

## What is MoE?

*The Mantle of the Expert is a dramatic-inquiry based approach to teaching and learning invented and developed by Professor Dorothy Heathcote at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the 1980's. The big idea is that the class do all their curriculum work as if they are an imagined group of experts.*

*They might be scientists in a laboratory or archaeologists excavating a tomb, or a rescue team at the scene of a disaster. They might be running a removal company, or a factory, or a shop, or a space station or a French resistance group.*

*Because they behave 'as if they are experts', the children are working from a specific point of view as they explore their learning and this brings special responsibilities, language needs and social behaviours.*



[www.mantleoftheexpert.com](http://www.mantleoftheexpert.com)

**Dorothy Heathcote's** work in the field of drama education attracts much media interest including distinguished radio and TV documentaries, and these have underpinned her reputation as an educationalist of world-wide significance.

**Luke Abbott** has managed key teaching and learning developments across innovative school centres, as well as tutoring a countrywide Advanced Diploma for Teachers in all phases. His current post is with Essex LEA as a Lead Senior Advisor and is National Director for MoE.

**Iona Towler-Evans** is an experienced practitioner and coach, and a member of the national team of trainers for the MoE system. She contributes to a module on MoE at Newman University College. She has held senior management and advisory positions in schools in all phases, including special schools.

**Sarah Barrett, Helen Hoarle, Sally Youngs** teach at Grimley and Holt CE Primary School. It is well into its second year using the the system—having worked closely with Luke Abbott. It has hosted visits from over sixty EIAs, school leaders and practitioners for workshops and observations.

### Further details and booking:

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# Dorothy Heathcote's Mantle of the Expert

“this fantastic pedagogy”



**Drama for Learning across  
the curriculum**

**Friday June 19th, 2009  
@ The Abbey Hotel,  
Malvern**

**Grimley and Holt CE Primary School**  
In association with

**Worcestershire County Council**

# MoE. Conference - The Abbey Hotel, Malvern

Date: 19/06/09 9:30 to 16:00

This is a conference on Professor Dorothy Heathcote's dramatic-based system for learning for all teachers, headteachers and others interested in innovative approaches to learning. This event will feature inputs from Dr. Heathcote and other national and international experts.

**Conference Fee:** £195.00

**Conference Organiser:** Richard Kieran

Target Audiences: **Headteachers, senior managers and those with responsibility for curriculum development in primary schools. Conference leaders also have experience of running MoE in secondary schools. We welcome delegates from all phases of education.**

Extra Information - Learning outcomes - participants will:

- use enquiry and dramatic imagination to create powerful contexts for learning;
- employ techniques to push the boundaries and stimulate holistic learning;
- develop opportunities that have a profound impact on the learning of children.

**Input from Dorothy Heathcote, Luke Abbott, Iona Towler-Evans, Sarah Barrett, Helen Hoarle, Brian Pengelly**

*What they say:*

*When MoE is used in classes the excitement and enjoyment of the pupils is amazing. When used the children are empowered in their learning, being active and interested and learning for a purpose. Some teachers are still developing their MoE skills in teaching but in an area with high social deprivation and where pupils can easily become disengaged, MoE unlocks the curriculum for many.*

*I know it's right because of the engagement I have seen in the eyes of the children, the passion in the voices of the teachers, and the feeling in the air in a classroom when everyone is taking part.*

*One of the teachers at school describes the mantle as "this fantastic pedagogy". It has transformed the learning and the teaching at our school. The standards achieved and depth of learning evident demonstrate how powerful MoE is. We are developing a skills curriculum using MoE as the focus for this. Whenever I show prospective parents around our school I always give them ten minutes with our children to explain MoE- the children of our school are its strongest advocates - and not one of them wants to "do literacy" again."*



**Conference Venue**  
The Abbey hotel's setting is one of the most perfect in the country, close to many interesting cities, yet situated right in the heart of the countryside at the foot of the Malvern Hills.  
The hotel is only a few miles from the M5 and Worcester with Birmingham close by, but offers a feeling of seclusion, allowing delegates to get the most out of events without distraction.

## Booking Form

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**Cost per delegate: £195**  
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