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Consultancy and Evaluation

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Specialisms

- Business and strategic planning
- Evaluating services and organisations
- Organisational reviews
- Review and planning workshops
- Reviewing values, ethics and purpose of groups
- User/client involvement
- External supervision/mentoring

Work undertaken outside the voluntary sector

Among other things: research on health services with City University; teaching management for University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education and London Metropolitan University; needs assessment in relation to children's centre provision for London Borough of Islington; chairing City and East London Research Ethics Committee for Health Authority.

Geographical area covered

London and Essex

Work experience

My voluntary sector career began in 1971 in a project for homeless people. It was interrupted by 2½ years in Social Services working in community development. I began consultancy work on a part-time basis in the mid-1980s alongside free-lance illustrating and employment in the voluntary sector concerned with mental health, racial justice, alcohol problems, housing and homelessness. In July 2001 I left MIND in Tower Hamlets after five years as Director, in order to work full-time as a freelance consultant with Spencer Smith Partnership. Since January 2006 I have worked as a sole trader. Consultancy clients have included Age Concern and Mind groups, local community organisations, a grant making organisation, church organisations, Sure Start programmes, a Housing Association, a homelessness project and evaluations for, among others, the Church Urban Fund.

Qualifications I have a PGCE and, improbably, a PhD in Physical Chemistry.