

P1063 The Sarah Weir Collection

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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Title: The Sarah Weir Collection

Dates of creation: 2024

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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Joanna Bourke, David Weir

Administrative history: Sarah Jane St Clair Weir was born in Edinburgh on the 9th of October 1958 to David Weir and Marion Miller. Her family was originally from Lyth in Caithness. When Sarah was around six years old, the family moved to West Sussex.

She began her working life as a nanny before becoming the first female Managing Director at a Lloyds's broking firm.

She then followed her passion for the Arts and during a distinguished career was Director at the Royal Academy of Arts and Art Council England (London), Head of Arts and Cultural strategy at the 2012 Olympic Park in London, and CEO of The Design Council.

In 2011 she was awarded an OBE for her contributions to the Arts.

Sarah passed away on the 19th of December 2023.

Custodial history: Deposited by Louise Hide, Sarah's wife, in October 2024

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: A biographical sketch of Sarah Weir, 'Lioness of the Arts' by Joanna Bourke, Sarah's funeral order of service, and a Weir family tree detailing Sarah's Caithness roots.

Appraisal:

Accruals: Not expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

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Finding aids: Available within the archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication: 'Sarah Weir, Lioness of the Arts: A Biographical Sketch' by Joanna Bourke was produced for private distribution only.

Notes:

Date of catalogue: October 2024

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P1063	The Sarah Weir Collection	2024
P1063/1	Order of Service for the funeral of Sarah Jane St Clair Weir, OBE (1 item)	5 Jan 2024
P1063/2	'Sarah Weir, Lioness of the Arts: A Biographical Sketch' by Joanna Bourke (1 volume)	2024
P1063/3	Weir Family Tree, compiled by David Weir, Sarah's father, detailing the Weir family's roots in Caithness (3 items)	30 Aug 1994