



Biographical background of:

Dr. Neil Hawkes, Cert.Ed, ACP, BA, MEd, FCol P, D.Phil (Oxford), FRSA



Prior to 1992, Neil Hawkes's career was spent in the UK as a teacher, deputy headteacher and in two headships. From 1983 until 1989, Neil worked as an Education Adviser for Buckinghamshire and from 1989 to 1993 as Chief Adviser/Principal Education Officer of the Isle of Wight Education Service. He then decided to implement his values philosophy, by spending six and a half years (1993 -1999) as Headteacher of West Kidlington Primary and Nursery School in Oxford, UK. It was here that the school community worked together to devise and implement a unique system of Values-based Education. The school still attracts a lot of national and international visitors, keen to see how the values philosophy works in practice. Between 1999 and 2005, Neil was a Senior Adviser for Oxfordshire, responsible for school improvement based on Values Education. Neil currently works as an international consultant in Values-based Education.

West Kidlington School won national and international recognition for its outstanding work in Values Education. A book was written about it, called *A Quiet Revolution*, by Frances Farrer. An updated version of this book is now available from Neil, called *A Quiet Revolution II*.

Neil's successful experience, as a teacher, headteacher, chief education adviser and Local Education Authority (LEA) officer, helped him to develop, "*The Valuing Philosophy of Education*", which seeks to empower the teacher and school through a process of reflection that encourages success, quality and happiness. Neil emphasises that Values Education linked to quality teaching promotes high standards, whilst developing the individual qualities of adults and pupils. He received his doctorate from Oxford University for his research into Values Education.

In 1996, Neil worked with a group of international educators at UNICEF headquarters in New York, USA, to found the Living Values programme (see www.livingvalues.net).

Neil is well known as an inspirational speaker and contributor to the Times Educational Supplement (TES), academic journals and periodicals. Working as an international education consultant, he is a Director of the charity ALIVE (Association of Living Values Education International), which is based in Switzerland. It has the support of organisations, including UNESCO and UNICEF, to underpin education systems throughout the world with Values Education. He is the Director of the Values Education Trust in the UK.

During the past three years, Neil has worked in Australia, Belgium, Brunei, France, Greece, Holland, Jamaica, Lebanon, New Zealand, Switzerland, the Seychelles and the UK. In May 2007, he was the keynote speaker at the Australian Government's National Values Education Forum. He has briefed officials at 10 Downing Street and MPs at the House of Commons. In June 2007, he spoke at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. In October 2007, Neil was the keynote speaker at the 9th National Education Conference in the Seychelles. During December 2007 he supported the development of values-based schools by Bond zonder Naam in Belgium. In May 2008 Neil supported the development of Values Education in Australia and then was the guest speaker at the International Conference on Values Education held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In March 2009 Neil was the Keynote Speaker at the conferences for New Zealand's Secondary and Primary Principals. Neil is an external consultant to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in England. He is also one of the National Education Trust's *Leading Thinkers*. Neil's most recent book is called *How to inspire and develop values in the classroom* (LDA Cambridge £9.99). He was a major contributor to *Values Education and Quality Teaching, The Double Helix Effect* (2007), edited by Terry Lovat and Ron Toomey in Australia.



Neil with students at Praslin Secondary School, Seychelles.

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