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dale spender has been an author, a feminist and an educator (and public speaker) for most of her life. She started her career as a high school teacher, went on to become a university



lecturer (at James Cook), and received her PhD from the University of London. She has lectured at many universities at home and overseas (including MIT and Cambridge) and given more than 300 international keynote addresses. She has authored/edited more than 30 books, founded academic journals, written and presented television programs (BBC and ABC), and is a regular (and sometimes controversial) commentator in newspapers and other media. She has presented more than 300 international keynotes and is currently writing a book CHANGING MINDS: THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION.

She has been a director of her own business (AHOOT – AHead Of Our Time) and has served on numerous boards and advisory bodies in the public and private sector. A former Chair of CAL (Copyright Agency Limited) she has always been fascinated by the realities of Intellectual Property (IP) and has been a keen observer of the way the IP regime has been transformed by the digital revolution, and in the winners and losers. For the last 10 years she has concentrated on studying the changes in the practice of online writing (and reading) and on developing a model of digital authorship for education and learning, along with the implications for teacher training. (She has written a range of reports on these issues.)

She is also a founding member of the Second Chance Programme which raises money for homeless women.