

CURRICULUM VITAE OF Siobhan Fitzpatrick, CBE

1. Surname	Forename(s)			
Fitzpatrick	Siobhan Margaret			
2. Degree, etc Subject	L	Class	University	Date
B.Sc	2.1		Queens	1975
MSc			Ulster	1978
MBA			Open University	1997
3. Current post held				
<p>Chief Executive Officer of Early Years – the organisation for young children, has been in post since 1989, having worked previously for Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland. The organisation supports 40,000 children and families and provides support, training and quality assurance for 12,000 staff in the early years sector across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Responsibility for policy and strategic development, relationships with the Stakeholder Group on Early Years, Childcare Partnerships and Pre-school Education Advisory Groups. Manages cross border relationships and international partnerships and is a member of the National Childcare Co-ordinating Committee in the Republic of Ireland and a member of the Transatlantic Forum on Inclusive Early Education for children from low income and migrant backgrounds. Active member of the Global Implementation Science Initiative sponsored by the Centre for Effective Services.</p>				
4. Previous posts held (with dates)				
Early Years Specialist	1983 -1989			
Senior Social Worker	1975-1980			
Contributor to the following publications				
Child Care in Practice				
International Journal of Early Education				
From Conflict to Peace Building the Power of Early Childhood				
Journal of Social Change				

Representation

European representative on the World Forum Foundation for Early Years Care and Education from 2001 to 2009

President of ISSA, the International Step by Step Association for Eastern Europe and the former CIS countries (2006-2011)

Currently chairs the International Network on Peace Building with Young Children which is bringing the learning from the work in Early Years on inclusion, respecting difference and peace building to areas affected by conflict around the world. There are 20 countries represented on the Network and it is linked to the six International Early Childhood Networks in the world (Consultative Group, Latin America Early Childhood Network, ARNEC, ISSA, The African Early Childhood Network, the Arab Collective).

Co-chair, with Marta Arango from CINDE, the Programmatic Sub-Group of Una, the International Network on Inclusion and Diversity.

Appointed as a Board member to the International Fund for Ireland which aims to support reconciliation and regeneration in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Other Information

Acts as Chief Executive of HighScope Ireland and chairs an all Ireland Cross Border Project Management Group with the National Childhood Network which is implementing a Cross Border Early Years Management and Leadership programme, a special needs programme for early years staff and a Respecting Difference Programme.

Extensive experience in strategic planning in relation to the development of services for young children, especially those living in vulnerable environments. Led a 10 year multi million pound programme of investment supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies aimed at improving long-term outcomes for young children. Responsibility for developing and overseeing the implementation of two large random control trials which showed significant impact on improving outcomes in relation to social and emotional well-being, inclusion and eagerness and dispositions to learning. Currently leading an organisational wide approach to Participatory Evaluation which aims to use a mix of qualitative and quantitative methodologies to capture improvements in outcomes. Plays lead and accountable body status for 10 SureStart projects, supporting the optimum development of 10,000 young children and their families. Currently leading a new £3million Pathway Fund aimed at improving outcomes for children and Families for young children.

Implemented an organisational wide programme in relation to the implementation of the rights of young children linking this to the recommendations for General Comment No 7.