

About Dave Read & Lightworks.co.uk

Qualifying as a teacher in 1981, Dave Read has combined his considerable classroom experience and expertise with his holistic work as a professional Healer/therapist (MNFSH) to become a full-time trainer in Emotional Intelligence - staging active workshops and consultancy with schools and organisations throughout the UK and Europe.

Dave has recently been appointed one of two Associate Fellows of The Applied Centre for Emotional Literacy and Leadership (ACELLR) founded by Dr Richard Majors in Wolverhampton - where as a Visiting Lecturer, he will also contribute to the design and content of their new degree course and work with Richard throughout Europe and the UK on the Centre's EU sponsored projects.



Founding the-lightworks.co.uk in 2006, Dave has created and developed two extensive 3-phase Emotional Intelligence programmes - CoolFire for Students and CoolFire : Connect for teachers and staff in schools and all types of educational provision.

Both CoolFire programmes explore and harness the wide-ranging therapeutical aspects of Emotional Intelligence as a force to achieve a holistic balance and state of wellbeing in every individual - unlocking the academic and life potential of all students, teachers and school staff.

Dave has also founded Lightworks Innovations CIC - a Social Enterprise company that will seek to combat disadvantage and a range of social issues through the CoolFire programme.

Throughout the last four years, Dave has come to work with more than 3,500 teachers and school staff who have actively come to apply the techniques of CoolFire : Connect to develop their classroom relationships and practice. Dave has also staged workshops at three successive national annual conferences of the NASUWT - and continues to develop and stage Continuing Professional Development workshops and events for teachers within the ATL.

Over the last two years, Dave has also worked with over 5,000 students (Aged 7-13) through the CoolFire programme in 40+ schools of all kinds in Thurrock and Southend under the auspices of the UK government Pathfinder project - "Targeted Mental Health in Schools" (TaMHS).

Dave is now being invited to speak at international events and co-presented a workshop on the development of Teacher Emotional Intelligence at the Association of Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE) - 2011 Winter Conference in Bled, Slovenia. He will be working with Richard Majors in presenting aspects of CoolFire as part of ACELLR's EU sponsored Emotional Intelligence projects in Austria, Switzerland and Wolverhampton throughout 2012.