

Rhian Chilcott



Rhian Chilcott is the head of the Washington Office of the CBI (Confederation of British Industry), which she opened in 2002.

In addition to overseeing all the CBI's activity in the US, she leads the co-ordination of the CBI's other international offices (Brussels, Beijing, and New Delhi). She also manages the CBI's Global Government Relations Group – a best practice network for CBI members who deal with politics, policy or politicians in more than one nation state.

Before moving to Washington to establish the office, Rhian was Head of Corporate Affairs for the CBI in London, with responsibility for the organisation's work programme and strategic planning. Her team also co-ordinated CBI lobbying in Whitehall, Westminster and Brussels. Previously, she was Special Adviser to the CBI's Director General, and has also worked as a policy adviser on education and training issues.

Before joining the CBI, Rhian ran a feminist pressure group that campaigned for more women in politics and public life. She has also worked as a lobbyist in Brussels, and as a freelance speechwriter.

Rhian was educated at the King's School, Canterbury, and Christ Church, Oxford, where she read Politics, Philosophy and Economics. She is a director of the British American Business Association in Washington DC, and chairs its Programme Committee. She is the Secretary of the Washington DC chapter of Conservatives Abroad ("DCTories").