

Michael John Mulquin

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

- Senior voluntary sector experience, in UK, India and Pakistan, as director, chair and trustee. Involved in Strategic Planning for a number of local and national initiatives.
- Entrepreneurial in setting up and gaining funding for new organisations in UK and Pakistan, bringing together partnerships between private, public and voluntary sectors.
- First class communication skills and the diplomacy required to work with people from different ethnic backgrounds; highly experienced public speaker and workshop facilitator; skilled networker with excellent contacts in national and local government, private sector and EU experience.
- Able to motivate and lead with a successful track record in developing staff and volunteers.
- Financial and administrative acumen: developed business plans, managed budgets. IT and Internet literate.
- Experienced in policy development in social/health care field and information society issues

Career

January 1999 to Present - Director IS Communications,

IS Communications is a Public Relations Consultancy specialising in events management, policy work, research and advice in the areas of "Citizen Direct" and of the Information Society.

January 1998 to December 1998 - Executive Director, Communities Online

Communities Online is a not for profit organisation which advises policymakers in national and local government on the implications of new technologies for the regeneration of communities and provides resources for practitioners involved in developing locally focused projects using technology to help promote social inclusion. I spent one year employed as Executive Director to set the organisation up.

Main achievements

Developed a vision of how internet technology could help bring about regeneration and translated this into a not for profit company with funding from government and the private sector; about to publish the first ever major policy report in this field.

Developed a network of 150 practitioners and provided them with a range of resources to allow them to communicate and learn from each other.

Advised business, local authorities and government departments on the necessary policy framework for ICTs to help combat social exclusion; member of working party chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, looking at tackling social exclusion in deprived neighbourhoods; member of DTI action team on IT and social exclusion.

Setting up a European Association for Community Networking in collaboration with European colleagues

Working in partnership with the BBC to set up local pilots for their online education project.

Invited to speak at major conferences on IT and Government in the UK and Europe.

1992 - 97 Manager, Community Involvement Unit, Aston Charities Ltd, Newham, East London

Managed a resource unit for community organisations with a paid staff of thirteen along with six volunteers and was part of the Aston Charities management team. The unit helps to set up new organisations to meet local needs and provides consultancy to established voluntary organisations. We had a budget of over £300,000 a year.

Main achievements

Set up and gained funding for Newham Counselling Forum, an innovative partnership of local private, public and voluntary sector counselling providers.

Gained £128,000 funding from the EC to set up a project to help local voluntary and community organisations in Newham utilise the new electronic media - a pioneering project in the whole of the UK.

Acted as a consultant to help a local community led partnership work up a bid to the Single Regeneration Budget, which was successful in obtaining more than £500,000.

Obtained funding to develop new projects which resulted in staff numbers at the Unit more than doubling

1989 - 92 Health and Social Policy Officer, Newham Council for Racial Equality, East London

Some casework but the main emphasis was on working with a range of organisations on policy development. Obtained funding for and helped set up the Community Care Development Project and initiated and helped set up the Black and Ethnic Minority Community Care Forum and Newham Refugee Consortium

1987 - 89 Community Development Officer, Dartford CVS, Kent

Managed a small project with two other people working among ethnic minority people in Dartford. Worked on a Kent-wide basis to improve services to ethnic minority

