, bearing in mind the need for diversity and subject coverage. The sub-panel will include expertise in all areas of English including literature, language and creative writing. Different kinds of institution will be represented, and a regional spread and gender balance will be sought.

The following panel members from RAE 2008, who have served once before, need not be nominated as they will form the required 'one third' with experience. However,

as part of a future panel their contribution to subject coverage needs to be taken into account:

Members of RAE 2008 re-nominated for REF 2014:

1. Professor Linda ANDERSON, Newcastle University
2. Professor Dinah BIRCH, University of Liverpool
3. Professor Robert HAMPSON, Royal Holloway, University of London
4. Professor Catherine INNES, retired
5. Professor Vivien JONES, University of Leeds
6. Professor Edward LARRISSY, Queen's University, Belfast
7. Professor Fiona ROBERTSON, Birmingham City University
8. Professor Greg WALKER, University of Edinburgh
9. Professor Patricia WAUGH, University of Durham

In addition, we invite you to nominate up to **two people** from the private, public or third sectors, i.e. people from outside Higher Education, who you feel have experience of our research.

Lastly, we ask you to look at the full list of panel members from RAE 2008, including those who have served more than once and are therefore not eligible for re-nomination simply as panellists, in order to suggest who you might like to see as **sub-panel chair**.

The CCUE Executive will be meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September to finalize its list of nominations and will take the views of the community fully into account.

Because the sub-panel chair requires our endorsement and the nomination has to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> September, I must ask for your suggestions well before this date.

**Please submit your suggestions to me for sub-panel chair by 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

**All other suggestions for sub-panel members can be emailed to me by 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

I hope you will have time and opportunity to consult widely with your colleagues, and look forward to receiving your responses.

Yours sincerely

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