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Specialisms

- Helping organisations prepare for growth or manage change
- Supporting boards and senior staff to resolve management problems
- Facilitating away days
- Evaluating the effectiveness of organisations' governance, strategies and practices and helping them develop and implement new policies and approaches
- Helping agencies communicate their ideas and achievements to raise funds, develop practice or influence opinion formers
- Researching, writing and editing reports for publication
- Assisting grant-makers and emerging philanthropists with setting priorities, delivering and assessing their funding programmes
- Offering project management, interim management services and supportive mentoring.

Work experience

I am an experienced senior manager and established management consultant, with a track record of innovation and proven experience of the practical realities of working in the not-for-profit sector. I combine strategic vision with the management ability and facilitation skills to help organisations deliver effective outcomes that meet their objectives and secure the enthusiasm of stakeholders. With 25 years in the sector, I have sound experience of managing change, organisational problem solving, working with boards, monitoring and evaluation, regulation, user consultation, policy and project development, strategic and operational planning, fundraising, financial management and staff development. I have good technical skills in systems analysis and project management and a substantial publications list. I have served on Trustee boards throughout my career and enjoy developing effective partnerships with colleagues, staff and service users.

2005 to date: Management consultant - recent clients include: Age Concern England, Article 19; Baring Foundation; Big Lottery Fund; CAF; Charities Evaluation Service; Comic Relief; Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund; Elton John Aids Foundation; Esmee Fairbairn Foundation; Friends Provident Foundation; Grasslands Trust; Henry Smith Charity; Koestler Trust; Together. I am a NVCO approved consultant.

1999 – 2004: Grants Director, Comic Relief – responsible for an annual grants' spend of £40 million across the UK and internationally

1992 – 1999: Management consultant – focusing on strategic and policy development, business planning, service management, problem solving, grant-making, fundraising, project development and implementation and interim management services

1989 – 1991: Regional Monitoring Manager, the Housing Corporation – regulating social housing providers across north-east London and three Home Counties

1986 – 1989: Founder Director, Resource Information Service

1979 – 1986: Early career in charities for homeless people