

PROFESSOR PHILIP GAMMAGE



Philip Gammage PhD, D.Phil, FRSA started his career as an early childhood teacher in London in 1958, after education in Oxford, National Service in the RAF (Flying Training Command; Aircraft Accidents) and reading English Literature and Education at Goldsmiths' College. Later he studied Comparative Educational Policy and then Psychology at London, Leicester and Bristol Universities, completing a PhD in social and clinical psychology in 1974. He was Senior Lecturer at Furzedown College, London, then Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at Bristol University, Visiting Fellow at Michigan, USA, at UNE (Armidale, NSW), and subsequently held several visiting professorships in North America (including Lansdown Scholar at Victoria, BC) before becoming Professor, Chairman of School and then Dean of Faculty at the University of Nottingham. He retired from the University of Nottingham in 1996, where he is Emeritus Professor and took up the foundation de Lissa Chair in Early Childhood (research), a unique appointment, supported by the de Lissa Trust Fund and linking the University of South Australia with the (then) Department of Education, Training and Employment. This was a five-year contract for six/seven months in each year, enabling Professor Gammage to continue international work (for OECD and for government and non-government agencies in other countries) in the northern hemisphere. Until 1997 Philip Gammage was President of the British Association of Early Childhood Education and Chair of the Tutors for Advanced Courses in Early Childhood Education, UK (TACTYC, the professional association for early years). He was also deputy chair of UCET, the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers. Philip was a member of the influential Start Right Committee on Early Childhood, sat on the Royal College of Physicians Inquiry into Alcohol and Adolescents, on the National Curriculum Council and on the Cancer Research Campaign (psychological medicine) Grants Committee and the Royal Society of Arts Grants Committee

He is associate and review editor of the European Early Childhood Education Research Journal and of Early Years, and author or co-author of seven books and over 100 papers, some of his work having been translated into several other languages, including Finnish, Russian, Estonian and Spanish. Philip has held substantial research grants in fields as diverse as smoking and health in children, gastric carcinoma in miners; and in early childhood curricula; and he has active and continuing experience of education in some twenty countries. His particular interests lie in early childhood socialisation, in comparative policy at all levels and in social psychology. He has worked on the major longitudinal cohort study in England (CHES), has been involved with NIFTeY in Australia from its inception, is a member of Tasmania's 'Early Years Foundation' (a standing committee of premier and cabinet) and was until recently **Professorial Research Fellow** and Adviser to the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) South Australia. He started the 'Our Children the Future' international conferences in Australia (the last one, in May 2005, drew some 1,500 delegates from all over the world.)

Philip Gammage has examined or supervised many PhDs in different countries over the years, been involved in BBC and other TV and radio broadcasts and given numerous keynote addresses throughout the world on policy, education and care.

He has been adviser on several national and government committees, was a member of the recent 'Inquiry into Children's Services' in South Australia. He was also Rapporteur (senior writer) for the Thematic Review of ECEC in Finland (OECD, 2001) and chairs several research grant committees in the UK. He is a keen amateur violinist and was recently awarded an honorary D.Phil (Oulunyliopisto) for services to Finnish Education.