

# International Thinking Skills Conference 2018

**15% OFF**  
for groups  
of four or  
more!

## Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 June

Alexandra House Conference Centre, Wroughton, Swindon

Our tenth annual conference, where again we expect to see teachers from the UK and overseas.

There will be some 24 workshops led by practitioners in schools which have been taking a whole-school approach to the teaching of thinking for many years. They will be sharing good practice and ideas which have helped transform their schools. This year's conference will have an emphasis on Dispositions, a key element in young people's development. Several workshops will focus on this amongst a full programme which will also cover other key aspects of cognitive development.

### Our Key Speakers



#### Melissa Benn

Melissa Benn is an author, journalist and a campaigner. Her books include *School Wars: the Battle for Britain's Education* (2011) and *The Truth About Our Schools: Exploding the Myths, Exploring the Evidence* (2013). She is currently chair of *Comprehensive Future*, a national cross-party campaign advocating fair admissions to England's schools, and is working on a book that explores the shaping principles of a National Education Service.



#### Dr Joni Holmes

Joni Holmes is Head of the Centre for Attention Learning and Memory at the Medical Research Council's Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge. Her research focuses on the causes and remediation of specific learning difficulties. She runs a research clinic for children with difficulties in attention, learning and memory, which aims to illuminate the cognitive, neural and genetic underpinnings of learning difficulties. The clinic provides free resources for professionals supporting struggling learners.

“Thank you for the inspiring and fruitful workshops... you managed to provide a lens through which I could see the impact of a whole school approach to the development and embedding of cognitive education... I am deeply grateful that you shared your experience and practice.”

### Workshop titles will include:

- Creative approaches to embedding the Habits of Mind
- Developing Empathy and Respect through Dialectical Thinking
- “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.” (Winston. S. Churchill)
- Creating a metacognitive classroom
- Building resilience through games and apps
- ‘Developing Dispositions: dialogue, discussion... and dogs’
- Leadership Dispositions
- How a thinking toolbox can serve dispositions, attitudes and habits of mind

### Here are some comments from previous conferences

- “It completely exceeded expectations – have a really clear idea of my own personal ‘next steps’ in thinking.”
- “Quality of sessions outstanding!”
- “As ever – total inspiration!”
- “Lots of practical ideas – easy to implement.”
- “Some of the best teaching workshops I’ve been to.”

#### How to Book

**Cost:** One Day Fee: £245 Two day fee: £395 +VAT

**Email:** admin@thinkingmatters.com

**Tel:** 0044 (0)1793 771506