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Winner of the BERA SAGE Public Impact Awards announced

London, UK (September 17, 2015). Today **SAGE** and **BERA** are delighted to announce that Professor Robin Alexander, Chair of the Cambridge Primary Review Trust, is this year's winner of the newly launched [BERA SAGE Public Impact Awards](#). Celebrating a researcher or a policy maker who has shown demonstrable impact with their work, the award recognises the important impact of research and practice in the education community.

As leader of the Cambridge Primary Review (CPR) and the subsequent Cambridge Primary Review Trust (CPRT), Robin Alexander has stood as an advocate for English primary education for half a century as well as being a key researcher in pedagogy, policy and comparative education. The CPR combined the rigour and procedures of educational research with the aspirations and public face of a commission of enquiry, and remains the biggest and most comprehensive investigation of its type since the Plowden Report of 1967.

"I'm delighted that the significance of the Cambridge Primary Review has been recognised by this important new award," commented Alexander. "It's nearly ten years since CPR began its campaign to bring independent evidence to bear on key questions about what is and what ought to be in primary education. The Review's real and lasting impact has been clearly seen among teachers and in CPRT's regional networks and alliance of schools dedicated to realising CPR's vision. But we continue to collect and assess evidence, and by next year will have 12 new research reports alongside the completion of a major 'what works' project with the Educational Endowment Foundation. Our thanks to BERA and SAGE for launching this award and for recognising our work."

For 7 years SAGE has partnered with BERA to support a series of awards to encourage the application of research in practice, and the launch of this new award is an exciting step in a long collaborative history to further promote the importance of educational research.

Nick Johnson, Executive Director of BERA, commented:

"The Cambridge Primary Review and its successor The Cambridge Review Trust are fantastic endeavours that under Robin's careful guidance and leadership have had a profound impact on primary schools in England, their teachers and their students. Our partnership with SAGE to jointly sponsor this award is an important way to recognise the value that important research projects like Robin's have within the community and we are delighted to be able to honour this achievement."

Clive Parry, Global Vice-President of Marketing at SAGE, stated:

"At SAGE we are dedicated to ensuring that scholarship, education and research has the biggest possible impact within the wider community. We are thrilled to once again partner with BERA to champion this value, working together to further encourage the application of research in practice. We are very pleased to be able to recognise the impact of Robin's achievement and we offer our congratulations for this remarkable project."

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