Harry Shier: Biographical notes

Born Belfast, Ireland. — 1954 1958-72 —	Educated Friends' School Lisburn and R Academical Institution.	Royal Belfast
Graduates in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from	 Working on adventure playgrounds in 	South-East London.
Starts Playtrain in Birmingham — 1981	UK National Playing Fields Associated Playgrounds, an introduction".	ation (NPFA) publishes "Adventure
NPFA publishes "Computers in children's play, a creative approach with Logo".		nit" in Australia, discovers the UN Convention cally Article 31: the child's right to play.
Awarded Winston Churchill Travelling	On return to UK, founds the "Article	31 Action Network".
Fellowship. Researches "Innovations in antiracist and multicultural work with children in the USA".	Playtrain publishes "The Article 3 Rights and Children's Play".	31 Action Pack: Children's
Develops the Article 31 Children's	National Representative Association for the 0	and UK Branch Chair of the International Child's Right to Play, IPA
	06-2000	
to act as expert consultants to cultural and recreational institutions throughout the UK.		screen-printing workshop in a suitcase dish Northern Iraq as community arts
restructional motifications imaginate the Str.		Nines Advisory Group. While there
Joint Co-ordinator "Kids Against Racism", Birmingham	n. 1997 – under armed g	uard for his own protection – designs
Coordinates "Playfest 2000": IDA Millennium project	and runs a trainii	ng programme for local Kurdish rs on using community arts techniques
Coordinates "Playfest 2000": IPA Millennium project bringing together children from the five countries of Brita and Ireland in a creative celebration of the right to play.	ain to protect childre	n and families from land-mines.
kids seized control of Cardiff Town Hall for a weekend.		agua, Central America, to work for
Cives keynete address "Sailing the Seven Cive	Environment, in	Centre for Education in Health and Matagalpa. Co-ordinates impact evaluation,
Gives keynote address, "Sailing the Seven C's: A child's journey into the Future", at biannual		g and staff development programmes.
conference of Network of Community Activities, Sydney, Australia.	"Pathways to Pa	rticipation" published in the UK.
Attacked, beaten and robbed late one night in Matagalpa. Severely beaten about the head resulting in fractured skull, and left for dead by the side of the	injuries are untre medical help, so	recuperation, but specialists advise head attable. Makes a good recovery without ells home in UK and returns to Nicaragua
road. Is still alive (barely) when found at dawn the	2003 to continue wo	ork with CESESMA.
next morning and rushed to hospital. Acquires permanent residence in Nicaragua. Becomes	Develop for y	s and co-ordinates training programme oung community education activists
permanent member of CESESMA co-ordinating team.		omotores/as).
Marries María de los Ángeles Espinoza.	2004-07	Coordinates "Children's Rights Develop-
Member of Nicaraguan National Coordinating Council o		ment Partnership" between CESESMA
working with children (CODENI): works with Non-Violen Commission and in promotion of children's participation		and Irish teachers' union INTO.
Commission and in promotion of children's participation		Awarded Practitioner Fellowship at
Member of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Int Expert Group, advising on final draft of General Comme on the child's right to be heard.		University of the West of England as part of ESRC "Non-Governmental Public Action" research programme.
on the child's right to be heard.		"Pathways to Participation Revisited"
"Pathways to Participation" now one of the most widel for analysing children and youth participation around the		published in UK, with new ideas drawing on Nicaraguan experience.
"An interview with Harry Shier" published in Internatio of Children's Rights.	nal Journal 2010	Swedish translation of "Pathways to Participation" published.
"Children as Public Actors, Navigating the Tensions		Coordinates CESESMA's input in
Gives keynote at International Children and Youth Rese conference in Preston UK, "Children and young people	earch Network 2011-1	piloting Save the Children's Toolkit for Monitoring and Evaluating
transformative researchers in Nicaragua".	201	Children's Participation.
Starts PhD studentship at Queen's University Belfast, reperceptions of rights in rural schools in Nicaragua.	esearching children's >	for members of UN Committee
Facilitates Playboard Young Researchers Team in Belfaright to play in Northern Ireland after the UN General Co		"How children and young people
Visiting Scholar at Macquarie University, Sydney, Austra	alia —	published in UK.
Learning and Development Officer at Misean Cara, Dub	oiiri, iroiaria	Awarded PhD
		Researcher on COVISION project, University College
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