

## Biography

Vinod Raina, a physicist by profession, resigned from Delhi University to devote full time to grassroots work. He was one of the pioneers of the People's Science Movement in India that attempts to empower people to plan and implement their own developmental ideas and needs, so as to reverse the trickle-down paradigm of development. He was founding member of Eklavya, an NGO which has been advocating alternative education for more than two decades, whose curriculum was adopted in the state school educational system. Vinod had helped set up the All-India People's Science Network (AIPSN) and the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti (BGVS). He was a member of the apex educational body of the Government of India, the Central Advisory Board for Education (CABE).

Vinod Raina was a Homi Bhabha Fellow, a Fellow of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, and an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Science Writers Association. A member of ARENA (Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives) Executive Board 1994-2000, he was the Chair of the ARENA Council of Fellows for the term 2003-2006. His involvement with ARENA began after the Bhopal Gas Disaster and the anti-Narmada dams campaign. He helped conceptualize the Victims of Development project and co-edited the subsequent volume *The Dispossessed*. He was also a member of the International Coordination Committee of Jubilee South; a member of the India Organising Committee, and the International Council of the World Social Forum which he had written regularly about.

He served as one of the speakers in the 8th Crossroads in Hong Kong in October 2010, and the First and Second South South Forums on Sustainability in December 2011 and 2012, co-organized by the Department of Cultural Studies, Lingnan University. He taught CUS512E Selected Topics in Cultural Representation and Interpretation : Technology, Sustainability and Education (2006-2007 and 2010-11) in the Master of Cultural Studies Programme, Department of Cultural Studies , Lingnan University.