

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Employment:	Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University
Date of Birth:	23 August 1963
Nationality:	British
Languages:	English (native), Spanish (basic)
Thematic Experience:	ICT4D, Digital Development, Participatory Action Research
Geographic Expertise:	Central America, sub-Saharan Africa, S.E.Asia

OVERVIEW

Dr. Tony Roberts is a Research Fellow in the Digital and Development team at the Institute of Development Studies. He has been working at the intersection of social justice, digital technologies and international development since 1988 as a volunteer, practitioner, trustee, lecturer and researcher. After lecturing for four years in New Technology and Education at the University of East London, Tony founded and directed two international development agencies. He led Coda International and then Computer Aid International for more than a decade each. Tony then consolidated 25 years of field experience and learning into doctoral research with women experiencing gender injustice in Zambia employing participatory video and participatory action research. He joined IDS after one year as a Research Fellow in the Gender Technology Lab of the United Nations University, Computing and Society research institute (UNU-CS). His research focuses on participation, power and technology as means to social justice and equitable development and has been published in the form of peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, conference papers and book reviews.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2011 – 2015	PhD: Critical-Agency in ICT4D: a case study of women's use of participatory video technology to challenge gender inequality. Royal Holloway, University of London.
1994 – 1995	PGDip in Organisational Development & Training University of Leicester.
1987 – 1990	Bsc (Hons) New Technology & Education University of East London

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2016 – Present	Fellow , Institute of Development Studies, UK
2015 – 2016	Research Fellow , United Nations University, Macau
1997 – 2010	Founder & CEO , Computer Aid International Provision of ICTs to non-profits in 100+ countries. Strategic oversight of monitoring and evaluation, strategic management, leadership, initiating new country programmes in 20

countries in African and Latin America.
Recruiting staff team of 50, managing £2m annual turnover

1989 – 1997 **co-Founder & Director**, Coda International
Institutional Development of Community-based organisations,
Fundraising, Project Management, M&E, Organisational Development

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

1989 – 1997	Co-designed, fundraised, and project managed a series of institutional capacity building programmes for community based organisation with the Movimiento Communal Nicaraguense and with the South African National Civic Organisation.
1997 – 2010	Established an African HQ in Nairobi and recruited a team of eight staff that developed country programmes in 20 sub-Saharan African countries providing ICT4D. He also initiated and maintained the relationships with Computers for Schools Kenya and Todo Chilenter providing 50,000 computers to schools in Kenya and Chile alone.
Various	Served for four years as Trustee and Director on the founding Board of BOND the British Overseas NGOs for Development. Also a Founding Trustee & Director of the Restart Project and co-Founder of the online conferencing organisation Web Gathering.

PUBLICATIONS

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