

Professor Michael Freeman: A Tribute

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Michael was always kind and encouraging. He stirred up new ideas and brought people together, through the fruitful international multidisciplinary conferences he arranged and through his inspired editing of books and journals. He has done so much to promote real practical and academic understanding and respect for children's rights. I'm grateful to have been involved with the ijcr editorial board from the start, and with Michael's help to publish a paper on children's consent to heart surgery in the first volume. When I returned to Great Ormond Street 34 years later to repeat the research, it was very good to meet Vivien Freeman who was working with the chaplains and who kindly introduced me to them. Children around the world, many of them now adults, owe so much to Michael.

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