

Members of the CGP Innovation Group



Paul Booth - Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership

Paul has worked in the chemical industry for over 40 years - with ICI and Huntsman - and was in a senior executive position and Chairman with SABIC until his retirement in 2016.

Born on Teesside, Paul started his career as an apprentice with ICI and became Chairman of SABIC UK Petrochemicals as well as European Director for Government Policy and Public Affairs. Paul was also a member of the CIA Council and Chairman of the North East Process Industry Cluster (NEPIC). He is currently Chairman and one of the industrialists on the UK Government sponsored TVU LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership).

Paul has had a long and passionate interest in the training and development of people and as such he holds a number of non-executive positions outside SABIC, namely he sits on the Board of Governors for Teesside University and was previously a member of Redcar and Cleveland Technical College, NSAPI (National Skills Academy) and the TTE Training School. Additionally he has a deep interest in sustainability issues and is involved in a number of projects designed to ensure the long term future of the chemical industry. Paul is now Honorary President for SCI (Society of Chemical Industry) in the UK.

Paul has broad-based experience within the chemical industry, having worked in the Nylon, Polyester, Petrochemicals and service sectors. He also has significant global experience, having worked in Europe and the USA during his career.

He is married to Jayne and they have three grown-up children, Christopher, Katy and Carl. Paul enjoys most sports as well as reading and classic cars.