# **Peter Ware Higgs**

## Date and Place of Birth

29 May 1929 at Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumbria, United Kingdom

### Childhood

Birmingham	1930-1941
• Bristol	1941-1946
Secondary Education	
Halesowen Grammar School, Worcestershire	1940-1941
Cotham Grammar School, Bristol	1941-1946
City of London School	1946-1947
University Education	
King's College, University of London	1947-1954
Degrees	
• BSc (First Class Honours) in Physics	1950
• MSc	1951
• PhD	1954
Professional Career	
<ul> <li>Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 Senior Student –</li> </ul>	
King's College London	1953-1954
University of Edinburgh	1954-1955
<ul> <li>Senior Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh</li> </ul>	1955-1956
<ul> <li>ICI Research Fellow, University of London</li> </ul>	
University College	1956-1957
Imperial College	1957- Dec 1958
<ul> <li>Temporary Lectureship in Mathematics, University College</li> </ul>	Jan 1959-1960
<ul> <li>Lecturer in Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh</li> </ul>	1960-1970
(On leave University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)	(1965-1966)
• Reader in Mathematical Physics, University of Edinburgh	1970-1980

(On leave at CERN, Geneva)	(Oct-Dec 1976)
<ul> <li>Professor of Theoretical Physics, University of Edinburgh</li> </ul>	1980-1996
<ul> <li>Professor Emeritus, University of Edinburgh</li> </ul>	1996-
Fellowships	
• Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (FRSE)	1974
<ul> <li>Fellow of the Royal Society, London (FRS)</li> </ul>	1983
• Fellow of the Institute Of Physics (FInstP)	1991
Fellow of King's College London	1998
<ul> <li>Honorary Fellow of the Institute Of Physics</li> </ul>	1999
<ul> <li>Fellow of the University of Swansea</li> </ul>	2008
<ul> <li>Honorary Fellow of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts</li> </ul>	2013
Honorary Member of the Saltire Society	2013
Honorary Fellow of the Science Museum	2013
Honorary Patron of the James Clerk Maxwell Foundation	2016
Prizes	
Hughes Medal, Royal Society (with T W B Kibble)	1981
• Rutherford Medal, Institute of Physics (with T W B Kibble)	1984
<ul> <li>Scottish Science Award, Saltire Society and Royal Bank of Scotland</li> </ul>	1990
<ul> <li>James Scott Prize Lectureship, Royal Society of Edinburgh (delivered April 1995)</li> </ul>	1993
<ul> <li>Paul Dirac Medal and Prize, Institute of Physics</li> </ul>	1997
<ul> <li>High Energy and Particle Physics Prize, European Physical Society (with R Brout, F Englert)</li> </ul>	1997
<ul> <li>Royal Medal, Royal Society of Edinburgh</li> </ul>	2000
<ul> <li>Wolf Prize in Physics (with R Brout and F Englert)</li> </ul>	2004
<ul> <li>Oskar Klein Memorial Lecture and Medal, Stockholm Academy of Sciences</li> </ul>	2009
<ul> <li>J J Sakurai Prize, American Physical Society (with R Brout, F Englert, G S Guralnik, C R Hagen and T W B Kibble)</li> </ul>	2010
Higgs Medal, Royal Society of Edinburgh	2012
Nonino Prize "Man of Our Time"	2013

<ul> <li>Edinburgh Medal, Edinburgh International Science Festival (with CERN)</li> </ul>	2013
<ul> <li>Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research (with F Englert and CERN)</li> </ul>	2013
• Nobel Prize in Physics (with F Englert)	2013
Galileo Galilei Prize	2014
Copley Medal, Royal Society, London	2015
<ul> <li>Royal Commission for the 1851 Exhibition Commission Medal</li> </ul>	2017
Carla Fendi Foundation Award	2018
Honorary Degrees	
• DSc University of Bristol	1997
DSc University of Edinburgh	1998
• DSc University of Glasgow	2002
DSc King's College London	2009
DSc University College London	2010
DSc University of Cambridge	2012
• DSC Heriot-Watt University	2012
• PhD Scuola Internationale Superiore di Studi Avantzi, Trieste	2013
DSc University of Durham	2013
DSc University of Manchester	2012
• DSc University of St Andrews	2014
• DSc Université Libre de Bruxelles	2014
• DSc University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2015
• DSc Queens University of Belfast	2015
DSc Trinity College Dublin	2016

#### Other Awards

Edinburgh Award, City of Edinburgh	2011
• Member of the Order of Companions of Honour	2013
• Freedom of the City of Bristol	2013
• Freedom of the City of Newcastle	2014
Freedom of the City of Edinburgh	2014

#### **Publications**

- "Theoretical Determination of Electron Density in Organic Molecules" (with C A Coulson, S L Altmann and N H March) Nature <u>168</u> 1039 (1951)
- "Perturbation Method for the Calculation of Molecular Vibration Frequencies I" J. Chem. Phys. <u>21</u> 1131 (1953)
- "A Method for Computing Zero-Point Energies" J. Chem. Phys. 21 1330 (1953)
- "Vibration Spectra of Helical Molecules" Proc. Roy. Soc. A220, 472 (1953)
- "Vibrational Modifications of the Electron Density in Molecular Crystals I" Acta. Cryst. 6 232 (1953)
- "Perturbation Method for the Calculation of Molecular Vibration Frequencies II" J. Chem. Phys. <u>23</u> 1448 (1955)
- "Perturbation Method for the Calculation of Molecular Vibration Frequencies III" J. Chem. Phys. <u>23</u>, 1450 (1955).
- "Vibrational Modifications of the Electron Density in Molecular Crystals II" Acta. Cryst. 8 99 (1955)
- "A Method for Calculating Thermal Vibration Amplitudes from Spectroscopic Data" Acta. Cryst. <u>8</u>
   619 (1955)
- "Vacuum Expectation Values as Sums over Histories" Nuovo Cimento (10) 4 1262 (1956)
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- "Integration of Secondary Constraints in Quantized General Relativity" Phys. Rev. Lett. 1 373 (1958)
- "Integration of Secondary Constraints in Quantized General Relativity" Phys. Rev. Lett. <u>3</u> 66 (1959)
- "Quadratic Lagrangians and General Relativity" Nuovo Cimento (10) 11 816 (1959)
- "Broken Symmetries, Massless Particles and Gauge Fields" Physics Letters 12 132 (1964)508 (1964)

- "Spontaneous Symmetry Breakdown without Massless Bosons" Phys. Rev. <u>145</u> 1156 (1966)
- "Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking" two lectures at the 14<sup>th</sup> Scottish Universities Summer School in Physics, 1973, published in "Phenomenology of Particles at High Energy" 529-552 Academic Press (1974) ISBN 9780121971502
- "Dynamical Symmetries in a Spherical Geometry I" J. Phys. A12 309 (1979)
- "Inventing an Elementary Particle" INFN Eloisatron Project 9th Workshop "Higgs Particles Physics Issues and Experimental Searches in High Energy Collisions", Erice, Italy (15-26 Jul 1989).
   Published in "Higgs Particle(s): Physics Issues and Experimental Searches in High-Energy Collisions" A Ali (ed.) Ettore Majorana International Science Series <u>50</u> 1-5 Plenum Press (1990) ISBN 9780306435898
- "Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking 25 Years Ago" 28th International School of Subnuclear Physics
   "Physics up to 200 TeV", Erice, Italy (Jul 1990). Published in "Physics up to 200 TeV" A Zichichi (ed.)
   The Subnuclear Series 28 439-444 (1990) ISBN 9780306439353
- Panel Session "Spontaneous Breaking of Symmetry" (with L M Brown, R Brout, T Y Cao, Y Nambu)
   3rd International Symposium on the History of Particle Physics "The Rise of the Standard Model"
   (1992). Published in "The Rise of the Standard Model", L Hoddesdon, L M Brown, M Riordan, M
   Dresden (eds.) Cambridge University Press, (1997) ISBN 978052157165
- "SBGT and All That" International Conference on "50 Years of Weak Interactions from the Fermi Theory to the W" Wingspread, Racine, Wisconsin USA (29 May - 1 Jun 1984). Published by University of Wisconsin at Madison. Reproduced in AIP. Conf. Proc. 300 159-163 (1994)
- "My Life as a Boson: The Story of The Higgs" Inaugural Conference of the Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics "2001 A Spacetime Odyssey" Ann Arbor, Michigan (21-25 May 2001). Published in "2001: A Spacetime Odyssey" M J Duff, J T Liu (eds.) World Scientific (2002) ISBN 9789810248062 and reproduced in Int. J. Mod. Phys. <u>A17S1</u> 86-88 (2002)
- "Prehistory of the Higgs Boson" Comptes Rendus Physique 8 970-972 (2007)
- "Evading the Goldstone Theorem" Rev. Mod. Phys. 86 851 (2014)
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- "Maxwell's Equations: the Tip of an Iceberg" The James Clerk Maxwell Foundation Newsletter Issue No. 7 Autumn 2016 ISSN 2058-7503