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Learning Focused Leadership- Leading a Positive Culture to Impact Learning

Brief Biography



Helen O'Donoghue is Director of Sunridge Associates, an educational training and consultancy company based in the UK, who works with schools using their own context and setting to offer bespoke training, coaching and consultancy.

Helen draws on her experience of having worked in and led schools in the UK and internationally, using her first hand experience to help schools to improve. She is an experienced educator with over thirty years of practice in the field, as a result of which she is a much sought-after trainer, consultant, leadership coach and conference speaker. She recently presented at the World Education Summit and the Festival of Education, held at Wellington College and written a new on line course for miniPD "Building Board Capacity in International Schools."

Her leadership experience includes leading two IB World schools, opening two Free Schools in London and delivering bespoke training and consultancy to over 300 school leaders in the UK and over 30 countries around the world.

Helen works primarily with middle and senior leadership teams providing bespoke training, coaching and consultancy on a range of areas including building trusted teams, having difficult conversations, developing a coaching culture in school, using data to improve learning and creating sustainable structures and systems to impact on learning.

She works as an Ambassador for Leadership Matters, is a British Council Ambassador, a senior consultant with Fieldwork Education, an IB workshop leader, a presenter with miniPD, a trainer with Osiris, a trainer with ISA, a former PGCE tutor with the University of Buckingham and a member of the Leaders Council based in the UK.