



# DAME VIVIENNE COX CBE

## MAJOR CAREER ROLES

**Chair**, Victrex plc

**Senior Independent Director**,  
Pearson plc

**Lead Independent Director**, UK  
Department for International  
Development

**Executive VP/Division CEO**, BP plc

**Chair**, Vallourec SA

## OTHER CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**Non-Executive Director**, BG Group  
plc

**Non-Executive Director**, Climate  
Change Organisation

**Board member**, INSEAD

**Chair**, Climate Change Capital  
Group Ltd

**Non-Executive Director**,  
Eurotunnel plc

**Member**, Airports Commission

**Non-Executive Director**, GSK plc

**Non-Executive Director**, Venterra  
Group plc

**Non-Executive Director**, Rio Tinto  
plc

Dame Vivienne Cox currently serves as Chair of Victrex plc (since 2022), a company specialising in high-performance polymer technology, Chair of the Rosalind Franklin Institute (since 2018), where she guides national life-science innovation and public-private research collaborations and is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Haleon plc (since 2022).

Her previous non-executive roles include Senior Independent Director at Pearson plc, and Non-Executive Director of GSK plc (2016-2022).

Dame Vivienne's enjoyed a 28-year executive career at BP which culminated in senior leadership positions, including Executive Vice President for Gas, Power & Renewables, where she played a pivotal role in launching BP Alternative Energy Ltd.

Post BP, she has demonstrated a strong track record in sustainability-focused governance, including roles at Vallourec, Rio Tinto, and BG Group, as well as advisory positions with UK government bodies and humanitarian-focused charities.

She brings deep pan-sector expertise in:

- Advanced materials & industrial innovation – chairing technology platforms at the forefront of polymer and biotech deployment
- Health & life-sciences governance – steering institutional agendas at major R&D organisations and public-private initiatives
- ESG, energy transition & corporate strategy – pioneering renewable approaches in oil & gas and embedding sustainability at scale
- Board architecture & stakeholder insight – advising diverse boards on risk, governance, workforce engagement, and regulatory alignment

A chemist by training (Oxford MA) with an MBA from INSEAD and multiple honorary doctorates, Dame Vivienne is renowned for her strategic clarity, scientific fluency, and her ability to bridge technical, civic, and commercial realms. Dame Vivienne combines technical depth with strategic oversight in boardroom settings. She is a vocal champion of diversity and ESG-driven governance, recognised with a CBE (2016) and DBE (2022) for her services to sustainability, inclusion and business leadership.

Her holistic governance style – rooted in innovation, ethics, and delivery – positions her as a formidable mentor for leaders operating at the intersection of science, sustainability, and institutional excellence.