

Brief Biography for Andrew Harrison

Chief Executive, Diamond Light Source Ltd.

Andrew Harrison studied chemistry at Oxford (BA 1982, Doctorate 1986), held a Royal Society University Research Fellowship also at Oxford from 1988 before taking up a lectureship in chemistry at the University of Edinburgh in 1993. He was appointed Professor of Solid State Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh in 1999, and in 2002 he became founding Director of the Centre for Science at Extreme Conditions in Edinburgh, which was established to explore the properties of materials and life at extremes of pressure or temperature or magnetic fields. After being a user of neutron scattering facilities for 25 years, he was appointed Scientific Director of the Institut Laue Langevin (ILL) in Grenoble, the European centre for neutron science, and became Director General in 2011. In 2014 he moved back to the UK to become CEO of Diamond Light Source, the UK's national synchrotron facility at the Harwell Campus. Andrew has chaired EIROForum, the collection of European international infrastructures and is a UK delegate for ESFRI.

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