



## CEO Report

June sees the start of the 'CIBSE Year' where we welcome many new faces on our various boards and committees across the CIBSE community. There are also a number of new Council members joining us and I am delighted to welcome you and look forward to working with you.

There are some changes to the CIBSE Board and I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank our now Immediate Past President, Kevin Mitchell, for all his hard work in support of the Institution over the past year. He was a worthy President to lead us in our 125<sup>th</sup> year and his challenges inspired responses from across the globe.

Many congratulations to Fiona Cousins, who is our new President-Elect. Based in the US, she reflects the increasingly international reach of CIBSE. Congratulations also to Laura Mansel-Thomas and Dave Cooper who have been elected as Vice Presidents. And we welcomed two new Board members, Mike Burton and Mark Walker, who will be Trustees for the next three years.

13 June saw the inauguration of CIBSE's 126<sup>th</sup> President, Adrian Catchpole. Adrian's Presidential Address was powerfully delivered and well received, resonating with members around the world as it focused on how Building Services Engineers need to be **Taking A Lead** and to step out, step forward and commit. If you were not able to hear it in person, I urge you to watch or read it [HERE](#).

For those of you that joined us at the AGM and Presidential Address, you will know what an incredibly successful year 2022 was for our Institution, despite the various headwinds of economic and political uncertainty, and 2023 is already shaping up well. For those of you that haven't had a chance to read [the 2022 CIBSE Annual Report](#), I can highly recommend it. Your contributions to CIBSE are the lifeblood of that success.

During Kevin Mitchell's Presidency, we celebrated CIBSE's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and came together as an organisation to 'Celebrate, Inspire, Boost, Share and Engage'. The CIBSE community, in their thousands, responded and we reached over 1.3 million people with the #CIBSE125Challenges #tag, with members sharing their stories and posts. Support from our global membership has been inspirational. ([See Kevin's final blog post](#))

It was abundantly clear how proud our members are of their profession, their projects and their impact on the world. They were also loud and clear that we need more building services engineers, lighters, LEV engineers, public health engineers, digital engineers, façade engineers and product innovators who can help deliver a net zero, sustainable, safe and healthy built environment.

Our new President, Adrian Catchpole, has set his sights on increasing those numbers by launching a new CIBSE STEM Ambassador Scheme, in partnership with STEM Learning. They will host a hub with CIBSE-specific careers materials and presentations. STEM Ambassadors use the hub's simple registration system, which offers help with DBS checks, online training, and, very importantly, widening our reach by providing access to schools with whom we are not currently engaged. Adrian has challenged all CIBSE Regions to have 10 STEM Learning registered ambassadors by June 2024.

Adrian has set his sights on making a difference in a few other key areas, including a new CIBSE Chartered Organisations Programme, which will further facilitate the demonstration of competence. The Programme will allow organisations to show that they are competent and professional, operate to high business and ethical standards, and are committed to developing and maintaining qualified staff. He is working closely with the CIBSE membership Team to develop the scheme. His other key message for the CIBSE community will be to collaborate with our industry partners to look at better construction procurement.

It will be a busy year for Adrian, and he has committed to attending at least one meeting of every Committee, Region, Society and Group. Dates are already in the diary for many of these meetings but please do feel free to reach out to Mickayla Senior ([mseior@cibse.org](mailto:mseior@cibse.org)) if yours has not been scheduled yet.

In March, Kevin Mitchell, Dr Hywel Davies and I visited Hong Kong and the Australian and New Zealand Regions. High on the agenda was the topic of competence and the role of professional registration in evidencing that. We had many proactive and results-focused conversations with key bodies including Engineers Australia and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. My personal thanks to the Hong Kong and ANZ Committees for their hospitality and excellent hosting.

In reading the Council Report, I was reflecting on competency and the vast opportunities that our members and community have to engage with training, CPD, webinars, in-person events and to meet and learn from each other, all of which can and do increase and evidence their competency. It is impressive. Here are just a few examples:

- The first 5 people have interviewed for MCIBSE CEng through a new tailored route designed for Façade Engineers, with interviewers who specialise in the discipline
- At this year's SoPHE Technical Conference, at the Institute of Physics, the focus was on fire protection and suppression
- There have been 697 downloads already of the SLL new lighting guide for offices, expanding knowledge of the lighting requirements for hybrid working
- 1,377 attendees at the recent #GrowYourKnowledge webinar [Heat Pumps Applications: beyond the catalogue data](#)
- The #GrowYourKnowledge webinar [series is now three years old, there has been 71 so far](#), with 27,538 attendees already benefitting
- 178 people attended the Technical Symposium in April, and all the papers and presentations will be made available on the knowledge portal to further their reach and impact
- 100's of hours spent responding to consultations about the Building Safety Act and assuring our member's competency is represented.

All of this is alongside a wide and engaging programme in each of our Regions, Societies and Groups.

Please remember to keep your CPD up to date, as the requirements are becoming more demanding. If you need any guidance on this, please do get in touch with our Membership Team.

Our relocation to a central London office is steadily progressing. Considerable time has been spent working on the sale of the Balham site, and I am pleased to report that prospective buyers have now signed Heads of Terms for the sale. The search for our Head Office now starts in earnest. 'Balham' has been a key CIBSE cornerstone for the past 45 years and we aim to find new premises that will have the same CIBSE 'heart' whilst being more accessible and more reflective of our values and aspirations for the built environment. With a central location, CIBSE ensures enhanced accessibility for its members and stakeholders, fostering increased engagement and collaboration.

I am very aware that CIBSE has been discussing plans around its Head Office for a very long time but I am anticipating that this time it will be the last, and with a strong project team made up of Trustees, senior volunteers and external expertise, I feel a high level of confidence. It is genuinely exciting to see the project moving forward and I will of course be keeping you up to date.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Balham on Thursday 29 June for the first Council meeting of the new CIBSE year. We have a really interesting agenda with some exciting initiatives to discuss.

As always, thank you for your continued support and hunger for CIBSE to be the best it can be.

Best

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