



Skills for Learning Professionals



Biography of the Chair of the LLUK Council, Professor Sir David Melville CBE

Professor Sir David Melville is Chair of Lifelong Learning UK. From 2001 to 2007 he was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent. Previously he was Chief Executive of the Further Education Funding Council, and before that Vice-Chancellor of Middlesex University and Vice-Chair of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (now UUK) and Chair of its Longer Term Strategy Committee. He began his career as a lecturer in physics at Southampton University, where he became Professor of Physics and Head of the School of Physics and Astronomy and subsequently Assistant Director and Vice-Rector of Lancashire Polytechnic. He was a member of a number of Research Council committees and panels, the Tomlinson Review of 14-19 Curriculum and Qualifications, the Foundation Degree Task Force and the Foster Review of the Future of Further Education Colleges and chaired the Universities UK Race Equality Consultation Project.

He has been a board member of the Higher Education Careers Services Unit and a member of the following organisations: the Council for Industry and Higher Education; the South-East Regional Assembly; the South East Science, Engineering and Technology Advisory Committee; the Kent Partnership Board and the Medway Renaissance Partnership. He has also been Chair of the Higher Education Statistics Agency and Higher Education South East and Vice-Chair of the Kent Public Service Board.

Professor Sir David Melville is currently a board member of the following organisations: Edexcel; The Place; the Institute of Financial Services; and the Learning from Experience Trust. He is also a member of: the QCA Qualifications and Skills Advisory Group; the Thames Gateway Strategic Partnership and the 14-19 Higher Education Project Board, and Vice-Chair of the Marlowe and Folkestone Academies. He is also Chair of the Learning and Skills Council in Kent and Medway and of the University Vocational Awards Council.

He was educated at Sheffield and Columbia Universities, has Honorary Degrees from Southampton, Derby, Middlesex and Sheffield Universities and was awarded a CBE in 2001 and a KBE in 2007 for services to further and higher education.