

Judy Lowe

Deputy Chairman, Construction Skills

Judy joined CITB Construction Skills in 2009 as Deputy Chairman and is Chairman of the CITB arm of the sector skills council.

Since becoming the first woman to serve as a NED via the Institute of Directors in 1996, Judy has served on a number of Boards. In addition to being MD of a corporate strategy practice, she is currently Chairman of a £160mn Public Private Partnership (PPP) to rebuild Sheffield University's student accommodation.

Other Non-executive Directorships held by Judy have included a position on the Board of HM Treasury Department for National Savings and Investment for the maximum permitted six year period and also on the Advisory Board of BBC Technology Ltd.



Whilst Judy has had significant experience as a consultant in the business and political spheres, her background is firmly rooted in the construction industry, where she has held high-profile positions with major UK companies including Bovis Lend Lease Europe, Barhale Construction plc and Mott MacDonald Group.

Judy is regularly invited to speak on Board/governance issues and has presented expert evidence to the Cabinet Office, the House of Lords, the Lyons Report a Treasury Task Force and a DTI Panel reviewing 'the Key Drivers of Effective UK Governance'. Her understanding of the mechanics of Whitehall combined with the political and professional standing which she commands will continue to thrust the construction sector and the ongoing skills agenda further up the cross-party political agendas.

As an astute and well-networked business woman, Judy has also worked hard to raise the profile of women in business, especially in the construction industry, helping to set up the first women managers' mentoring programme for the top 50 in Bovis Lend Lease Europe.

Judy's earlier career was spent in various business schools including Oxford, City (now Cass) Manchester and the European Business School.