

Changing Minds – the Power of the Imagination

The National Association for the Teaching of Drama's annual Conference

2-4 October 2009 – Oriel College, Oxford

Join us for a weekend full of inspiration and practical know-how designed for all teachers keen to harness the power of the imagination and transform the quality of learning in their classrooms.

After years of prescription and testing, targets and conformity, change is in the air. We know that if we want schools to be places where reflective and creative thinking happens, where children develop their potential and welcome responsibility for their part in shaping our world, then it starts with the teacher in the classroom.

This conference offers teachers a mix of inspirational keynotes and detailed practical workshops together with space for sharing their own experience and insight with others.

All of this takes place within the glorious setting of Oriel College in the heart of Oxford – guaranteed to invigorate every hard-working imaginative teacher.

To launch the conference, Gwent Theatre will be performing **Dr Korczak's Example** by David Greig on Friday evening. This fine play, by Scotland's leading contemporary playwright, tells of an episode in the life of Janusz Korczak, the Polish paediatrician and educator who ran an orphanage inside the Warsaw ghetto. Refusing help to escape, he perished with the 200 children he cared for, in the Treblinka concentration camp. Though too little known in this country, his writings on education have had a profound influence on how we view young people and his work directly led to the establishment of the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Within the hell of the ghetto, Korczak established his own form of utopia: a self-governing republic in which children set up their own court, council and newspaper. Greig's play similarly enables young people to acknowledge and judge their peers. It suggests that children are capable of dealing with difficult themes if treated with dignity, autonomy and respect.

Keynote speakers:

Dorothy Heathcote – still working in the classroom with young people and their teachers, the octogenarian powerhouse who has inspired so many, shares her newest thinking with us.

Paul Howard Jones – psychologist and neuroscientist, shares his research on brain, creativity and learning.

Duncan Bathgate – primary school Headteacher, who has used philosophy for children and drama practice to transform his school to QCA and Ofsted acclaim.

Workshops

This year we're delighted that **Maggie Hulson, Chris Ball, Brian Woolland** and **Kate Katafiasz** are returning, by popular demand, to lead workshops for us. Between them, their expertise covers the whole age range from pre-school to university level, from cross curricular work at KS1,2 &3 to specialist drama and theatre practice.

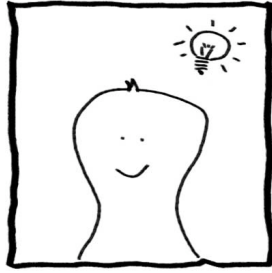
New to natd workshops this year are the **Blahs, Miles Tandy** and **Jo Howell**. The Blahs are Yorkshire's leading Theatre in Education team with over 20 years' experience of close work with teachers, youth workers and children across the full age range. Miles works closely with teachers nationally to support their innovation in the classroom. Jo is a primary specialist and advisory teacher and the only AST for Creativity and Literacy in the country.

For more details about all of this year's contributors, check out www.natdconference2009.blogspot.com

To secure your place, complete the application form and return it to Kirsty as soon as possible. No bookings can be processed after

September 21st .

NB 10% discount for institutions sending 2 or more participants.



Contact Kirsty Fechter (k.fechter@barnsley.org or 01226 738 591) to book your place or complete the form below and send it to Kirsty at The Kingstone School Broadway Barnsley S70 6RB

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6.00 pm Friday 2nd October –
3.00 pm Sunday 4th October 2009

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