

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal Information:

Place of Birth: Blackpool, Lancs, UK

Citizenship: British

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Married, 1 child

Employment History

**Chairman Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts and Entertainments) Ltd
November 2010 to date**

**Vice Chairman Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts and Entertainments) Ltd
March 2010 to November 2010**

**Non Executive Director Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts and Entertainments) Ltd with special responsibility for marketing and sales
September 2008 to date**

**Chairman
Jan 2008 to Dec 2012
Focus Group – The travel trade association for the independent travel management industry.**

**Self Employed Consultant
Midas Solutions Dec2007 – to date**

Offering financial, marketing, mentoring, and IT support to a wide range of businesses on short and medium contracts.

**Consultant
Aug 2007 – Dec 2007
Special Projects Consultant to Co Op Travel**

Engaged to implement best practice over twelve branches of the business travel division of Co Op Travel. Five projects covering reservations, telecoms, finance, IT, and electronic banking.

**Director (Managing)
St Anne's Travel Agents (Blackpool) Ltd
T/A Business Travel Plus, The Kingsgate Air Centre
July 1974 – July 2007**

Started as a two-man retail high street travel agency in 1974 which developed into a chain of 5 branches. Business Travel Plus has now evolved into one of the most respected business travel management companies, ranked 43rd in the top 100 in the country.

The company flourished over the 33 years and employed 19 staff in addition to Directors and was recognised by LAWTEC as having committed itself to Investors in People and BTP were proud to achieve this status in October 2000. The move in 2004 to Blackpool Business Park was another milestone in the company's history.

**Non-Executive Director Oldham Athletic Football Club
January 1991 to April 1994**

Appointed to assist the development and take opportunities from a growing loyal fan base and apply them in a number of commercial initiatives.

**Director West Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
May 1999 – December 2001**

**Executive Producer/Finance Director
Premier Theatre Company
1995 to date**

Formed to provide a vehicle for Ex Professional, semi Professional and the more talented amateur performer to develop their talents. First production was the 10th anniversary of Chess the Musical, highly acclaimed by Sir Tim Rice who attended the opening performance raising significant monies for Disabled Children in Sport. Other productions followed including the visionary first outdoor production of Shakespeare in Blackpool's Stanley Park of The Merchant of Venice 2002. The first multi-ethnic production of Ragtime the Musical in 2005, and the UK premiere of Jane Eyre the Musical in 2006.

**Director of Town Centre Forum Ltd
December 1996 to November 2001
(Also Chairman 1998 to 2000)**

Blackpool Town Centre Forum Ltd was challenged with the regeneration of the town centre using both private funds and monies from the successful Blackpool SRB2 bid.

**Director Blackpool Challenge Partnership Ltd
February 1999 to May 2007
(Vice Chairman November 2001 to May 2007)**

To constitute and present Blackpool's SRB6 successful bid, manage the allocation of the funds and also administer ERDF funds, and NRF funds within the community.

**Advisor to the Bank of England (North West Agency)
July 2001 to December 2012**

Providing the Bank of England with economic feedback which they collect from a variety of sources to assist the Monetary Policy Committee in its deliberations.

**Focus Partnership, Main Panel Member
2004 to December 2011 (Vice Chairman 2006, Chairman 2007 to date)**

The Focus Partnership is the trade association for the independent travel management community within the UK. The main panel is the management team responsible to the total membership.

Education

King Edward VII School

Lytham St Anne's

September 1958 - July 1968

'O' Level Passes - Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English Language and Geometric Drawing.

'A' Level Passes - Maths, Physics, and Chemistry.

Salford University

September 1968 - July 1970

Electronics & Mathematics

Professional Qualifications

Private Pilot's Licence 1975 to date (with all ratings)

Member of the Institute of Travel & Tourism July 1978 to date

Licentiate of the London Academy of Dramatic Art (Acting) 1995

Microsoft Partner

Awards

North West Business Person of the Year May 1995 and 1997
North West Company of the Year (less than 50 employees) May 1995
National Finalist Parcelforce Small Business of the Year (1-25 employees)
1998

Additional Voluntary Roles

Chairman of the Hospice Charity Committee for 2 years 1993 & 1994
Pilot for the St Johns Air Wing (transport of human organs outside of daylight hours)
Lord's Tavernor (since 1996)

Interests

Acting, Singing, Swimming, Amateur Radio, Aviation and Information Technology.