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Diary Notice

Michael Howard To Give Evidence To The POWER Commission

Rt Hon Michael Howard MP will give evidence to the POWER Commission

**Friday 4 March
in
Birmingham
(venue tbc)
12 – 2pm**

Rt Hon Michael Howard MP will give evidence to a high profile, independent inquiry into the state of British democracy. The Conservative Party Leader and former Home Secretary will answer questions from a ten-person Commission about declining election turnouts and the loss of public trust in politicians.

This will be the fourth public hearing for **POWER**, which aims to understand how political participation in Britain can be increased and deepened.

Chaired by Helena Kennedy QC, the Commission includes journalist Ferdinand Mount, Radio 1 DJ Emma B, former Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts Philip Dodd and Chairman of the Women's Institute Barbara Gill. A full list of Commissioners can be found on **POWER**'s website: www.powerinquiry.org

POWER, launched in November 2004, is an independent inquiry launched by the Joseph Rowntree Trusts to mark their centenary.

The public are welcome to attend the event and will have a chance to ask questions.

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