

ASSOCIATE

DR DAVID GEORGE

“School is not just about finding yourself, it is also about truly creating yourself”

More than possibly anyone else in the UK, Dr David George has shown how a focus on ‘Gifted and Talent’ children is actually all about improving schools and schooling for all children.

At a time when identifying and supporting ‘G&T children’ seems to be falling out of fashion in UK schools (these things come and they go and David has been around long enough to see many such cycles), his breadth of experience, his inarguable wisdom and his enthusiasm for bringing out the best in all children means he is still very much in demand.

But don’t take our word for it! This is what one delegate felt after hearing David speak at a recent conference he delivered for Independent Thinking:

“I felt I had to contact you to thank you so much for your inspirational presentation yesterday at the Spring Conference. I am sure I will remember it for the rest of my life. If only there were more people as passionate as you are about the development and nurturing of our children, I am sure there would be less conflict in the world and all achievements would be recognised no matter how small... You must inspire everyone you speak to and you certainly inspired me and I wanted you to know that”

Apart from a career as a teacher with a nine-year stint in Liverpool, David was Associate Director of what is now the University of Northampton and is the Founder President of the National Association for Able Children in Education. His impressive career has seen him engaged as a consultant to the British Council and UNESCO, he is the Chairman of Managers at St Andrew’s Psychiatric Hospital in Northamptonshire, an Honorary Commander of RAF Croughton (USAF) in recognition of his community services work as well as an executive committee member of The World Council of Gifted and Talented Children. As a claim to fame he calls on the time in May 1954 when he was a county and RAF runner competing at the Iffley Road Track in Oxford one afternoon where a mile race was taking place that evening which was won by a Mr R Bannister in three minutes, 59.4 seconds.

Grounded in common sense and wisdom borne from years of experience, David’s keynotes, conference workshops and INSET days have been in demand from all sorts of schools in many, many countries.

In a world of hype and fluff, his approaches and recommendations are straightforward and simple yet have a profound effect on young



“To simply be taught is nothing; everything is inside waiting to be awakened” - Young, Gifted and Bored

people’s lives. He draws from neuroscience, philosophy, learning theory, thinking skills, emotional intelligence and self-esteem strategies to offer something very powerful for all those who work with him.

Feedback from recent Events include:

“A truly inspirational speaker”

“A brilliant and totally fulfilling experience”

“David should be available on prescription”

Books written by David George:

- *The Challenge of the Able Child*
- *Gifted Education: Identification and Provision*
- *Young, Gifted and Bored*

See our website:
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for more information on David.

David has been with Independent Thinking since 2009.

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