

Associate

NEIL HAWKES

“Values-based education not only transforms schools and their communities, it also brings hope to humanity”

Neil is one of the world's leading proponents and practitioners when it comes to what is called Values-Based Education.

Values-based education quite simply proves the power education – and school in particular – has to make everything better. It is the joint understanding and thorough application of a series of values that permeate everyone and everything and that serves to transform the children, their teachers and the wider school community. And it is all thanks to the pioneering work of Dr Neil Hawkes.

His firm belief is that by helping children develop what he calls their 'Personal Holistic Competence' we can better equip them with the attitudes and skills required to solve the many complex personal, social and business challenges the world will throw at them. Which is something very different from

going to school to pass exams. A former teacher, head teacher and chief advisor, Neil ran West Kidlington School in Oxford for several years where he implemented values education to great national and international interest and acclaim. Since his time developing values-based education as a head teacher and advisor in the UK, Neil is now in demand as an author and speaker worldwide sharing his ideas and the ethos behind them.

His D.Phil was awarded by Oxford in 2005 for his work demonstrating how values education not only develops the qualities of individuals across the school community but also, when paired with great teaching, serves to improve academic standards.

In demand internationally as a compelling, moving and inspiring speaker as well as advisor to universities, governments and world organisations such as



“Life imbues us with values; we cannot escape from them. Your pupils will sense your values as soon as you speak to them” -
From My Heart

UNESCO, his first book for the Independent Thinking Press, *From My Heart - Transforming Lives Through Values*, is his personal account of how to get the best out of yourself, your colleagues, your organisation and your children through values-based approaches.

Books written by Neil Hawkes:

- *From My Heart - Transforming Lives Through Values*
- *The Working Class* (contributor)

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