

Dave Owen

Since accrediting as a civil/commercial mediator over 11 years ago (and subsequently converting to employment/workplace and family mediation) I have been passionate about the benefits of mediating disputes.

As a chartered surveyor, many of my mediators have involved construction and/or property disputed, with me becoming quite “typecast” as a boundary dispute mediator.

I have mediated well over 100 disputes, including various pro bono ones. I was previously a trustee of BCMS (Bromley Community Mediation Services).

I am currently a Council member of The Academy of Experts.

Together with Michael Cover (and previously David Richbell) I co-organise the MNBC (Mediators’ New Breakfast Club) which has attracted about 730 past attendees, with 40-50 now attending each meeting.

I am convinced that extending the knowledge and use of mediation is a generational matter, so catching them young is vital. To this end, I have helped to teach peer mediation in schools and have judged various undergraduate mediation competitions - I am constantly amazed how quickly most young people take to mediation.

If I am elected to the Board, I would seek to further encourage the training of young people about mediation, as well as to hopefully further help the CMC to establish itself as the foremost body to promote mediation and to represent its membership.