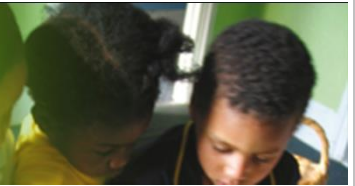




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Professor Helen Penn has had a varied background working as an infant teacher, as a daycare campaigner, and as the UK's first director of integrated children's services in Strathclyde in Scotland. Her research was initially concerned with UK policy and practice in early years. Helen still undertakes some local policy work, but has become especially interested in comparative policy work. Helen undertakes consultancies for a number of international agencies on evaluating and costing systems of early education and care. Recently Helen was rapporteur for the OECD study on early education and care in Canada and produced a major report for the EU Commission.

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