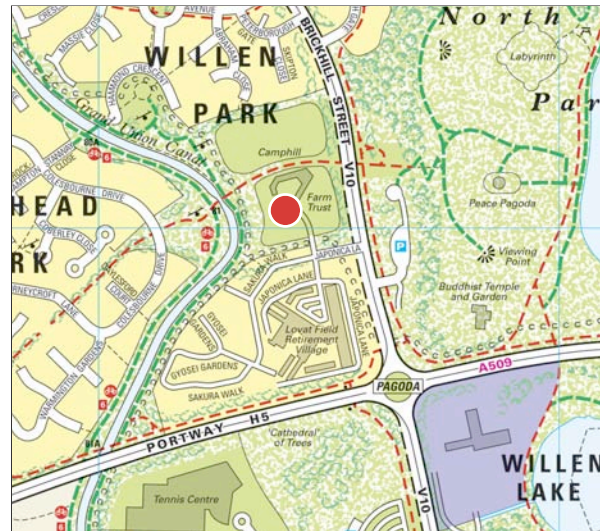


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### Introduction

Raising standards and narrowing the attainment gaps that exist between different groups of pupils are key aspirations for schools in the 21st century and are highlighted as key objectives for Milton Keynes Council.

At every stage of their development, children and young people need opportunities to grow and develop. Because every child is different, a significant challenge for teachers and support staff in schools is how to make every moment of those opportunities count so that each individual engages with his/her learning. Every school strives to ensure that every pupil not only fulfils his/her early promise but also develops latent potential.

As quoted on Independent Thinking's website, Nelson Mandela said "It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another".

The challenge for everyone involved in teaching and learning is to develop a modern curriculum that will inspire and challenge children and young people.

Mick Waters believes that we should promote a wide and rich curriculum that will encourage learners to achieve as much as possible. Mick will outline this philosophy and explain how schools can create a curriculum that can be "shaped to fit within children's lives" and that will create learning that is irresistible for learners and prepare them for the future.

Roy Leighton, also a great believer in creativity within the classroom, acknowledges that organisations find moving from rhetoric to reality a real challenge. His session will provide a practical but creative look at how to check to see whether your school has a "vision" or an "illusion".

### Mick Waters

Mick is currently Professor of Education at Wolverhampton University and is the inaugural president of the Curriculum Foundation. In the summer of 2009 Mick left his role as Director of Curriculum for the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA).

Mick believes the curriculum should be treasured and valued and that it needs to be shaped to fit with children's lives. To make the curriculum work, people in schools need to understanding their children whilst planning their learning.

Before joining QCA, Mick was Chief Education Officer for the City of Manchester. In a challenging education environment schools worked hard to break the cycle of urban deprivation, promoting a wide and rich curriculum and encouraging all learners to achieve as much as possible. Mick has also worked in Birmingham where he drove forward a school improvement agenda which saw increasing achievements and success in schools.

Mick has experience of headship in two schools and of working in teacher training. He was also part of an Education Development Unit which worked on a contract basis with LAs and other agencies across the UK and worldwide.

### Roy Leighton – Independent Thinking Ltd

A star of stage and screen in his own right including a major role in the BBC TV Programme "Confidence Lab", Roy has worked in education for many years with the whole range of sectors from the disaffected to supremely able – that's teachers as well as students!

Creativity, motivation, learning styles, self esteem and confidence, communication and value creation are all areas in which Roy excels and has successfully led events for Independent Thinking Ltd from day-long INSET sessions, student workshops, parents evenings to conference addresses.

Roy Leighton is one of the most inspiring speakers in education today, not only because of the genuinely useful and practical nature of his advice for schools but also because he talks to an audience as real live, loving human beings.

He is co-author of a number of books on creative learning and confidence including The Big Book of Independent Thinking and Success in the Creative Classroom.



## Booking Form

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There are a limited number of places for this conference, and as a result we may have to limit the number of places per governing body who can attend.

Governors wishing to attend this conference need to complete the form below. **The deadline for applications is Friday 23 April 2010. Telephone applications will not be accepted.**

Governors from governing bodies that have purchased the Governor Development Package for 2010/2011 can attend the conference free of charge.

Those governors whose governing bodies have opted for "pay as you go" will be charged £165.

Should a governor book a place and not attend on the day, his/her school will be charged a non attendance fee of £25. A charge will not be incurred if the Governor Support team have been informed in advance that he/she is unable to attend.

Please reserve a place for me at the Milton Keynes Governors' Annual Conference on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Name:

School:

I would like to stay for lunch: Yes  No

I have the following special dietary requirements: