



**SIGFUS JONSSON**

Planning Consultant, self-employed

**Personal data:**

Born in Akureyri, Iceland in 1951. Married with two grown up children and 5 grandchildren.

Nationality: Icelandic

**Education:**

Ph.D. Economic geography, Univ. of Newcastle upon Tyne, England, 1981.

M.A. Urban geography and planning. University of Durham, England, 1976.

B. Sc. Geography, University of Iceland, 1973.  
Memorial University of Newfoundland 1982-1983:  
Post-doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

MA course in Mediterranean Studies at the University of Malta 2017-2018.

**Summary of experiences:**

Regional development planning in Iceland and Newfoundland, 1978-1984.

Town manager of Skagaströnd 1984-1986 and Akureyri, 1986-1990.

Consultant on local government, urban and regional planning, 1990-2000.

Developer and manager of property development and PPP projects in Iceland 1999-2007 and the UK, 2007-2009.

Manager, planner and project developer in Malta 2010-2018. Self-employed consultant in Iceland since 2019.

**Core competences:**

Local government management, planning and local economic development.

Urban and regional planning.

Project development and management of property development plans involving complex land-use, infrastructure, commercial and residential buildings.

Economic development initiatives, planning and project finance.

**Management consulting and project experience:**

1991-1993 A chairman and chief advisor of a government committee on local government reform in Iceland.

1993 - 1995 Chairman of a committee supervising the "pilot communes" experimental project, involving 12 municipalities.

1993 - 1995 Chief consultant on the restructuring of a power company in western Iceland.

1995 Project manager for the merging of two large hospitals in Reykjavík.

1996 Project manager for the Ministry of Finance on a special project aimed at reducing budget deficit in Iceland.

1995 Consultant for the World Bank in Lithuania.

1995-1996 Consultant on local government reform in Latvia.

1996-1997 Chief advisor to the City of Reykjavík on local economic development strategy.

1997-2000 Consultant on an Icelandic aquaculture project in Nova Scotia, Canada.

1998-2004 Environmental impact assessment analysis and report on an aluminium plant built in East Iceland.

1998-2001 Project manager of an inter-municipal urban development plan for the Reykjavik City Region.

2001-2002 A member of a special advisory committee and a consultant to the Icelandic government on the regional policy and plan for Iceland 2002-2006.

1999-2009 Project manager and developer of various property and infrastructural development projects in Iceland and the UK.

**Project Experience:**

2007-2009: Lead project developer and Chairman of the SPV on the 3R's schools project in Aberdeen, Scotland, a PPP project involving the building, financing, operation and transfer of 10 schools and 1 sports complex. Capital investment £130m.

2006-2009: Lead the acquisition of a PFI project involving four schools in North Yorkshire in 2005. Chairman of the SPV NYOP Education (Yorkshire) Limited 2006- 2009. Client: North Yorkshire County Council.

2005-2009: Chairman of NYOP Ruthin Limited, an SPV for a PFI project in Ruthin, Denbigshire, Wales. The project involved a refurbished town hall, an office block and corporate store. The buildings were rented to the local council and facilities management services provided. Client: Denbigshire Council.

2008-2009: Board member of Aston Student Villages Ltd. in the UK, a charity set up to develop student accommodation under a PFI scheme at Aston University.

2006: Led the acquisition on behalf of Nysir UK Limited for 69% of the shares in Operon, a major facility management company in the UK.

2004-2006: Bid manager for two PFI projects in Scotland. One involving 4 schools in Carnoustie and 3 in Forfar for Angus Council. The other project involved three schools at Earlston, Duns and Eymouth for the Scottish Borders Council.  
2004-2008: Member of the bid and development team for the prestigious East Harbour PFI

Project in Reykjavik. It involved Harpa national concert and conference centre, hotel, car parking and development of the waterfront.

2000-2005: Member of the bid and development team for c. 10 PFI projects in Iceland, involving mainly schools and sports and leisure centres.

2010-2019: Led the acquisition of MTS Consulting in Malta and the establishment of FMcore, a facility services company, with In21 Group Ltd as a holding company. Chairman of the holding company and all operating companies. Participated in various property development projects in Malta, United Arab Emirates and Libya, including Palm City in Tripoly and Smart City in Malta.

**Board membership (public sector):**

1985-1987 A member of the board of directors of the Regional Development Institute.

1986-1990 The chairman of the executive council of Akureyri City.

1992-1997 Chairman of the board of directors of the Icelandic Technological Institute, appointed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

1993-1994 Chairman of an ad hoc committee on the public financial support of new ventures in Iceland, appointed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

1993-1994 Chairman of an advisory committee on the finances of district heating systems in Iceland, appointed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

1994-Present Member of the advisory committee for the North Atlantic Small Islands Program, at the Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island.

1995-1996 Member of the board of the Reykjavik City Hospital.

1997-1998 Member of the board of Reykjavik Primary Health Care Services.

1997-2001 Member of the board of the National Power Company (Landsvirkjun).