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MEMBERSHIPS AND DIRECTORSHIPS

March 2008 Non Executive Director of Children's Workforce Development Council
October 2007 Member of Academy of Social Sciences
2004 DCSF Stakeholder Board for Implementation of Every Child Matters
2003 - 2007 NCVO Collaborative Working Unit Advisory Group

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

1999 – April 2008 Chief Executive, Parentline Plus.

Key achievements:

- Growth and integration of the charity so that it reaches 500,000 parents and carers a year with a diverse range of services – national and local, all of which are parent to parent
- Significant funding from central government for the national helpline service
- Key position as a universal service provider in the 'Every Child Matters' implementation programme.
- Turnover increased from about £500k a year in 1999 to £6million a year by 2007.
- Achievement of all key goals set out in five year strategic plan produced in 1999 and development of a strategic planning process that involved all 439 staff and volunteers in the charity to build energy, commitment and consensus around the development of a strategic vision for 2005 – 10.
- Awarded OBE in June 2000 for services to parenting

1997 Chief Executive, National Stepfamily Association

Key achievements:

- Led merger of National Stepfamily Association, Parentline UK and Parent Network to form Parentline Plus in 1999
- Stepfamily issues included in central government review of marriage and relationships support services, and continue to be recognised and included in policy on divorce and separation and child support

1996 Locality Manager (Wellingborough And East Northants), Northamptonshire Health Authority

Key achievement:

Use of budgets to enable GPs to employ bi-lingual receptionists and to improve buildings to include attractive provision for children

1993 **Locality Purchasing Co-ordinator (Northampton Borough),
Northamptonshire Health Authority**

Key achievement:

- Development of model of commissioning involving GPs, statutory agencies (social services, housing) and the voluntary sector that made use of geographical mapping of census and service data, and included community participation of people living in the most deprived parts of the borough. Led to setting up of a GP surgery in one ward that lacked this, and to setting up of a series of regeneration projects with and for children and families.

1989 - 1993 **Assistant Director (Development), Community Education Development
Centre, (CEDC - now known as ContinYou)**

Key achievement:

- Development of training for teachers in child protection, and influencing policy on this, so that schools were required to have a named child protection co-ordinator. Led to a national training the trainers programme, with funding from Dfee, for child protection co-ordinators in schools, developed, managed and led this national programme.

1988 **Development Officer, Family Education Unit, Community Development
Centre (CEDC).**

Key achievement:

- Building collaborative partnerships with a series of projects across the UK (including Western Isles, Aberdeen, Glasgow and South Wales) funded by the Bernard van Leer Foundation in order to support work with parents and children in disadvantaged areas and to understand the commonalities of this work.

1983 – 1988 **Project Director, OU/HEC Education for Family Life Project, based at the
School of Education at the Open University.**

Key achievement:

- Working with 40 LEAs nationally, and with HMI, to include teachers, advisors and inspectors in a developmental process that led to the production of training and curriculum materials for teachers to use across the curriculum and in PHSE.

1978 - 1982 **Projects Development Co-ordinator, Development Education Centre (DEC),
Birmingham.**

Key achievement:

- Development of models of learning that engaged teachers and young people in learning about the world and their relationships with other peoples and places, including arranging and leading study visits for teachers to Colombia, India and Ghana with central government funding.

HIGHER EDUCATION

1971 - 1978 University of Manchester

1974 BA (Econ) 2(I) Hons.

1980 PhD. (Thesis title: "The political economy of industrialisation: the case of
Transnational pharmaceutical corporations in Colombia").

1985 - 1987 University of Warwick (part-time)

1988 MA (Distinction) Sociology of Health Care. (Thesis title: "Feminist sociology - about women or for us?")

VOLUNTARY WORK

2008 Vice Chair of Working with Men charity

2005 Chair of Female Prisoners Welfare Project/Hibiscus Trust

2004 Trustee of Female Prisoners Welfare Project/Hibiscus Trust

1994 - 1997 Member of management committee of Northampton Volunteer Bureau

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1991 - 1996 Member of Oxfam Development Education Advisory Group

1991 - 1994 Member of Grants Panel of DH Children Act Training Initiative for NCVCCO

1993 Chair of PTA, Alderman Callow Community College, Coventry

1991 - 1994 Governor, Tile Hill College of FE, Coventry

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT

2004 Three month part time secondment to the Strategic Policy Unit, Home Office, as expert support to the development of family policy in the run up to the publication of Every Child Matters

1981 - 1987 Tutor-counsellor, Open University, West Midlands region, for Social Science foundation course

1977 - 1978 Lecturer in World Development for Birmingham University Extramural department
Lecturer in Liberal Studies, Aston University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"What is development education" in **World Studies Journal**, vol., No., 1981

"Transnational Corporations and development: the pharmaceutical industry in Colombia" in C H Kirpatrick and F Nixon (eds.), **The industrialisation of less developed countries**, Manchester University Press, 1983.

Family Lifestyles: an active learning pack to support family life education, (with Naomi Eisenstadt), Open University, 1985.

Childhood: an active learning pack to support family life education, (with Naomi Eisenstadt), Open University, 1985.

"Education for Family Life" (with K Torkington) in C Brown, C Harbur and J Sriven (eds.), **Social Education: principles and practice**, Falmer Press, 1986.

"Parental Involvement: what are preparing teachers to do?" (with Gill Combes) in **Journal of Community Education**, vol. 6, No. 2, CEDC, 1987.

Responding to Child Abuse: action and planning for teachers and other professionals, CEDC and Bedford Square Press, 1988.

Values, Cultures and Kids: a handbook for teachers of child development and the family, DEC and Stanley Thornes, 1990.

“Responding to child abuse: dilemmas of protection” in **Pastoral Care**, June 1991.

“Working with parents” in **Contemporary issues in the early years**, Gillian Pugh (ed.), Paul Chapman, 1992.

Approaching parenthood. Resources for parent education, (with A Schonveld and M Ryan), Health Education Authority, 1993.

Neighbourhoods: implications for policy and practice. A training guide for professionals, (with D Scott), CEDC and Manchester University, 1993.

“Parent Education Programmes” in **Enhancing Parenting Skills: a handbook for primary care professionals**, K N Dwivedi (ed.), John Wiley and Sons, 1997.

“Perspectives on parenting” in **K204 Course Reader: Children in Society: contemporary theory, policy and practice**, The Open University 2000.

“Providing support through telephone helplines” in **Supporting Parents of Teenagers. A handbook for professionals**, J Coleman and D Roker (eds), Jessica Kingley, 2002

How Helping Works, with Prof Hilton Davies and Dr Penny Mansfield, forward by Prof Sir Michael Rutter, joint publication from Parentline Plus, the Parent Partnership Centre, St Thomas and Guys NHS Trust, and One Plus One, 2006