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About

George Bramley is a Research Fellow and systematic reviewer based in CLAHRC (Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care for Birmingham and Black Country) working on a number of evidence reviews across the nine CLAHRC-BC themes.

George is also experienced evaluator and contributed to the development of evaluation practice having contributed to development of international guidelines on policy and programme evaluation for the OECD.

Qualifications

- PRINCE2 project management 2011
- MSc in Applied Psychology, Cranfield University, 1992
- Level A, Occupational Testing, British Psychological Society, 1992
- British Psychological Society, 1990
- BSc (Hons) Psychology, Bolton Institute, 1990

Biography

George has over twenty years of experience in research, evaluation and evidence reviews to support policymaking and practice across a range of areas including innovation, education, enterprise, social inclusion, as well as in health. In 2009, George was elected onto the Council of the UK Evaluation Society as Treasurer.

Before joining the University of Birmingham in October 2011 George was an independent evaluation consultant. Prior to which he was a Research Director at the National Foundation for Education Research (2008-2011) where he worked on a number of studies including:

- Research into methodologies used to assess the economic impact of early interventions (Local Government Association, 2011)
- International Review of the development of adult basic skills and primary author on the chapter on developing employability skills (CFBT Trust, 2010)
- Evaluation of Gaining Ground programme (DFE, completes 2012)
Research into the professional development of early career teachers (TDA, 2009).

George has significant experience of evidence based policy making having worked in central government as a Government Social Researcher for eleven years based in the Department of Trade and Industry (1997-2008) where he:

- was Assistant Director (Research and Evaluation, Enterprise Directorate) with oversight and responsibility for the design, commissioning and management of research, evaluations and evidence reviews for business support services and enterprise policies (2006-2008) and as Head of Evaluation at the Small Business Service (2002-2006);
- developed the evidence base for the simplification and redesign of government funded services for small businesses;
- co-authored evidence sections of Government Action Plans and Strategy Papers including the Action Plan for Small Business (2004) and the Enterprise Strategy (2008)

George was a Research Fellow in School Performance Indicators at the University of Wolverhampton (1994-1997) examining the links between different types of neighbourhoods in the Black Country and educational performance and taught on the MA in Practitioner Research and Consultancy aimed at mid-career professionals. George started his career as a researcher in 1993 on the Harris City Technology College Dyslexia Project evaluating computer-aided learning and policies to promote mainstreaming of support for students with Specific Learning Difficulties.

Research

George joined the University of Birmingham in October 2011 and undertakes systemic evidence reviews to support the work of CLAHRC-BBC. These reviews are across a range of topics to support identified evidence needs of partner organisation and are focused on the needs of patients and supporting the translation of research evidence into practice in the NHS.

George has previously undertaken systematic reviews, research and evaluations in the areas of education, employment, skills, innovation and enterprise policy.

Other activities

- Council Member and Treasurer for the UK Evaluation Society (2010-present)
- UK Delegate to the OECD Working Party on SMEs and Entrepreneurship (2004-2008)

Publications

Bramley, G., Kinder, K. and Passy, R. (2010). *The development of employability skills for adults*. In: MacLeod, S. and Straw, S. (Eds). *Adult basic skills*. Reading: CfBT Education Trust.

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