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Former Prime Minister, Gordon Brown visits the Royal Society of Edinburgh to sign Roll Book as Honorary Fellow



On 1st May, the Rt Hon Gordon Brown visited the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and met with the RSE's President, Dame Anne Glover to sign the historic RSE Fellows' Roll Book, before attending an evening lecture in Edinburgh held by the RSE and Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) on the Queensferry Crossing.

Earlier this year the Rt Hon Gordon Brown was elected as an Honorary Fellow of the RSE. The former Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer was recognised for his dedication to a variety of humanitarian issues and global education.

All new Fellows are invited to sign the RSE's Fellows' Roll Book, which dates to the RSE's establishment in 1783 and contains the signatures of Fellows current and past. Signatures included in the historic books include that of Lord Kelvin, Sir Walter Scott, David Hume and James Clerk Maxwell.

The RSE currently has around 1600 Fellows comprised of distinguished individuals who have expertise within the sectors of the Arts, business, public sector and academia. Fellows are crucial to delivering the RSE's mission of the advancement of learning and useful knowledge, contributing to the RSE's work which includes: awarding research funding, leading on major inquiries, informing public policy and

delivering public engagement events across Scotland to inspire knowledge and learning.

In February 2018, the RSE announced the election of 66 new Fellows, this included four Honorary Fellows, Rt Hon Gordon Brown, Eric Richard Kandel, Judith Weir and Carol Colburn Grigor; seven Corresponding Fellows, and 55 Ordinary Fellows. For a full list of these Fellows, please read the press release. (link to press release on new fellows)

On 1st May, the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) and Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) held their 25th Joint Lecture at the RSE. The lecture was delivered by Naeem Hussain, Arup's Global Bridge Design Practice Leader and lead designer for the Queensferry Crossing.

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Notes to Editors:

About the RSE

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is a leading educational charity which operates on an independent and non-party-political basis to provide public benefit throughout Scotland. Established by Royal Charter in 1783 by key proponents of the Scottish Enlightenment, the RSE now has around 1600 Fellows from a wide range of disciplines. The work of the RSE includes awarding research funding, leading on major inquiries, informing public policy and delivering events across Scotland to inspire knowledge and learning.

The RSE's Fellowship comprises Honorary Fellows (members of the Royal House or persons eminently distinguished in any subject within our disciplines), Corresponding Fellows (those who have attained high international standing in any subject within our disciplines, and are not normally resident in the UK) and Fellows.