



### Biography – short version

Richard has over 17 years experience in a variety of roles and can bring a fresh perspective to your organisation's plans or a specific event.

After graduating with a degree in Politics at the University of Liverpool, Richard worked for BBC local radio and then began a career in PR starting as a press officer for Greater Manchester Police. His career broadened over the next 10 years to include roles editing publications, leading teams and managing events at an FE college, a large County Council and a private PR agency.

In 2003 he received a post-graduate certificate in Communications Management (at Thames Valley University) and which gained him Membership of the Institute of Public Relations.

From 2005 to 2008 Richard was Corporate Affairs Manager for T-Mobile- dealing with political and community issues in Northern England and Scotland. He then moved into the charity sector to VMM, a faith-based international development charity as Regional Manager involved in recruitment and development.

More recently, since 2010 Richard has been sharing his time between being secretary of the Catholic Missionary Union and projects for religious congregations- most notably the trial project 'geo-house' for the Montfort Missionaries at their premises in Hampshire. In June 2012 he launched his own training and consultancy business called 'enkindle' – specialising in support for charities and faith groups.

In 2012 Richard led a workshop at the Southampton Celebrate Conference on Lay Participation and provided an orientation programme for twelve overseas clergy to prepare them for ministry in the UK.

*The photograph above shows Richard during the pilgrimage he planned and led to Iona in the Scotland in 2011.*

