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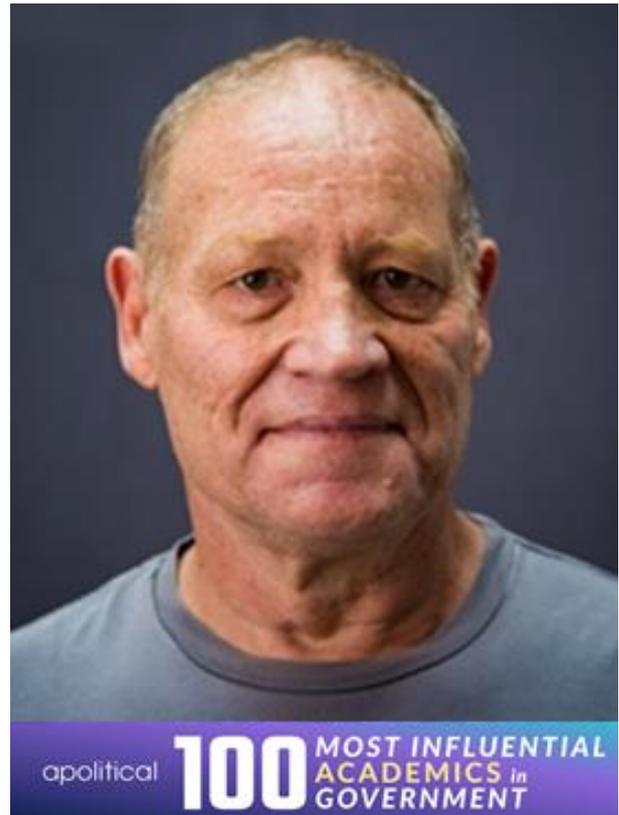
Putting young children first

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Cape Town's Own, Professor Eric Atmore, named one of the World's Top 100 Most Influential Academics in Government

Professor Eric Atmore, Director of the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Extraordinary Associate Professor in the Department of Education Policy Studies at the University of Stellenbosch, has been named one of the Top 100 Most Influential Academics in Government, across the globe.

The list, put out by Apolitical (a global learning platform for government, allowing public servant to share best practice and policy globally, in order to solve the greatest challenges facing society) recognises academics whose work and research on policy helps to make governments more effective. Nominations came from across the globe, from local and national government officials, international organisations, non-profit organisation, and individuals from a variety of countries looking to recognise the hard work of academics who have been influential in their fields thereby effecting change.



Speaking about his inclusion in the Top 100 list, Professor Atmore said: "In being recognised by the global Apolitical organisation for the work that has been done as an early childhood development (ECD) activist in South Africa, it is important to be aware of the close to 180,000 ECD teachers and other workers that fight everyday for young children's right to quality early education opportunities in our country. It is always heartening to hear that your activism and research is of value to public officials, the ECD sector and other activists."

Eric has worked in the non-profit sector for 40 years, and has lectured at various universities and consulted to a range of non-profit organisations around South Africa. He has published extensively, including refereed and peer-reviewed articles, chapters in books and conference proceedings and numerous articles in the popular media. Eric completed his PhD in 2019 on "An Interpretive Analysis of the Early Childhood Development Policy Trajectory in Post-apartheid South Africa".

Across his various roles, Professor Atmore uses his research in the field of early childhood development and education to advocate for young children's access to quality early education throughout South Africa. He works with and speaks up to government officials across all spheres of government - local, provincial and national; without fear. He uses his research to back up his advocacy work - and is always on the front line of education issues in South Africa; working and urging government departments to achieve the best possible outcomes for young South Africa children.

You can view the full Top 100 list on [Apolitical's website](#).

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The Centre for Early Childhood Development is a Non-Profit Organisation established in 1994, which is committed to putting young children first by ensuring quality care and education for our country's young children. CECD works with communities to enhance their skills and capacity in ECD services using a developmental, sustainable, respectful and empowering approach. CECD envisions a country in which all children have access to quality early learning, the key to reversing the cycle of poverty.

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