

**Dr Ziba Vaghri** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria. She has over two decades of diverse international experience on children's health and development as well as a strong track record with various UN agencies (WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO and CRC). She is currently Co-Chair of the Global Reference Group on Accountability to Children, a global network of child rights professionals operating under the auspices of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child..

In 2008 Ziba and late Professor Hertzman (OC), co-founded the International Program of HELP at UBC where she served as the Program Director until 2014. This program served as the secretariat of a large international project and, under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, developed the indicators of General Comment 7. Under her initiative and leadership, these child rights monitoring indicators were digitized and the Early Childhood Rights Indicators (ECRI) was created. Since then, she has spearheaded the pilot of ECRI in different countries.

Ziba's current interest is in taking a rights-based approach to children's health through facilitating compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. She is the recent recipient of the Scholar Award from Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and intends to use this award and continue her work with UN Committee to create GlobalChild; a global child rights monitoring tool.

**Dr. Nancy Bell**, Adjunct Professor, University of Victoria, is a researcher/consultant who specializes in children's human rights. She has worked for governments (BC, Scotland); universities; the BC Children's Commission; the Scottish Human Rights Commission; non-profit organizations; the BC Representative for Children and Youth's Office; and the Canadian Council of Provincial Child and Youth Advocacy. In the 1990's, while working for the BC Ministry of Attorney General, she conducted a systemic investigation into the institutional abuse of children, who were hearing impaired.

In Scotland, she conducted an investigation into the historical abuse of children in residential establishments and advised the Scottish Human Rights Commission on human rights considerations regarding a subsequent process for adult survivors of childhood abuse. Her work has focused on practices, policies and law particular to children in vulnerable circumstances and incorporated children's human rights and multidisciplinary perspectives. She has written about children's access to justice; children and public services 'complaints' processes; the relevance of documentation to children in state care; and research ethics in child research. She has taught university classes and presented at conferences. Her current research interests relate to human rights violations, children's access to justice and rights-based redress mechanisms for children.