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MIKE BREARLEY

“Good teaching doesn’t lead to good learning; it’s good learning that leads to good teaching”



The heart of Mike’s work is to create engagement, common purpose and leadership for every child and adult throughout the school. To raise levels of achievement in the classroom through greater well-being and involvement in learning.

Mike has lost count of the number of times he’s shared his ideas and techniques about school improvement with teachers and school leaders only to be met with the challenge, ‘*That will never work here!*’. But his ideas do work there, every time.

For Mike, a former head teacher and an early pioneer when it comes to creating emotionally intelligent schools, it is the emotional engagement of all involved that is right at the heart of sustainable improvements in achievement.

And by achievement he doesn’t just mean test results. Whether it is schools in challenging circumstances or schools that think they are doing fine and are unaware of the challenges they actually have, Mike takes staff on a journey that makes the child the ‘hero’ of their own learning and turns the concept of leadership into a creative and collaborative process, out ‘from under the shadow of the school leaders’.

With experience in leadership in the secondary sector, Mike has spent the last 12 years working independently

throughout the U.K, in South Africa, Botswana, America and India and has worked in all sorts of schools from pre-school to KS5, and with special schools, PRUs, the independent sector, F.E. Colleges and Universities, in particular MBA and Doctoral programmes for the Institute of International Educational Leadership at the University of Lincoln.

Feedback from recent clients include:

“Please thank Mike on behalf of PAPH CIC for such a great talk at our Conference. We fully enjoyed it and all heads found it very interesting”

“I’ve just returned from a day with Mike Brearley in Manchester and I feel fired up and ready to change the world!”

“Mike promised a challenging yet fun day and delivered just that. Many staff said at the end how much they felt he had pushed them out of their comfort zones yet not to a point where they felt uncomfortable and threatened”

“I really feel Mike gave staff much food for thought and a number of strategies they could use to create a more engaging and positive climate within the classroom”

Books written by Mike Brearley:

- *Emotional Intelligence in the Classroom: Creative Learning Strategies for 11 to 18 Year Olds*
- *Big Book of Independent Thinking* (contributor)
- *Performance Management* – Edited by John West Burnham

See our website:
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for Mike’s up-to-date prices.

Mike has been with Independent Thinking for over 10 years

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