



# Careers in Ideas *Summer of IP 2024* Launch Event

An overview of career opportunities  
in the IP professions,  
for anyone who provides careers advice



## Agenda

2 - 3 pm: talks

3 - 3.30 pm: breakout discussions

The talks will include:

- Introduction to Careers in Ideas and the *Summer of IP 2024* campaign
  - Overview of the IP sector and why IP matters
- Insights into specific IP roles: patent attorney, trade mark attorney, IP solicitor, IP barrister, IP support roles (including IP paralegal), IP Office examiner
  - How to apply and resources for would-be recruits



## Speakers

Our speakers today are:

[Rachel Bell](#) (patent attorney, GSK)

[Becky Brooks](#) (patent attorney, Mewburn Ellis)

[Esther Gunaratnam](#) (IP solicitor, Wedlake Bell)

[Tom Hailes](#) (patent attorney, Kilburn & Strode)

[Becky Knott](#) (IP barrister, Hogarth Chambers)

[Krishna Lall](#) (trainee patent attorney, Gill Jennings & Every)

Philip Lawrence (patent examiner, Intellectual Property Office)

[Alexandra Nott](#) (trade mark attorney, Dehns)

[Réi Retallick](#) (European Patent Validation Support Assistant, Marks & Clerk)

[Heather Scott](#) (patent attorney, Gill Jennings & Every)

[Helen Smith](#) (*Summer of IP* coordinator, IP Inclusive)

The event will be chaired by [Andrea Brewster OBE](#),  
Lead Executive Officer of IP Inclusive



## Breakout room hosts

All the speakers will be available to speak to you in smaller groups during the breakout sessions from 3 to 3.30 pm.

If you've let us know in advance about particular roles you'd like to discuss, we'll do our best to allocate you to an appropriate group. You'll also be able to return to the main room at any time if you'd like to be reassigned to a different breakout room to meet with another of our hosts.

In addition to the speakers, the following IP professionals will be available to host breakout discussions:

Rosie Brown (IP paralegal, GSK)

[Tilly Buchanan-Cook](#) (HR professional, Dehns)

[Pete Fellows](#) (specialist IP recruiter, Fellows & Associates)

[Sally Gao](#) (patent attorney, Mathys & Squire)

[Charlotte Jones](#) (patent attorney, Viatrix)

[Mel Jones](#) (IP solicitor, GSK)

[Krishna Lall](#) (trainee patent attorney, Gill Jennings & Every)

Becky Lander (Intellectual Property Office)

[Fatema Sardharwala](#) (patent attorney, GSK)

[Heather Scott](#) (patent attorney, Gill Jennings & Every)

[Claire Tanner](#) (HR professional, Gill Jennings & Every)

[Connor Yap](#) (patent attorney, AstraZeneca)