

Vivien Hughes

For almost eighteen years Vivien Hughes has worked, with dedication, enthusiasm, and characteristic poise, in the Academic Relations Unit of the Canadian High Commission in London. During that period, as all who have come into contact with her will testify, she has been a constant source of support, advice and encouragement. The British Association for Canadian Studies (BACS) is particularly grateful for her invaluable work with its subject groups.

Vivien's contact with Canada in fact began in 1981 when she was appointed Canada Desk Officer in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She held this key position in bilateral relations between the UK and Canada for six years. In that role, she was part of the team that patriated the Canadian Constitution.

Vivien played a major part in the creation and the subsequent management of the Canada-UK Colloquia, an initiative that seeks to enhance Canada-UK relations via annual colloquia on topics of interest to both countries.

In 2000, on the eve of the unveiling of the monument of the Famous Five on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Vivien was a member of the panel at National Archives that discussed the importance of The Persons Case.

Vivien Hughes is a most deserving recipient of the ICCS Certificate of Merit in this the Council's 25th Anniversary year.