

# West Midlands Mantle of the Expert Network

## *Drama for learning across the Curriculum*

*We're pleased to announce our latest programme of activities and events.*

### ► **Luke Abbott: Responding to Children's Needs**

9-10 February, Woodrow First School, Longdon Close, Redditch, B98 7UZ

At this 2-day event, Luke will look at how we can adapt and respond to the needs of children, as we work in Mantle of the Expert. Over the course of the weekend, delegates will be able to observe Luke working with a group of children from Woodrow School.

In over thirty years of practice, Luke Abbott has taught in hundreds of schools all over the UK and abroad. He is recognised internationally as a leading practitioner and advocate of the Mantle of the Expert system.

#### **Cost**

Early Bird booking fee (for payments received before 18th January)

- £80 for network members;  
£110 for non-members; £40 for students

*After 18th January:*

- £100 for network members;  
£130 for non-members; £50 for students

### ► **Iona Towler-Evans & David Allen: Drama and History**

27 April, Newman University College, Genners Lane, Birmingham B32 3NT

This one-day event will look at ways to empower children, and encourage independent learning, in teaching about local history. It will focus on Dorothy Heathcote's 'commission' model – where children respond to a 'commission' sent to them by an organisation in the community. The day is led by Iona Towler-Evans and David Allen, who will present examples of projects they have undertaken in both primary and secondary schools (including mainstream, 'Gifted and Talented' and disaffected children).

Ideal for primary teachers at KS2; English/History/Drama teachers at KS3; and special needs teachers.

#### **Cost**

- £30 for network members;  
£40 for non-members; £15 for students

### ► **Eileen Pennington: Strategies for Learning**

15-16 June, Newman University College, Genners Lane, Birmingham B32 3NT

At this 2-day event, Eileen will look at strategies that can facilitate learning through Mantle of the Expert. She will focus, in particular, on Dorothy Heathcote's '33 conventions.'

Eileen Pennington trained with Dorothy Heathcote. For many years, she was part of the Northumberland Drama Team, working in Drama in Education, local theatre and youth theatre, and inservice training. She has also worked extensively with teachers in Poland, Hungary and Greece.

#### **Cost**

Early Bird booking fee (for payments received before 25th May)

- £80 for network members;  
£110 for non-members; £40 for students

*After 25th May:*

- £100 for network members;  
£130 for non-members; £50 for students

Places for all events are limited, so please book now, using the registration form.

Lunch is included in the price for all events.

### ► **Membership of the Network**

One year's membership of the network costs just £75 for a school/institution, and £30 per year for individuals (£20 for students).

To join, please complete the registration form, and send it to: West Midlands Mantle of the Expert Network, c/o 25 Merrishaw Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 3SL

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