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Nancy Hey is a global leader in the field of wellbeing. In 2014 she set up the What Works Centre for Wellbeing, the UK's national body for wellbeing evidence and practice aiming to understand what governments, business, communities, and people can do to improve wellbeing. The Centre is the first of its kind in the world and works with the OECD, over 18 universities across the UK and in partnership with HM Government, Business and Civil Society. She holds a wide range of advisory roles past and present across sectors and around the world including as Expert Advisor to the House of Lords Life Beyond Covid Committee. Prior to setting up the Centre, she worked in the UK Civil Service as a policy professional and coach, delivering cross Government policies including on Constitutional Reform. She has worked with the UK's top Civil Servants to introduce wellbeing into public policy and to establish the professional policy community in the UK. She has degrees in Law and in Coaching & Development and is a passionate advocate for learning. Nancy is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Leadership Fellow with the St George's House Windsor Castle Society of Leadership Fellows.

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