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HYWEL ROBERTS

“At the heart of the world’s best teaching you’ll find one admittedly made-up word - ‘botheredness’”



*“We’re gonna need a bigger boat”
– Oops! Helping Children Learn
Accidentally*

‘We need to teach children that there is a thing called history and a thing called maths and a thing called geography and they are separate!’ So said former chief inspector and Teacherfinder General Chris Woodhead back in the dark days (or 1996).

This may well be the case when it comes to exams (and exam factory schooling) but, when it comes to learning, such narrow compartmentalising simply gets in the way of young people making sense of a real world where everything is everything.

Which is where top creative teacher Hywel Roberts comes in, bringing with him a bulging goody bag of ideas, approaches and classroom strategies that really do switch on all young children to learn, to think, to participate, to take responsibility and to enjoy the whole wonderful process.

Hywel is an Advanced Skills Teacher, a visiting practitioner to the Bloomsbury Theatre, London, Manchester Metropolitan University, an associate consultant for the University of Wolverhampton and a member of the National Executive for the National Association for the Teaching of Drama.

From basic but great classroom pedagogy to developing a ‘blended curriculum’ to teacher coaching and mentoring (also including TA, AST, NQT

development and cover supervisor training) to wonderfully innovative and life-changing strategies such as ‘Mantle of the Expert’, Hywel covers – and practises – a whole variety of approaches that make learning real for young people and delivers his work with an energy and a humour that is quite, quite infectious.

Hywel is working both nationally and internationally with mainstream and special schools and at university level helping teachers design the sort of creative classroom experiences that make learning fun, relevant, active and real - for all learners.

Drawing on his drama background and his work with the celebrated Mantle of the Expert approach, Hywel shares his innovative ideas with an infectious enthusiasm and humour, all of which are captured wonderfully in his highly popular first book *Oops! Helping children learn accidentally*.

With a CV that includes experience as a classroom teacher in a successful and creative secondary school in the north of England and freelance work in places from Burnley to Belgium, taking in Dubai and Egypt too, Hywel is building a growing reputation as a one of the leading speakers and trainers on creativity in education.

Feedback from recent events include:

“Thank you for a truly amazing day! One of the best training days I’ve ever had. You certainly have given us inspiration!”

“The thing about you that really touched me was your obvious love for and enjoyment of working with young people. Your enthusiasm was boundless. I put into use the “I don’t like it when you....” the very next day with a four year old who was having a tantrum!!”

“Thank you for working so seamlessly and expertly with us; it made my part of the job easy. The staff valued your expertise enormously... they want you back!”

Books written by Hywel Roberts:

- *Oops! Helping children learn accidentally*
- *There is Another Way* (contributor)

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