

Ross Hendry

Profile

A strategic leader with over two decades of transformational work in senior leadership positions across national charities and public sector organisations. Always seeking to lead work that improves the lives of disadvantaged, marginalised, or exploited groups, and passionate about promoting virtue and convicted civility in public life, the development of young leaders of character for the public square, and provide biblical, credible, evidence based, public policy solutions to policy makers and influencers.

Career History

November 2021 to present

Chief Executive

CARE (Christian Action Research and Education)

CARE is a Christian public policy institute and think-tank based in Westminster working across the UK Parliament and devolved administrations. It seeks to transform society by renewing politics, working directly with politicians and policy makers, and churches to empower their engagement and action. CARE also runs a highly respected leadership programme for young graduates interested in the public square.

August 2014 to October 2021

Chief Executive

Spurgeons children's charity

Led a charity of 400+ staff and 200+ volunteers and 75+ projects working with vulnerable young people and families struggling families across England. Many were public services, and all were based on community engagement, young people's participation, and co-production principles. Projects included family hubs and centres, work with girls in gangs, young people with mental health problems, work in prisons with prisoners and their families, and families experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse.

June 2009 to July 2014

Deputy Chief Executive

Office of the Children's Commissioner for England

The Children's Commissioner for England is a statutory position who is tasked with promoting and protecting children's human rights. It is the equivalent of a Children's Ombudsman in other nations, and in England has the power to require institutions and individuals to share information, conduct official inquiries and individuals to provide evidence under oath.

The role of Deputy Chief Executive was responsible for research, public policy, government relations, campaigns, inquiries, publications, and participation work with children and young people.

Sept 2006 to June 2009 Head of Public Policy, Action for Children

Responsible for a UK wide public policy team who undertook research, policy, public affairs and campaigning. This included managing policy and staff in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Oct. 2001 – Sept. 2006 Senior Policy and Campaign Officer, UNISON

Led the union's policy and campaign work on public sector reform, devolution and regional agenda, education, and poverty.

**April 1999 – Sept. 2001 Policy Officer,
Association of London Government**

Coordinating pan-London transport and environment projects, bringing local authorities together, and working with the GLA, mayor and Government Office.

**Jan. 1997 – Mar. 1999 Research Officer, Centre for the Analysis of Social
Exclusion, LSE**

Researched and co-authored book on funding formula and how the Government allocates resources in education, primary health and housing.

Other current non-paid positions

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| 2019 – present | Trustee/ Member of
YMCA England and Wales National Council |
| 2016 – 2022 | PCC member, All Souls church, Langham Place
Children's Champion, and Deputy Church Warden.
Ergon Fellowship (creator and leader)
10-month faith and work discipleship programme for young adults. |
| 2015 – 2022 | Trustee, Jubilee Centre, Cambridge
Christian think-tank that has incubated several spin-off organisations and consultancies and established a network of senior policy makers. |
| 2015 – 2021 | Trustee, Children England
Elected position to the representative body for the children's voluntary sector. |
| 2019 – 2021 | Chair, Family Matters Institute |
| 2016-18 | Inspirer for Cross Current Politics Network, IFES Graduate Impact
Discipleship programme for 16 young adults working in government and politics from 12 European countries. |

2010 to 2014

Chair, Anti Bullying Alliance

Alliance of over 50 charities acting together in representing the issue of childhood bullying to Government.

Other qualifications

- Fluent first language Welsh speaker
- Health and Safety; Data protection and security (including readiness for GDPR)
- Enhanced Safeguarding Training
- Public sector Accounting Officer training
- Advanced media training
- Advanced project management (PRINCE and MS Project)
- Company Secretary and various good governance training
- Trained facilitator

Education

1995 - '96	MSc (Econ Hist)	The London School of Economics and Political Sciences (ESRC scholarship)
1992 - '95	BSc (Econ.)	The London School of Economics and Political Sciences

Interests and skills

Cooking, rugby, cricket, historical fiction, watching TV detective series.