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Brent spent the first ten years of his career working as a teacher in South London. He then moved into higher education and now works exclusively on leadership and management development programmes for senior and middle managers in schools. He was Director of the International MBA in School Leadership at Leeds Metropolitan University. He then moved to the University of Lincolnshire and Humberside to establish the first Chair in Educational Leadership and create the International Educational Leadership Centre in Lincoln. He moved to the University of Hull in 2000 to establish the International Leadership Centre. In 2004 he moved within the University to become a research professor in leadership development at the Hull University Business School.

He has published extensively with 20 books and 70 articles on leadership and management, his recent books include: *The New 'Strategic Direction and Development of the School'* (2003, RoutledgeFalmer), *'The Handbook of Educational Leadership and Management'* (2003, Pearson), *'School Leadership in the 21st Century'* (2004, RoutledgeFalmer) and *'The Essentials of School Leadership'* (2005, Sage), *Leading the Strategically Focused School* (2006, Sage), *Developing Sustainable Leadership* (2007, Sage). He has two current research interests. First, strategy and strategic leadership, focusing on creating the strategically focused school, he is a national and international expert on this topic and works in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and USA with educational leaders developing strategy. Second, he is researching in the USA and the UK the emerging public/private sector in education.