

# **Prof. Alan Walker**

**Professor of Social Policy and Social Gerontology at University of Sheffield**

Sheffield, , GB

Professor Alan Walker was the Director of FUTURAGE, the European Research Area in Ageing and The UK New Dynamics of Ageing Programme

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## **Biography**

Professor Alan Walker is Professor of Social Policy and Social Gerontology at the University of Sheffield, UK. He has directed several path breaking UK and European research initiatives including MOPACT (Mobilising the potential of active ageing in Europe), New Dynamics of Ageing Programme, INNOVAGE Project, The Growing Older Programme, European Research Area in Ageing and FUTURAGE.

He is co-founder and Chair of the European Foundation on Social Quality. He was a leading member of the Technical Committee responsible for drafting the UN Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing. Previously he chaired the European Commission's Observatory on Ageing and Older People. He has been researching and writing on aspects of ageing and social policy for more than 40 years. Recent books include The New Science of Ageing, The Political Economy of Ageing and Later Life, Active Ageing in Asia and Social Quality, From Theory to Indicators. He has held visiting Chairs in Canada, China, Israel and Japan. As well as being a scientist Alan Walker is an active participant in older people's organisations as patron of the UK National Pensioners' Convention and the Greater London Forum for Older People. He also chaired the Sheffield Fairness Commission 2012-13 and continues to chair the Fairer Sheffield Campaign Group.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Policy, Gerontology, Social Quality, Quality of Life

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Commander of the Order of the British Empire**

The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire is the "order of chivalry of British constitutional monarchy", rewarding contributions to the arts and sciences, work with charitable and welfare organisations and public service outside the Civil Service.

### **Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award**

Presented to Professor Alan Walker by the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sheffield, 2014.

### **ESRC Impact Champion**

Economic and Social Research Council's first Impact Champion

**Medal and Honorary Diploma for Advances in Gerontology and Geriatrics**  
European Association of Gerontology's first Medal and Honorary Diploma

**British Society of Gerontology's Annual Outstanding Achievement Award 2007**  
First recipient of British Society of Gerontology's Annual Outstanding Achievement Award

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