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Founder/Director Education East Africa Since 1994

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Expertise: Global Development Advocating the Importance of Quality Primary Education in the Developing World.

Statement: Education is the world's most powerful equalizer.

MBE for Services to Education in Tanzania 2001

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Languages: English and Swahili

Nationality: British



BACKGROUND

A London solicitor until the age of 36, I abandoned my legal career to start an education charity devoted to improving the quality of education in Tanzania's rural government primary schools. Twenty-four years later, through all kinds of challenges and upheavals, the charity, **Education East Africa**, is still going strong.

Recognized as an expert in **Primary Education** and **English as a Foreign Language**, I have been interviewed by television, radio, print, and digital media in Tanzania and Rwanda, as well as in England. In 2015, I relocated **Education East Africa** to Rwanda, where we have made significant inroads.

GOAL

Advocate on behalf of primary school teachers and pupils for an education that is just that: an honest-to-goodness education.

Equip teachers and the next generation with the education required to support themselves and their families, and for them to be confident, responsible citizens.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Media Broadcasts

2002 BBC Radio 4, Midweek, interviewed alongside Linda Gray and John McCarthy

2012 Tanzania – ITV, Channel 10, TBC – news features and interviews

2018 Rwanda – Rwanda Television, The Big Q - exclusive interview

Media Print

2002 The Daily Mail – double page feature story

1998-2014 Tanzania – The Guardian, The Citizen, Nipashe – various articles and features

East Africa – Rai - exclusive feature

WORK

2015 to Date: Action-research in Rwanda in primary education and the teaching of English. Engaging with the directors at the Rwanda Education Board, the Minister of State for Primary & Secondary Education, the Minister for Education, The President's Social Action Commission, Senators, MPs, Teacher-Training Colleges and The Academy of Language & Culture. Writing reports, analyzing textbooks, writing a report at the request of the Minister for Education assessing and analyzing the primary curriculum as a rationale for change.

2008 - 2015: Working with the Minister for Education in Tanzania on course books to teach English in government primary schools. Re-writing teachers' guides, and writing a new two-year course. Chairing a committee on behalf of the Tanzania Institute of Education and reporting to the Minister for Education. Audience in the State House with His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete.

1998 - 2015: Establishing and running a Whole School Development Programme for in-service training of school staff, strengthening District Office and school management, and influence on national policy. Networking with other organisations and giving support and advice.

1994 - 1998: Full-time teacher of English as a foreign language in two Tanzania government primary schools – the first non-Tanzanian to be given permission to work in primary schools in the region since Independence.

1981 - 1994: Solicitor specializing in the law of trusts and taxation, with Goodman Derrick, and KPMG.

EDUCATION

- BA (Hons) Law Degree 1980 University of Westminster, London
- Law Society Final Examinations 1981 College of Law, Lancaster Gate, London
- CELTA (TEFL) Examination 1993 International House, Piccadilly, London

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