

# PROFESSOR CHRISTINE PASCAL OBE



**Professor Christine Pascal OBE** was Professor in Early Childhood Education at University of Worcester from 1991-2007 and is now Director of the Centre for Research in Early Childhood (CREC), based at the St Thomas Centre, Birmingham and Director of Amber Publications and Training, CREC's sister organisation. She was a teacher in primary schools in Birmingham from 1976 to 1985, when she became a Senior Lecturer at the Worcester College of Higher Education.

Since 1995 she has been Director of the Centre for Research in Early Childhood, specialising in early childhood research and evaluation projects. Most recently she has been director of the Effective Early Learning (EEL) Project, the Accounting Early for Life Long Learning (AcE) Project, and is National Evaluator of the DfES Early Excellence Centre Programme. She was President of the British Association for Early Childhood Education from 1994-1997, and is now Vice President. She has also done extensive work at government level to support the development of early years policy, sitting on a number of national committees, including the Rumbold Committee in 1990, and the RSA Start Right Committee in 1994. She 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. Since 2000 she has been early years specialist adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee. She was awarded an OBE in 2001.

## **Qualifications:**

BA (Hons) Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry; PGCE (Early Years), University of Warwick; M. Soc. Sci; and PhD, University of Birmingham.

## **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.

Pascal C and Bertram AD "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:** Committee of Inquiry into the Quality of Educational Provision for Under Fives chaired by Angela Rumbold, Minister of Education, appointed April 1989, reported Winter 1990; Advisory Group of the Royal Society of Arts Early Learning Project: Start Right, Nov 1992 to March 1994; Labour Party Inquiry Team into Early Years Policy; chaired by Margaret Hodge MP, appointed Jan 1995; DfEE Early Years Consultative Group. June 1997 - February 1998; DfEE Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Consultative Group, appointed January 1999; QCA Foundation Stage Working Group, appointed June 1999; National Coordinator OECD UK Early Childhood Thematic Review, November 1999 - March 2000, Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee Inquiry on Early Years, 2000 -.

**Membership of National Organisations:** Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, July 1993; National President of British Association of Early Childhood Education 1994 -; Vice President of British Association of Early Childhood Education 1994-; Joint founder and Executive Member 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 Ribbins P (1998) *Understanding Primary Headteachers*, Cassell Press, 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