

ASSOCIATE

SIMON COOPER-HIND

“If they can’t see it, smell it, taste it, touch it, hear it, don’t do it”



For anyone who still thinks that trying harder to make the old way work is the way ahead then you need to see what Simon Cooper-Hind did with the council estate school where he was the head. If ever there was an example of Independent Thinking ideas in action then this is it. Thanks to imagination, innovative ideas, and an outstanding ability to motivate both children and adults alike, Simon's commitment to make learning better has always been paramount to his beliefs.

Simon's innovative work is in the area of 1:1 coaching to get the best out of young people whether that is tackling behaviour, or truancy, to setting high aspirations and achieving outstanding results whether this be for primary children or secondary students.

Simon also offers 1:1 coaching for staff, or group coaching e.g. senior leaders.

Simon has been in education for over 25 years, 18 of which have been in senior leadership. As an inspirational Headteacher transforming two underperforming schools into highly effective learning communities.

He is a consultant leader for the National College of School Leadership and an accredited coach. His later school was wedged between two motorways, allowing no excuses for bad behavior, low standards, or a lack of opportunities for his learners to learn, Simon's fearless willingness to take risks with

his motivated team turned the school around from being at the bottom of the pile to one rated in the top 3% of schools nationally for value added.

Simon is an inspirational speaker who excels at motivating and enthusing his audience. His energy and enthusiasm for education has earned him a national and international reputation as a charismatic presenter and skilled coach. Whether it is working with adults or children of all ages to capture the love of learning Simon will 'Make it Real' and provide practical strategies to help get the job done - that of creating an innovative creative curriculum and stimulating learning environment.

He is never happier than when he is in the classroom with teachers and their children, modelling his ideas and techniques, and if there is one word that best sums up Simon's approach to education it is 'genuine'.

Genuine conversations, genuine leadership, genuine relationships and dangerously genuine learning experiences that bring the learning to life, even if it means wrecking a classroom or setting fire to the school playing fields in the process.

Simon's clear vision, and his ability to inspire an appreciation of what really matters, is equally effective at challenging Senior Leadership Teams, developing creativity and learning, incorporating assessment 4 learning to maximize potential, or working directly with students in

“show and tell” events. Simon brings the theory of education into practice in a way which is effective, different, and fun

Feedback from recent events:

“Excellent, engaging and thought-provoking, could have listened to him for longer”

“Lots of information imparted in a fun and engaging way”

“After 15 years of teaching it is great to go to a seminar that makes you feel inspired and makes you realise just why we love our job! A reminder it is about the children and not all the paperwork!!”

“Inspiring, relevant, excellent. Ideas I can take away and try in my own school”

“Simon delivered such fabulous training that I am excited about the future and fully intend to use all the strategies he went over with us”

Simon has been with Independent Thinking since 2005.

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