



## **Chris Butler**

Chris Butler has qualified teacher status and in depth knowledge of teaching in a variety of contexts from primary school to higher education. Prior to her entry into the University of Chichester in 1985 she was a Dance Advisor for West Glamorgan Education Authority, on the board of the Dance Committee of the Welsh Arts Council, and on the executive committee of the Welsh Council of Dance Research, Education and Training.

Her original training was in physical education and dance and drama, with more advanced training in contemporary dance, at the London School of Contemporary Dance and the Laban Centre for Dance. She has performed and choreographed in the professional theatre, and has directed a number of youth arts drama and dance productions nationally and internationally

At Chichester University Chris was the Head of Related Arts and also Performing Arts and from 1997 the Head of the School of Visual and Performing Arts and a member of the senior Management team at the University. She retired from that position in 2008 and is now teaching part time on the Musical Theatre course at the University.

From 1997-2000 Chris was a recipient of a European Arts awards for an arts and new technologies project from the European League of the Institute of the Arts (ELIA), and was on the International working party for the ELIA project Employability Skills for Arts Graduates. From 2000-2008 she was the Artistic Director of the ShowRoom theatre. She has taken an active role on a number of professional organisations and is currently on the Board of South West West Sussex Arts Group, a governor at Westergate community college a consultant to many arts organisations and a lead Director in the Eddi of Manhood End Project. Through her consultancy with a variety of arts organisations she has raised over 300k from a variety of private and public funding bodies for a range of arts projects.