



Professor Edward Melhuish

Biography

Edward Melhuish is Professor of Human Development at the University of Oxford. He has been involved in studies that have contributed to the formulation of social policy in the UK in the areas of families with young children, early years services and education, such as the universal provision of a pre-school place for all 3 & 4 year-olds and the establishment of 3500 Children's Centres, the government's Every Child Matters and 10-Year Childcare strategies.

He has undertaken research in 12 countries. His research influenced the 1989 Children Act, 2005 Children Act, 2006 Childcare Bill and policy on childcare, early education, child poverty and parental support in the UK and other countries. He has conducted research for research councils, Save the Children, DCSF, DoH and other government and voluntary agencies. Professor Melhuish has acted as a consultant for design for children, children's organizations (e.g. UNESCO), government departments (e.g. DfE, DWP, DoH, Treasury, Prime Minister's Office), and film, television and radio companies. He has served as an expert witness to House of Commons Select Committees and is a consultant to the Stanford Research Institute, USA, and a scientific advisor to the Nordic Research Council, Academy of Finland, Portuguese Research Council, German Research Council, the Australian Research Council, South Korea, Canada, Saudi Arabia and Chile, as well as the European Commission, OECD and WHO.