

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. Evidence to date from every school which has used and are developing the system is that standards rise and rapidly. Ofsted, HMI QCA research teams have come to the conclusion that the system is an extraordinary process that fosters brilliant results in learning gains overall. Many schools represented at the conferences will be a testament to this. Do come and talk with teachers and trainers and see for yourself.

Venues:

Tue 6 November 2007
City Centre Marriott, Bristol.

Mon 21 January 2008
Aston University Business School
Conference Centre, Birmingham.

Tue 8 July 2008
Institute of Education, London

Conference fees:

£195 (includes conference fee, refreshments, lunch and delegate pack)

How to Book:

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a national conference

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Renowned as one of the largest conference centres in the south west, the Bristol City Centre Marriott is an ideal venue for large conferences. It is easily accessed by rail and road with Temple Meads train station under a mile away and easy access via the M4 and M32. Car parking is available at the adjacent NCP car park at a cost of £7.50 all day.

City Centre Marriott, Bristol

Tuesday 6 November 2007

The venue is a centre of excellence for training, conferences and meetings. The 24 purpose-built training rooms all offer natural daylight, ergonomically designed furniture for maximum comfort and the latest audio visual equipment. There are short, direct road links to the M5, M6, M40 and M42 and free onsite parking spaces for 600 cars. Mainline rail links are within a 15 minute walk and it is 9 miles from Birmingham International Airport.

Aston University Business School Conference Centre, Birmingham

Monday 21 January 2008

This prestigious location boasts The Jeffery Hall, with a capacity of 350 seated delegates. It is situated in the heart of London with excellent links to the main rail routes into the capital at Euston and Kings Cross. With 8 underground stations within a few minutes walk and excellent bus connections it is easily accessible from all of the areas in and around London.

Institute of Education, London

Tuesday 8 July 2008

see overleaf

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

The UK’s brilliant internationally renowned educationalist, inventor, researcher, thinker and teacher. Dr Heathcote invented the system Mantle of the Expert and has always used drama for learning as the key component. Author of many leading books and articles -Dr Heathcote has inspired, angered and challenged the status quo of the educational system itself by insisting that learners can learn how to manage power in classrooms and settings that release and liberate their imaginations for transformation.

• A member of the QCA Curriculum Reform Team

Mick Waters Head QCA Curriculum Division, Mike Rumbol & Robin Widdowson QCA Assistant Head of Curriculum Division

Conference director

Luke Abbott, Lead Senior Advisor, SAIS

Currently he leads the national project ‘Mantle of the Expert’ as part of his senior transformative learning and teaching post in Essex County Council. 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. Luke has worked with disadvantaged children and learners in Chicago, and has lead many courses for teachers and SLT’s in the US. He sat on the national RSA Arts Board as National Examiner and was a member of the QCA Advisory Panel for Creativity in Education 2001-2004.

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Please advise us of any special requirements (eg. access or dietary needs):			

Workshop options

Delegates will be attending **two workshops** over the conference. Please list your **first four options** in order of preference 1 to 4.

Workshop title	Bristol	London	Aston
1. Begin at the beginning			
2. Encouraging creativity through MoE			
3. Teacher in role and out of role			
4. Mantle of the Expert – a beginner’s journey			
5. How to plan for extended classroom programme			
6. Raising standards in young writers			
7. What’s this got to do with maths?			
8. Leadership issues in schools			
9. How theatre elements engage and motivate			
10. Developing thinking skills			
11. Shifting the secondary culture			
12. Using stories to teach the curriculum			

Not available at this venue

Cost per delegate: £195

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1. Begin at the beginning

Professor Dorothy Heathcote

This seminar/workshop introduces and analyses the critical skill of finding the right start for Mantle of the Expert and how to choose the most appropriate of the dramatic

conventions. Dorothy Heathcote will lead a conference workshop for all participants using a model already trialled with schools. *All venues*

2. Encouraging creativity and imagination through Mantle of the Expert as a whole school enquiry

Duncan Bathgate and Julia Walshaw

An exploration of the use of Mantle of the Expert in creating rich learning opportunities for children and adults at an outstanding school.

Bealings Primary School gained the accolade as an “outstanding and unique school” through its use of Mantle of the Expert as a whole school system (Ofsted Inspection, 2005). Duncan Bathgate, a member of the QCA primary

think tank group for remodelling the National Curriculum (2007) has been filmed by the QCA and we now have a record of his school. Julia Walshaw was one of the first ASTs in the country assessed as a specific MoE practitioner. Together they will explore how the school collectively deploys the system to raise standards above and beyond expectations for all children. *All venues*

3. Teacher in-role and out-of-role

Iona Towler Evans

The workshop will examine using the teacher in role and out of role strategy with specific examples of experiments in using Mantle of the Expert in a range of schools including inner city schools. This

is the workshop for you if you are a teacher beginning to see the potential of the work but are looking for supportive ways of using a range of role strategies. *All venues*

4. Mantle of the Expert - a beginner’s journey Tackling reluctant learners

Luke Abbott

Luke Abbott and colleagues from schools - will explore in a practical way how teachers new to the work progress from first steps to confidency. Luke will work with a classroom practitioner who has become a confident user over time and we will experience her story as she developed. The workshop will be predominantly practical and interactive with many opportunities for people to try first steps in a safe way as well as understand

how planning for raising standards works in MoE. An introduction to the use of conventions and the teacher in role strategy will also be included. We will structure opportunities to tackle questions from the participant group, trial models already attempted and running in classes of KS1 & KS2. These will be outlined in detailed sequenced planning and reworked in the workshop for replication. *All venues*

5. How to plan for extended classroom programmes using Mantle of the Expert

Tim Taylor and Emma Hamilton-Smith

The workshop will be run by members of the Norfolk Mantle of the Expert Innovations Network that has run for the past three years. Teachers from Tuckswood First School will run the workshop - a school that received extensive and outstanding feedback from its recent inspection with ‘outstanding’ features – notably the use of Mantle of the Expert and inclusion

strategies to raise standards. Tim Taylor is the convener of the Norfolk MoE Research team and as an AST, has deep and relevant experience in training teachers to use the system in all sorts of settings. Tim and Emma will explore how together they have used the work on long term curriculum projects across KS1 and KS2 up to a year in length. *Bristol and London only*

6. Raising standards in young writers

Michael Bunting and Jenny Burrell

Michael and Jenny, members of the Norfolk MoE research network, have been using the work for a short time and have found some highly significant information for teachers. Luke has been a trainer to the group along with Dr Brian Edmiston of Ohio State University over the past three years. They will concentrate

on the impacts on the standards agenda, especially the standards of writing in their work to date and will share their findings and planning with course participants. In addition, they will pay particular attention to their own growth as teachers using the system. *Bristol and London only*

7. What’s this got to do with maths?

Using Mantle of the Expert in the maths curriculum

Jane Holden

The maths department at a Northumberland high school have been exploring ways in which mathematics can be taught within a fictional context, using the Mantle of the Expert approach. The workshop will be a practical exploration of some of the schemes of work that have been devised and used with less mathematically able Year 9 classes. The workshop will also demonstrate how the

teacher works in role with the class. It would be of interest to all teachers as the principles at work are common in all learning episodes with children of all ages. Central to the work is the notion of engaging students in their own learning and raising their self esteem so that students can achieve and raise their aspirations as mathematicians. Jane Holden will lead the sessions. *Bristol and London only*

8. Leadership issues for schools using Mantle of the Expert

The workshop will be run by highly experienced head teachers who are using Mantle of the Expert in a range of very challenging schools and settings or in inner city environments. This workshop will explore the “Ofsted issues” for

leadership teams and coordinators and will outline the key elements of successful self evaluation methods for schools engaged in using the system or trialling the key ingredients. *Bristol and London only*

9. How the use of theatre elements engages and motivates learners within the context of Mantle of the Expert

Claire Armstrong Mills

Claire is an experienced teacher, trainer and director with a long and respected record of motivating a range of learners through her practice. Trained by Professor Dorothy Heathcote with whom she has collaborated on many projects, Claire appears on a number of Dorothy’s teaching videos on drama for learning. Claire will draw on

models already trialled with a range of children including those who experience learning and behavioural difficulties in their schools. She will demonstrate the potential of sign within learning, alongside a colleague who has trialled the system in a challenging context in her school. *Birmingham only*

10. Developing thinking skills through Mantle of the Expert

David Allen and Gillian Adamson

David Allen and Gillian Adamson are directors of the Midland Actors Theatre. The company recently toured a Mantle of the Expert programme to primary schools, called ‘How Do People Learn?’ The programme was developed with input and advice from Dorothy Heathcote.

This workshop will draw on the experience of the tour. In particular, it will explore how Mantle of the Expert can engage different thinking skills, and different styles of learning. It will also look at how MoE can empower young people to take responsibility for their own learning. *Birmingham only*

11. Shifting the secondary culture

Maria Gee, Queensbridge Secondary School, Birmingham.

In collaboration with Senior Management, Maria Gee with teachers and year 7 children has introduced an innovative way of learning in KS3.

Using the Mantle of the Expert system and associated teaching procedures that are fundamental to the current QCA Curriculum Futures debate-Maria is beginning to shift the culture of ‘endings only’ to ‘journeys with multiple endings’.

Maria will draw on this work in progress to explore with participants the complexities of the system, its

challenges and most importantly the possibilities it poses for teachers and learners in the current transitional secondary ‘schooling’ culture. Colleagues will be invited to participate and trial a model of a curriculum that attempts to make sense of learning for young people. Maria is a teacher and former Theatre in Education professional. She has a vast experience of working with the full range of young people, including early years, special needs and under graduates. *Birmingham only*

12. Using stories to teach the curriculum through the context of Mantle of the Expert

Natalie Callender

The workshop will address how we shift the position of children as learners through the development of their ‘point of view’ using tasks, materials, role and context. Work

will be drawn from reception and year 1 and shared in collaboration with teachers from local schools. *Birmingham only*