

PROFESSOR TONY BERTRAM



Professor Tony Bertram is Director of the Centre for Research in Early Childhood, based at the St Thomas Centre in Birmingham and Director of Amber Publications and Training, CREC's sister organisation. He is Past President and Co-Founder of the European Early Childhood Research Association, was a founder member of the UK Early Years Curriculum Group and a member of the national executive of TACTYC (Tutors of Advanced Courses for Teachers of Young Children). He is currently a member of the ministerial Early Education Advisory Group, which advises the government on the development of early childhood services and the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

His early career was as a teacher in first and primary schools in Worcestershire for 12 years. He was a Head teacher for 7 years prior to working in higher education, when in 1989 he became a Senior Lecturer at Worcester College of Higher Education. Since 1995 he has been Director of the Centre for Research in Early Childhood, specialising in early childhood research and evaluation projects. He has a particular interest in cross national, European early childhood projects and has worked extensively for the British Council and the Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD). Most recently he has been director of the Effective Early Learning (EEL) Project, the Accounting Early for Life Long Learning (AcE) Project, the International Review of Early Years Curriculum and Assessment (INCA) Project and is National Evaluator of the DfES Early Excellence Centre Programme. He is also Joint Chair of the Worcestershire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and Joint Vice Chair of the Birmingham Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

Qualifications:

B.Ed.(Hons), University of Birmingham; Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Studies, University of Birmingham; M.Ed. (Early Childhood), University of Coventry; and PhD, University of Coventry.

Recent Research and Developmental Work:

Pascal C and Bertram A.D., "Effective Early Learning: An Action Plan for Change"(1993-1996), Funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust;
Pascal C and Bertram A.D., "Accounting Early for Life Long Learning" (1997-1999) funded by Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust;

Bertram A.D. and Pascal C. "OECD Thematic Review of Early Childhood Education and Care" (2000- 2001), funded by DfES.

Bertram A.D. and Pascal C. International Review of Early Years Curriculum and Assessment (2001- 2002), funded by QCA.

Pascal C and Bertram A.D., "Evaluating Early Excellence Centres" (1999-2003), funded by the DfES.

Pascal C and Bertram A.D., "Enhancing the participation of Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in Childcare" (2003-2004), funded by the DfES.

Bertram AD and Pascal C "Children Crossing Borders: A Five Country Study for Enhancing the Inclusion of Newly Arrived Children in Early Childhood Settings" (2006-2008) funded by the Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust and the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

Membership of National Committees:

DfEE Early Years Consultative Group. June 1997 - February 1998; DfEE Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Consultative Group, appointed January 1999; DfES Foundation Stage Working Group, appointed June 1999; National Co-ordinator OECD UK Early Childhood Thematic Review, November 1999 - March 2000.

Membership of National Organisations:

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, July 1993; Member of National Executive TACTYC 1988 - 1996; Member of British Association of Early Childhood Education 1994 -; Joint founder and President of European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA) 1990 -;

Recent Publications:

Pascal C and Bertram A.D. (ED) (1997) *Effective Early Learning: Case Studies of Improvement*, Hodder and Stoughton, London.

Pascal C and Bertram A.D. (1998) Accounting Early for Life Long Learning, in Abbott L and Moylett H (eds) *Early Education in the Millennium*, Falmer Press, London.

Pascal C and Bertram A.D. (1999) *Research to Inform the Evaluation of the Early Excellence Centre Pilot Programme*, DfEE, London.

Bertram A.D. and Pascal C. (2000) *OECD UK Thematic Review of Early Childhood Background Paper*, DfEE, London.

Pascal C. and Bertram A.D. *Evaluating Early Excellence Year One Report (2001)*, DfES, London.

Pascal C. and Bertram A.D (2002) *Assessing Young Children's Learning: What Counts?* in Fisher J. (Ed) *Building Foundations for Learning*, Paul Chapman, London.

Bertram A.D. and Pascal C (2002) *International Review of Early Years Curriculum and Assessment*, QCA, NFER, London.

Bertram A.D., Pascal C., Bokhari S, Holtermann S., John K. and Nelson C. (2003) *Evaluation of Early Excellence Centre Pilot Programme*, DfES, London

Pascal C. and Bertram A.D. (2004) *Enhancing the Participation of Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in Childcare*, DfES, London