BBC Trust looking for Scottish member

The search is on for a Scotland representative on the BBC's governing body, the BBC Trust — replacing Jeremy Peat who has completed a four-year stint.

Newspaper advertisements have been placed on behalf of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Scottish Government ..."looking for an exceptional individual to help deliver a strong and independent BBC".

The post, which involves a commitment of around eight days per month, carries a current salary of £41,070.

The BBC Trust is the sovereign body of the BBC — responsible for setting its strategic direction and editorial standards. It also represents licence-fee payers.

Peat is a director of the Edinburgh-based David Hume Institute. He was group chief economist at The Royal Bank of Scotland from 1993 until five years ago, and previously he was an economic adviser at the Scottish Office, HM Treasury, the Manpower Services Commission and the Ministry of Overseas Development.

The post is also being advertised <u>online</u>.

The deadline for applications is the eighth of next month.

Further details and an application form are available electronically or in hard copy from Heather Batchelor — tel: 0207 211 2308, or e-mail heather.batchelor@culture.gsi.gov.uk