



Biography

Tony Hall, Lord Hall of Birkenhead

Tony Hall - Lord Hall of Birkenhead - was appointed Director-General of the BBC on 22 November 2012. He is the 16th Director-General of the BBC.

Prior to this, Tony was Chief Executive of the Royal Opera House from April 2001 until April 2013.

He joined the BBC as a news trainee in 1973 and during a 28 year career at the Corporation he held roles including Senior Producer at World at One, Assistant Editor of the Nine O'Clock News, Output Editor for Newsnight, culminating as Chief Executive of BBC News from 1996 to 2001.

While at the BBC he launched Radio 5 live, BBC News 24, BBC News Online and BBC Parliament.

He was Deputy Chairman of Channel 4 Television and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

He is passionate about education and skills within the cultural industries. He was the founder Chair of Creative & Cultural Skills and Chairman of the Musical and Dance Scheme. He spearheaded the development of the new High House Production Park in Thurrock, Essex.

He has been Chair of Stratford East Theatre, and Honorary Visiting Fellow of Journalism at City University, a member of the Regeneration Through Heritage Steering Group, a board member of Race for Opportunity, a former non-executive director of HM Customs and Excise and was a member of the Council for Brunel University.

In 2009 he was asked by the Government and the Mayor of London to set up and chair a board to direct the Cultural Olympiad and also joined the board of the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games.

He was appointed a CBE in 2005 and in 2010 was created a life peer with the title Baron Hall of Birkenhead. He sits on the Crossbenches in the House of Lords.