

What is Mantle of the Expert?

Mantle of the Expert is a system that uses enquiry and dramatic imagination to create powerful contexts for learning. It has been developed by internationally-renowned educationalist Dorothy Heathcote. Her methodology is based on the use of drama to push the boundaries of education and stimulate holistic learning.

How will Mantle of the Expert transform learning in your school?

To date, the system has been largely overlooked by the learning and teaching community. This is because it challenges current orthodoxy and requires a radical transformation of the way we structure learning in our schools.

With the Every Child Matters agenda, the publication of *Excellence and Enjoyment* and the support of the QCA and the NCSL, there is a real opportunity to explore new ways to interpret the curriculum.

Recent school-based research and inspection across the country clearly indicates that the whole curriculum can be taught through the Mantle of the Expert system. Most importantly, the impact on the learning of children in your school will be profound and long lasting.

Venues:

14 July 2006

Stansted Hilton, Round Coppice Road, Stansted, CM24 8SE

27 September 2006

Marriott Gosforth Park, Newcastle, High Gosforth Park
Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland NE3 5HN

Conference fees:

Per delegate: £165
(includes conference fee, refreshments, lunch and delegate pack)

Early booking fee: £155 per delegate for all bookings received by 15 May 2006 (Stansted) or 16 June 2006 (Newcastle)

How to Book:

Simply complete the attached booking form and send it:

By fax:

01245 436214

By post:

SIAS, Essex County Council
PO Box 47
Chelmsford
Essex CM2 6WN

Additional information about this conference and Mantle of the Expert is available by visiting www.e-gfl.org or by phoning the School Improvement and Advisory Service on 01245 436124.

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a national conference

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The conference

The conference will interest education professionals at all levels who want to transform the curriculum in order to give their students the power to influence and shape their own learning experiences.

The keynote speakers

• Professor Dorothy Heathcote

Internationally renowned educationalist and teacher using drama for learning. Author of many leading books and articles.

• Mick Waters

Head of the Curriculum Division, Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, UK.

• Dr Brian Edmiston

Professor of Learning and Teaching, Ohio State University. Co-author of *Imagining to Learn*.

• Dr Colin Conner

Assistant Director of the National College for School Leadership, UK. Colin has been a keen advocate of learning to learn systems and strategies for many years and leads the current debate on finding alternatives to measuring standards through end of year paper-only assessments.

Conference director

Luke Abbott, Lead Senior Advisor, SIAS

Luke Abbott has taught in all phases. His previous posts have been teaching in middle, special and community schools in English, humanities and the arts. He has also managed teaching and learning developments across innovative school centres. As well as tutoring a countrywide Advanced Diploma for Teachers in all phases, he represented drama for learning on the RSA Arts Board as a National Examiner and was a member of the QCA Advisory Panel for the Arts in Education.

Schedule

Registration

Keynote Addresses:

Dorothy Heathcote, Mick Waters

Morning coffee

Workshop 1

Lunch

Keynote Addresses:

Brian Edmiston, Colin Conner

Workshop 2

Plenary and close

All the workshops below are led by Mantle of the Expert practitioners. Please see the booking form for more details about these sessions.

1 Begin at the Beginning (Dorothy Heathcote)

The crucial skill of finding the right start for Mantle of the Expert and dramatic conventions.

2 Mantle of the Expert as a Whole-school Enquiry Model

An exploration of the use of Mantle of the Expert to become an “outstanding and unique school”.

3 How to Plan for Extended Classroom Programmes Using Mantle of the Expert

Tim Taylor (Primary Consultant) and Emma Hamilton-Smith (Advanced Skills Teacher), Tuckswood Community First School, Norfolk

Tuckswood received extensive positive feedback from its inspection last year as a very good school with outstanding features; notably the use of Mantle of the Expert and inclusion strategies to raise standards.

4 Raising Standards in Young Writers Using Mantle of the Expert: the Proof!

Dr Brian Edmiston and school practitioners will highlight the steps and growth needed to implement Mantle of the Expert with particular reference to improving writing.

5 Using Mantle of the Expert to Teach the Broad Curriculum

The workshop will focus on team teaching the broad curriculum with particular reference to practical examples from schools using Mantle of the Expert.

6 Mantle of the Expert for Beginners

Luke Abbott (Primary Strategy Learning Network Mentor) and a Mantle of the Expert practitioner consider how to get beyond the first steps and training to use the methodology to best effect.

7 Leadership Issues for Schools Using Mantle of the Expert

This workshop considers the use of Mantle of the Expert in very challenging schools and settings in inner city environments.

8 The Teacher in Role and out of Role

The workshop leaders will examine using the teacher in role and out of role strategy, with specific examples of experiments in using Mantle of the Expert in the Literacy Hour.

