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Qualifications

BA, Politics Philosophy and Economics, Trinity College, Oxford
MA, Latin American Government, Essex University

Professional history

2010 – present Director, BealesGelber Consult
2010 – 2011 Strategic adviser, Development Initiatives
1992 – 2010 Head of Public Policy, CAFOD
1989 – 1992 Consultant on Latin America, CAFOD
1982 – 1989 Education Secretary, CIIR
1974 – 1981 Project Officer, Latin America & Caribbean, Christian Aid
1970 – 1973 Lecturer, Instituto de Ciencias Políticas, Universidad Católica de Chile

Summary

George is an economist, author and independent consultant with a long and varied experience in international development and human rights gained through working in Christian Aid, CIIR, CAFOD and Development Initiatives. Initially focused on Latin America development and human rights issues in the 1970s and 1980s he subsequently set up CAFOD's Public Policy Unit, which provides policy input for CAFOD's campaigns. He led CAFOD's advocacy on international debt, international trade, the global electronics industry, mining and its impact on rural communities. As a consultant, George has evaluated, advised and researched on the impact of aid policies, bringing to light the experience of communities on the receiving end of aid and private sector development, working for the ILO, CAFOD, HelpAge, Jesuit Missions, the British Council and UN agencies among others. He is an experienced writer, editor, interviewer and facilitator. He is Director of Beales Gelber Consult, an independent social development consultancy.

Key skills

- Evaluation
 - Interviewing, focus group management
 - Special expertise in advocacy, development assistance and social protection
 - Skilled editor and writer for technical and popular audiences
 - Strategy development
 - Policy analyst and manager
 - Fluent Spanish speaker
 - Programme experience in Latin America and Africa
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Languages

- Spanish – fluent speaking, reading, writing
 - French – read without difficulty, rusty speaking
 - Portuguese – read without difficulty, basic speaking
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Publications and projects

- 2019
- Drafted and edited HPLF statement for Stakeholder Group on Ageing for HPLF 2019 in relation to SDGs 4 (Education), 8 (Sustainable Economic Growth), 10 (Inequalities) and 17 (Means of Implementation) – with Sylvia Beales.
- 2018
- Evaluation of Multiple Indicator Survey on Ageing (MISA) in Malawi, commissioned by UN DESA, in collaboration with Sylvia Beales of BealesGelber Consult
 - Analysis of the British Council's contributions to achieving SDG 16 (as associate author/consultant with Collingwood Environmental Planning)
- 2017
- Gender Equality and the SDGs – analytical background paper for UN Women (associate author with Sylvia Beales)
 - UNDP Position Paper on Ageing and the Sustainable Development Goals (associate author with Sylvia Beales)
- 2016
- Sustainable Development Goals Baseline Survey for British Council (associate author/consultant with Collingwood Environmental Planning)
 - Consultancy support on advocacy for Jesuit Missions (Great Britain)
- 2015
- Consultancy support to Jesuit Missions (Great Britain) focusing on conflict minerals
- 2014
- Survey of CAFOD programmes in which access to land is an issue (April)
 - Survey of issues raised by gold mining in Guyana (January 2014 – Jesuit Missions).
- 2013-15
- Consultant to Jesuit Missions in ongoing advocacy on conflict minerals: meetings in Bilbao and Brussels with partner organisations; with groups working on mining in UK; and with British government. This work culminated in the European Parliament vote in May 2015 which rejected the proposal of the European Commission, as amended by International Trade Committee, and called for mandatory due diligence by companies sourcing minerals from DRC.

- 2012-13 • Report on the implications of land leases in Sierra Leone for export crops, focusing on the Addax bio-energy project. Research and visit in May 2012.
 - Researched and wrote advocacy and policy documents for CAFOD 'Hungry for Change' Campaign in lead-up to 2013 G8
 - Overview and case studies of public private partnerships (for CAFOD).
 - Europeaid Concept Note (for Africa Platform for Social Protection).
- 2011 • Analysis of development indicators (for CAFOD).
 - Parliamentary advocacy, influence and profile (for Concern UK).
 - Evaluation of HelpAge International's Irish Aid block grant programme in four countries (Colombia, Ghana, Jamaica & Uganda).
 - Agriculture, food and livelihoods – paper commissioned by CAFOD for Nairobi workshop on food security – June 2011.
- 2010 • Urban water and sanitation manifesto (for WaterAid; drafting).
 - Directed research project on bottom-up tracking of aid resources in Nicaragua (for Development Initiatives)
 - Rights and Development; Economic Development (Journal of the Institute of Economic Affairs), Volume 30, No 3, October 2010.
 - Aid: quantity and quality; Comment is Free; The Guardian, 22 April 2010
- 2009 • School's Out Forever: Why the G20 must act to help poor countries hit by the financial crisis (CAFOD, September 2009)
 - Inter-regional project: How to strengthen social protection coverage in the context of the European Union Agenda on decent work and promoting employment in the informal economy extending social protection: An Issues Paper (for ILO - ILO/EU/INT/R.39).
- 2008 • Decent Work and Social Protection in Six Countries (for ILO- ILO/EU/INT/R.38).
 - Investing in Social Protection in Africa (for HelpAge International).
 - Mid-term review of EC funded project, Support for organisational strengthening in key civil society networks in Ethiopia (For CAFOD Trocaire SCIAF, Ethiopia, July 2008).
 - Mining companies and investors: managing risk (CAFOD, May 2008).
 - How Green is my Budget? (for Thinking Faith: online journal of the British Jesuits).
 - Campaigning in 2008: Government Policy and Coherence (CAFOD, February 2008).
- 2007 • Led UK/Canadian parliamentary delegation to Honduras to investigate gold mining.

Unpaid posts

- Board member – INTRAC (Oxford, UK). Ended after six years in December 2018
- Board member – Latin America Bureau (London)
- Member – London Mining Network
- Member – UK EITI Committee (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative)