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Dr. Alma Harris, FRSA, has held Professorial posts at the University of Warwick, Institute of Education, University College London, the University of Malaya and latterly, the University of Bath. She is internationally known for her research and writing on educational leadership and school improvement. In 2009–2012, she was seconded to the Welsh Government as a senior policy adviser to assist with the process of system-wide reform. She co-led the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) programme with Dr. Michelle Jones, and also led on the development and implementation of a Master's qualification for all newly qualified teachers in Wales. Since 2009, she has worked for the World Bank contributing to development and research programmes aimed at supporting schools in challenging contexts in Russia. Professor Harris is a Visiting Professor at the Moscow Higher School of Economics. Dr. Harris is Past President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and School Improvement (ICSEI), which is an organisation dedicated to enhancing quality and equity in education. In January 2016, she received the ICSEI honorary lifetime award. She was appointed as an international adviser to the First Minister (Scottish Government) in 2016.



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