



Lord Puttnam of Queensgate, CBE President Of Unicef UK was educated in London at Minchenden Grammar School, and completed his education through evening classes at City and Guilds, London.

After ten years in the advertising industry, he spent thirty years as an independent film producer. His many award winning films include *The Mission*, *the Killing Fields*, *Local Hero*, *Chariots of Fire*, *Midnight Express*, *Bugsy Malone*, and *The Memphis Belle*. He was Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Pictures from 1986 to 1988 - the only non-American ever to run a Hollywood Studio.

He retired from film production in 1998 to focus on his work in education. He was Chancellor of the University of Sunderland from 1998 to July 2007, and recently became Chancellor of the Open University. He was the founder (in 1998) and is Chair of Trustees of the National Teaching Awards. In addition to having served as the first Chair of the General Teaching Council for England (2000-2002), he has also served on a variety of other public bodies. He was founding Chair of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, and for ten years chaired the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. He was also Vice President and Chair of Trustees at BAFTA from 1994 to 2004, and was awarded a BAFTA Fellowship in 2006.

In February 2006 he became Deputy Chairman of Channel Four, in April 2006 Chairman of Futurelab and in April 2007, Chairman of Profero. Also in April 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the Climate Change Bill's Joint-Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee. His most recent appointment is as Chairman of the North Music Trust Board at The Sage Gateshead.

In July 2002, he was appointed President of UNICEF UK, and has played a key role in promoting UNICEF's advocacy, awareness and fundraising objectives. In the UK he has been instrumental in helping to forge new fundraising partnerships within the film, music and property industries, and has spoken at numerous events. Awarded a CBE in 1982, he received a Knighthood in 1995 and was appointed to the House of Lords in 1997. In France he has been honoured as a Chevalier ('85), Officer ('92) and, most recently (2006) Commander of Arts and Letters.

An excellent speaker, he has been called an energizer, a visionary, an old-fashioned patriot and a passionate believer in finding and nurturing excellence

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