

## **CAROL BELLAMY**

Carol Bellamy was born and raised in New York, USA. After completing studies at Gettysburg College, she served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala between 1963 and 1965. She then obtained a law degree from the New York University School of Law in 1968, and shortly thereafter began working for the City of New York as assistant commissioner. For the next 14 years, Carol Bellamy worked in public service, first as Senator for the 25<sup>th</sup> district in the New York State Senate, and then as the first female president of the New York City Council, elected in 1978. During her tenure (1978-1985), she was trustee of the city's largest pension fund and a board member of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Carol Bellamy then went on to fill leading roles in the financial services sector, first as principal of the tax-exempt securities division at Morgan Stanley, and then as managing director of Bear Stearns. In 1993, she returned to public service, nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate as director of the U.S. Peace Corps. Carol Bellamy was the first Peace Corps head to have also been a Peace Corps volunteer. Under her leadership, between 1993 and 1995, the number of volunteers reached its highest level since 1972, with more than 7,000 volunteers in 90 countries.

In 1995, Carol Bellamy was appointed by the United Nations secretary general as global head of UNICEF, the world's leading organization for children and families, with more than 9,000 staff working in 158 nations around the world. During her two five-year terms, UNICEF's income increased by 70%, the organization's capacity to respond to humanitarian emergencies was strengthened, and, with UNICEF's support, the UN General Assembly convened a special session on children at which over 180 governments were represented.

Since 2005, Carol Bellamy has been president and CEO of the non-profit organization World Learning, a global leader in international education, training, exchange and development, with programmes in over 75 countries.