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Derek Griffith is an advocate for the establishment of non-power relationships in all social settings and in particular the teaching of no-lose conflict resolution and problem solving in families. For over 20 years he has lectured on the topic to PTA's, social clubs, on radio and television, and written several articles in the local press. He is a certified mediator and an authorized instructor of Dr. Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Training, which he has delivered to several groups in Barbados. He is also a veterinarian.

Derek has been in executive roles in several community organisations including the Parent Education for Development in Barbados (PAREDOS), Toastmasters International Clubs, the Barbados Veterinary Association, St. Cyprian's Preparatory Boys' School, the Barbados Symphonia, Supreme Counselling of Personal Development, and the Harrison College Foundation for Creative and Sporting Excellence.

Derek has been a member of the ADR Association for approximately 6 years. He completed the Professional Mediator Certification Course by the Kennesaw State University Centre for Conflict Management under the auspices of the ADR Association of Barbados Inc. in May 2009. He participated as a coach for the Association during the JIPS sponsored mediation training from September to December 2009, and participated in the JIPS sponsored Training of Trainers course delivered by Professor Manon Schonewille, Utrecht University, Netherlands for the ADR Centre of Rome, Italy in February 2010.

He delivered three 3-day workshops on Conflict Resolution to coaches of the National Sports Council and also Youth Commissioners of the Ministry of Youth for the ADR Association of Barbados in March and April 2011.

The following are his mediation and conflict resolution certifications:

Certificate of Completion of Instructor Training Workshop in Dr. Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Training – Effectiveness Training International, San Diego, California, U.S.A. - 1995.

Certificate of Completion, 40 hour Professional Mediation Certification Course, Centre for Conflict Management, Kennesaw State University, U.S.A. - 2009

Certificate of Completion, Elements of Family Mediation, 40 hour Certification Course for the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago, Mediation Associates Ltd – 2013

Certificate of Completion, Mediation Refresher Training, by Riverdale Mediation Ltd for IMPACT Justice - 2017.

Derek is married and has two adult daughters.