

Ray Perman



Ray Perman has chaired the Small Business Investment Taskforce, which advises the UK Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on policy relating to small business finance, since 2005.

He is also a member of the board of Scottish Enterprise, the economic development agency for Scotland, and chairman of Social Investment Scotland, which makes loans to the social and community groups. He is a member of the court of Heriot Watt University and chairman of two small businesses.

He started his working life as a journalist on newspapers including The Times and the Financial Times, before co-founding the business magazine company Insider Publications Ltd in 1983. The company was sold to Trinity Mirror plc in 1999. He was Chief Executive of Scottish Financial Enterprise, the representative organisation for the Scottish financial and professional services sector, from January 1999 to April 2003.

Ray, who is 59, was born in London, but has lived in Edinburgh since 1975. He is married to the journalist and editor Fay Young. They have three sons. He also has a strong interest in conservation. From 2000-2004 he was Chairman of the Scottish Advisory Council of WWF and a member of the board of trustees of WWF UK. In his spare time he plants trees, paints and plays bass in a blues band.