

Press Release

New President for The Insurance Charities

Nick Starling, Director of General Insurance and Health at the Association of British Insurers, has been elected as President of The Insurance Charities for the forthcoming year.

The Insurance Charities, the charity for the UK and Republic of Ireland's insurance industry, gives vital financial and practical support to past and present employees of the insurance industry, and their dependent relatives, who are suffering financial hardship. Last year they gave out over £1.1 million to almost 1,000 beneficiaries who had nowhere else to turn.

Nick said, "I want to use my year as President to make the Charities ever more widely known in the insurance industry. In these times of economic difficulty, it is vital that the message of what we deliver is known to those who might benefit from our help."

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Note to Editors

The Insurance Charities

The Insurance Charities, established in 1902, helps anyone who works, or has worked in the insurance industry for at least 5 years and their families. We provide a range of support to alleviate financial hardship that is a result of redundancy, short or long term illness or loss of a family member. We can help with care and equipment for special needs children, or provide household essentials for people where there are no other funds to buy them. We provide, loans, interest free payments and one off payments depending on the requirements and circumstances. Registered Charity Number is 206860.

Nick Starling

Nick joined the ABI in 2005 from the Health and Safety Executive, where he was Policy Director. His earlier career was spent at the Department for Transport, where among various posts he was Private Secretary to the Transport Minister and specialised in international aviation. He started his career in the academic world.

As well as being President of the Insurance Charities, Nick is also a Vice President of the Insurance Institute of London, a Trustee of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety, and a school governor.

Nick is married to Catherine, a teacher, and has two daughters; Anna, a recent graduate, and Miriam, who is at university. In his spare time he enjoys cooking, walking, singing in a church choir, and doing cryptic crosswords.