

Professor Mike Campbell OBE, Skills and Labour Market Expert



Mike is an international, national and local skills and labour market expert with extensive experience in research, policy analysis and strategy.

Until recently, Mike was Director of Research and Policy at the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES), where he was responsible for advising Government on what was required to make the UK world class and for assessing the UK's progress towards it. He is co-author of *Ambition 2020: World Class Skills and Jobs for the UK* (2009 and 2010), UKCES's landmark reports on the UK's progress towards world class skills and jobs and of *Skills for Jobs* (2010), the highly regarded Skills Audit for England.

Mike was previously Director of Development and Director of Research and Strategy at the Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) from 2002-2008. He was also the Adviser to the Leitch Review of UK Skill Needs and a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on 'New Skills for New Jobs' from 2009-2010.

He has served as a member of the OECD's Skill Strategy Advisory Group; the Northern Ireland Employment and Skills Advisory Board; and the Migration Advisory Committee.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts; an Investors in People Ambassador; a National Training Awards Ambassador; and a Business Action on Skills Champion. He holds a Visiting Professorship in Economics at Durham Business School and was awarded the OBE for services to economic development in the 2004 New Year's Honours List.

Before working for Government, Mike was Director of the Policy Research Institute, a well known research and consultancy business, which he founded in 1988 and built into a 25 person, seven figure turnover business. He has undertaken work for the European Commission, the OECD, the World Bank, the ILO, DfES (now BIS), Regional Development Agencies, Learning and Skills Councils (now the Skills Funding Agency) and Local Authorities. He is also a designated European Commission and OECD expert.

His other publications include *Skills and Economic Performance* (with Sam Porter); *Learn to Succeed: The Case for a Skills Revolution*; *Skills in England*; *What Works Locally?*; *Partnership for Success*; and *Learning Pays and Learning Works*. He has also published widely in professional publications and academic journals and has written over 100 research reports.

His other experience includes: the European Commission's Labour Market Expert for the UK; a range of work for the OECD on partnerships and labour market management (including in Austria and Finland); a member of the research group supporting the Skills Task Force; Adviser to the Cabinet Office on Workforce Development; assessing future skill needs for the South African government; skills issues and priorities for DfES (now BIS); RDA Skills Strategies and Action Plans; and the Third Sector and local development for the European Commission.

He has designed and delivered a successful labour market training programme for European Commission staff. He was also the Labour Market Consultant on the World Bank Project to reform vocational educational training in Sri Lanka and from 1990 to 1996 and he worked on local employment strategy for the European Commission's Local Employment Development Action (LEDA) programme, subsequently working on its 'Acting Locally' programme.

He has been British Council Distinguished Visiting Fellow to Japan; Visiting Professor of Economics at the University of Hiroshima; and a visitor to Japan under Monbusho's advanced science programme for leading international scholars.

An inspiring public speaker, he has made more than 600 presentations at conferences and events, in the UK, most other European countries, North America, Australia, Asia and Africa.