



The Share Foundation

Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP joins the board of trustees

The Share Foundation, a charity which specialises in making additional contributions to the Child Trust Funds of children in care with no-one in a position of parental responsibility, is delighted to welcome the Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP to its board of trustees.

Ruth Kelly, who has recently stepped down from her cabinet role as Secretary of State for Transport, was Financial Secretary to the Treasury during the formative years of the Child Trust Fund ('CTF'). With its key features of universality and an introduction to financial capability, the CTF can contribute significantly to reducing child poverty in the UK.

The Share Foundation has already contributed over £0.25m to nearly 500 children's accounts from 27 local authorities throughout England and Wales, and looks forward to extending its work to over 5,000 children in this situation.

Ruth Kelly said: "I am delighted to be joining the board of an innovative and growing charity which can make a real difference in breaking the cycle of deprivation, using the Child Trust Fund."

Meanwhile Gavin Oldham, founder and Chair of The Share Foundation, said: "It is great news to be able to welcome Ruth to our team – I look forward to working with her to find real solutions for breaking the grip of child poverty in the UK."

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