

Lee Davies

CIPA Chief Executive

Lee Davies is the Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA), taking up the role in February 2012. Prior to this, Lee held the position of Deputy Chief Executive of the Institute for Learning, where he was instrumental in reforming and refocusing professional identity in the further education sector. Lee has enjoyed a long career in further education and skills, having led the Thames & Solent District of the Workers' Educational Association (a voluntary membership body providing adult education) and before that having held a number of senior roles at Highbury College, Portsmouth.

Lee describes himself as a 'bit of a membership geek' and can often be found on the membership speaking circuit addressing subjects as diverse as strategic planning, leadership, social media, membership engagement and governance. When it comes to governance in professional bodies, Lee has an interesting perspective, having served as the President of the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE) in 2011 – 12. Lee has been a lifelong member of CIPHE and is a Fellow of the Institute of Association Management. In 2009, Lee's contribution to the world of education and training was recognised by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh through the City & Guilds of London Institute's 'Prince Philip Medal' award.

Lee says:

“It is an honour to be hosting the International Conference for Women Inventors and Innovators at The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys. The event comes at a time when the Intellectual Property profession itself is confronting the challenges of equality and diversity head on. Properly recognising the achievements women have made in our field is an important part of creating a more inclusive environment across the IP professions and throughout industry and CIPA is thoroughly committed to doing so.”