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DAVID CAMERON

“The line between the real, the possible and the impossible is so fine it’s not worth worrying about”

David – or the ‘Real David Cameron’ as we all know him – has a unique view of the educational landscape. His experience stretches from the classroom to the leadership of children’s services at authority level from the development of national educational policy to its implementation in schools and takes in work at national and regional level in both Scotland and England. What’s more, he has experience in every phase of education from early years to Further Education across the UK.

The lead on Scotland’s Outdoors Education strategy, he was also involved in the devolved management of schools initiative and was a central player in Scotland in the conception and development of the ambitious Curriculum for Excellence project. What’s more, he played a key role in the highly praised York Education Partnership that sought to improve and strengthen partnerships between schools across the city and with the Local Authority.

He is firmly committed to the idea of a high quality education for all young

people, regardless of background and personal circumstance and has been a prominent national pioneer and innovator in the role education plays in issues such as equity, equality and opportunity. One example was the role he played in the development of policy and practice to improve the life chances of ‘looked-after children’ in Scotland’s *We Can and Must do Better* initiative. Another was his part in bringing the social change programme Big Noise to a particularly impoverished area of Stirling when he was Director of Children’s Services.

Increasingly in demand as an inspirational speaker who matches great wisdom with great wit, David challenges audiences of teachers, school leaders and policy makers to be both more creative and more courageous when it comes to doing everything they can for the young people in their care.

What’s more, ever the practitioner, David is never one to shy away from rolling up his sleeves and getting back to basics, working with teachers and young people in the classroom and in other settings.



“We must remain open to question and to the evolution of ideas while remaining true to our values”- There is Another Way

Feedback from recent events include:

“David was great. His delivery style and content suited the needs of our conference brilliantly. His sense of humour, deep and broad understanding of the Cumbrian and national context was very heartening and the Cumbrian Heads were really appreciative of David’s input to the conference”

“Superb’, ‘inspirational’, ‘entertaining’, ‘engaging’, ‘excellent’, ‘outstanding’, ‘brilliant’ ‘fantastic’ and ‘thought provoking”

Books written by David Cameron:

- *There is Another Way* (contributor)
- *The Working Class* (contributor)

David has been with Independent Thinking since January 2014.

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