

New Role Dr Karl Mackie CBE in 2017

The Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) is pleased to announce that Dr Karl Mackie CBE, currently Chief Executive, has become its Founder President. This new role reflects the unique contribution that Karl has made to CEDR over many years. It will allow him to concentrate both on CEDR's Foundation activities to innovate in dispute resolution and on his prestigious mediation practice.

Additionally CEDR's highly regarded and senior mediator, Eileen Carroll QC (hon), currently Deputy Chief Executive, will take on a new role within the organisation as Principal Mediator and Co-founder of CEDR. Her new role enables Eileen to devote all of her time to an exceptional and extensive mediation practice.

CEDR will be seeking a new Chief Executive to succeed Dr Mackie. The new Chief Executive will have overall responsibility for the organisation, reporting to the Chairman and Board of Trustees. Day-to-day running of the organisation in the transitional period will continue to be handled by the Executive Team which looks after Commercial and Consumer Dispute Resolution Services, Negotiation and Mediation Skills Training and Consultancy, as well CEDR's Foundation activity projects.

CEDR was founded as a non-profit organisation in 1990, with the support of The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and a number of British businesses and law firms, to pioneer the development and use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and mediation in commercial disputes. Dr Mackie, a barrister and psychologist, was the organisation's first Chief Executive and he has helped lead the organisation to become one of the world's largest and most respected ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Centres. His new role will allow CEDR to keep this expertise and use his experience in the best possible way into the future.

Dr Elizabeth Vallance, CEDR's Chairman, said, "We are delighted that Karl will be remaining with us in this new capacity to support CEDR and contribute to our future success. He has been synonymous with CEDR since its inception, making an unparalleled contribution not only to the organisation but to the professional development of mediation and alternative dispute resolution, both in the UK and internationally. His experience and knowledge of the area will give a real boost to CEDR's strategic ambitions and we look forward to working with him in this important new role."

Dr Mackie said, "It is rare that you get to change jobs whilst still doing what you love and working with colleagues that you respect and admire. So I am thrilled that this move to become CEDR's Founder President will allow me to expand my dispute resolution practice and also to focus more on thought-leading and ground-breaking initiatives. This move would not be possible without the first-class Executive Management Team that we have built at CEDR, whom I know, under a new chief executive, will continue to lead the organisation from strength to strength. I can foresee a busy and exciting future!"