



Graham Mackenzie OBE

Chairman

After completing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Manchester University in 1965, Graham Mackenzie served for two years as a VSO volunteer, working as a Lecturer in Engineering at the Government Technical Institute in Georgetown, Guyana.

On his return to the UK, he completed an MBA at Cranfield School of Management. He then worked for over thirty years in the metals and engineering industries, with TI Group plc, United Engineering Steels Ltd., and latterly as Group Chief Executive of ASW Holdings plc. During this period he was seconded between 1981 and 1983 to the Cabinet Office as a member of the Central Policy Review Staff, and between 1993 and 1999 he served as Director General of the Engineering Employers Federation.

Graham is currently Corporate Adviser to Celsa (UK) Holdings Ltd., the UK subsidiary of the major Spanish steel maker, Grupo Celsa, Non Executive Chairman of an engineering services company in South Wales, Chairman of the British Association of Reinforcement and, most recently, has been appointed as Chairman of Wolverhampton Development Company.

He has a long term interest in education and training matters, having served on the government's National Curriculum Council and the Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority. More recently Graham served for six years as a Board Member of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and as an Independent Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Wales Institute Cardiff.