

ASSOCIATE

## DR ANDREW CURRAN



*“Twenty-five years of neurobiological research tells us that children learn best when they feel loved”*

*“Emotional involvement when learning significantly increases the chances of that learning being successful” - The Little Book of Big Stuff about the Brain*

Just what does the learning brain need and what can you do to help? What is going on between their ears when the learning doesn't seem to happen? What is the truth about emotional intelligence, self-esteem and learning? What is the neuroscience of underachievement? Is Ritalin the answer? Or simply better educated parents?

Dr Andrew Curran is a practising paediatric neurologist and neurobiologist who is also committed to using his extraordinary knowledge of the workings of the human brain to make a difference in the educational experience of all young people.

He has been involved with Manchester University's Department of Education, developing research ideas looking at the use of emotional literacy in our classrooms.

He has conducted work exploring the processing of reward in the human brain. He believes passionately in the importance of understanding the individual, connecting with them emotionally and leading them into self directed learning.

His book, *The Little Book of Big Stuff about the Brain* (published by Crown House Publishing) is recognised as one of the leading books about understanding brain-based learning and the importance of emotional literacy in our classrooms

and in our lives. His book, *Get off the Sofa* by Crown House Publishing is as clear a take on your health as you can ever hope to get. Endorsed by Ricky Tomlinson it is designed to grab hold of you and lead you into healthier living.

Andrew will work with you to help answer many of the questions teachers have but don't know who to ask - questions about the nature of learning, special needs from the neurological point of view, the neuroscience of behaviour and much more - a Q & A session with him is something to behold!

On top of that, Andrew is a talented and internationally recognised presenter both to live audiences and on television where he was a main presenter on BBC3's *Make My Body Younger*. He is an electrifying, controversial, challenging and very entertaining speaker.

### Feedback from recent events:

*“Andrew Curran was fabulous. He was clearly the outstanding speaker. Bravo to Andrew, he was everything I'd hoped for”*

*“The information given was stimulating and thought provoking. I love that it gave me some 'scientific' backing to many of the things I have held closely and felt passionate about when teaching children and adults alike”*

*“Andrew Curran was brilliant both in terms of content and delivery - what an excellent role model for teachers!”*

*“It was a real privilege to be informed and stimulated by him and to have beliefs and practice reinforced”*  
*“Inspirational breath of fresh air! Not the same old stuff!”*

### Books written by Andrew Curran:

- *Big Book of Independent Thinking (contributor)*
- *The Little Book of Big Stuff About the Brain*
- *Get off the Sofa: A prescription for a healthier life*
- *“Three Chairs a Table and a Lamp DVD”*

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Andrew has been with Independent Thinking for over 10 years

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