

TAVISTOCK POLICY SEMINARS

'CONNECTING PUBLIC POLICY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS'

Not so sure start?

PRESENTERS

Norman Glass, *National Centre for Social Research*

Jane Roberts, *Leader, London Borough of Camden*

Date: Thursday, May 26 2005. 6pm - 8pm

Venue: The Tavistock Centre, Lecture Theatre

Sure Start was set up by the then new Labour government in 1997. It emerged as part of their comprehensive spending review and was led by the Treasury. Norman Glass was the leading civil servant in the steering group, which involved politicians and officials from 11 different government departments. The programme is one of the most ambitious attempts to tackle social exclusion by intervening at the earliest stage in a child's life ever mounted in this country. It is now being expanded to cover all areas, not just those where there is social deprivation. Can it maintain its enthusiasm and momentum?

Norman Glass CB joined the civil service in 1975 after working in the private sector with Shell and as an economic consultant and as a lecturer at Newcastle University. Since joining the civil service, he worked at the Departments of Health and as Chief Economist in Social Security (DSS) and Environment (DOE) before rejoining the Treasury in 1995. He was appointed as Deputy Director in the Public Service Directorate in April 1995. In this post Norman Glass was the Senior Treasury micro-economist, with responsibilities including labour market and benefit reform and environmental issues, and chaired the interdepartmental committee that led to the setting up of the Government's Sure Start programme for pre-school children. He was elected chairman of the European Union Economic Policy Committee in 1999 and has since 2001 been Director of the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen).

PROGRAMME

Seminars will begin at 6pm with the main presentations. There will be a short break for refreshments at 6.45pm after which the seminar will resume with an open dialogue and end with brief commentaries from the speakers.

Jane Roberts DBE, qualified as a paediatrician and psychiatrist in the 1980s and has been consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist at The Whittington Hospital since 1991 and medical director of Islington Primary Care Trust since 2002. She was co-organiser of the Tavistock conference 'The Politics of Attachment' papers from which were published in the book of the same title in 1996. She was elected local councillor in Camden in 1990, officiating on many committees before becoming Deputy Leader of the Council in 1994 and Leader in 1998. Jane was Chair of Education while it gained Beacon status and an excellent Local Education Authority Ofsted report and has led a major nursery expansion programme across Camden. She is currently a member of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Single Programme Committee on Governance and Public Services.

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