

## **Professor Dr Ger Graus OBE**

**Prof Dr Ger Graus OBE**, an iconic figure in the field of education.

A renowned expert on educational innovation and community engagement, he was the first Global Director of Education at the world-famous children's entertainment-education company, KidZania, and founding CEO of the Children's University. With his extensive experience at the very highest level of the learning industry, Professor Graus is a much sought-after advisor for organisations globally on the future direction of education. Driven by his famous mantra that "Children can only aspire to what they know exists" Professor Graus champions the cause of creativity, progress, equity, and innovation in children's learning.

Dr Graus is a Visiting Professor at the National Research University, Moscow, Russia. He is a member of Bett's Global Education Council; DIDAC India's Advisory Board; Junior Achievement's Worldwide Global Council; he chairs the Beaconhouse School System's Advisory Board, Pakistan; advises the Fondazione Reggio Children, Italy, as well as, globally, the Independent Schools Partnership; and he has been invited to help shape the future of education in Dubai as a member of the Dubai Future Councils.

Prof Graus moved to the United Kingdom in 1983 where he began his teaching career, later becoming a Senior Inspector, and Education Director.

In the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours List Ger Graus was made an Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to children. In his book 'Natural Born Learners', Alex Beard says: "In learning terms, Ger Graus is Jean-Jacques Rousseau meets Willy Wonka."

