

Leslie S. Woodcock: Profile

Leslie S. Woodcock is a retired university academic, formerly teaching in the School of Education at the University of Leeds in the UK, where he taught on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in English and in Education, particularly in the Initial Training of Teachers. He also co-ordinated and led research modules in Education.

Earlier, Leslie taught in the Faculty of Education at Bretton Hall, College of the University of Leeds, teaching on English and Education programmes, again in the Initial Training of Teachers, as well as supervising postgraduate study (through distance learning) with serving teachers in Cyprus and the Irish Republic.

Concurrently with teaching there, Leslie was Inaugural Head of the European Office at Bretton Hall for four years, answering directly to the Principal and Directorate. This involved establishing, organising, and co-ordinating the extensive activities and projects on a daily basis. The work involved work with numerous EU partners on many and varied EU projects and programmes, including an extensive SOCRATES-ERASMUS exchange programme. It also involved liaison, consultation and negotiation across the EU and with national agencies and distinguished personnel, as well as participation at many EU events, nationally and elsewhere in Europe.

Leslie has been Visiting Professor at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, and has also taught at the University of Athens, and the University of Thessaloniki, at Florina. From 1994, he has been Keynote Speaker at a number of International Conferences in Greece, including those of the Greek Pedagogical Society, and the Greek Institute for Applied Pedagogy and Education. Since 2002 Leslie has been affiliated with ATINER.

From 2007 to 2014, he was firstly an External Assessor, and then an External Expert for European programmes with the British Council in Edinburgh. Other external appointments in the UK have included being a Department for Education & Employment (Government) External Assessor for the Performance Threshold (Performance-Related Pay for School Teachers) from 2000-2004, and a Member of the DfEE Induction Appeals' Committee for Newly Qualified Teachers in 2004.

He also has held honorary appointments at the International Centre for Inter-Cultural Studies (ICIS) at the University of Bradford, and the Centre for Ethnic Relations in Education at the University of Manchester. As a former primary school teacher for many years, Leslie has had much experience both in schools and Higher Education with multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and culturally-diverse pupils and their education.

Leslie was educated at the Universities of Newcastle upon Tyne, Bradford, and Manchester. In education, as an experienced writer, editor, and reviewer, Leslie is an honorary consulting adviser to varied projects. He studied music as his first degree (also undertaking further private postgraduate study), and he is now much involved in classical music, and, among other activities, is honorary artistic adviser to distinguished musicians in Europe.

