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Dear Mr Walker

Freedom of information request – RFI20080664

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") dated 18 June 2008. You requested the following information:

1. *Has Mark Thompson, Director-General of the BBC ever attended a Common Purpose training course? If so, please list the courses they have attended, their dates, their cost and details of who paid for them.*
2. *Is Mark Thompson, Director-General of the BBC a Common Purpose graduate?*

The BBC can confirm that Mr Mark Thompson, Director-General of the BBC, has not attended a Common Purpose training course during his employment at the BBC, nor has he become a 'Common Purpose graduate' during this time.

We can voluntarily confirm that Mark Thompson spoke at an event for the 10th anniversary of Common Purpose Oxfordshire in September 2007.

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Yours sincerely

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