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Belonging Effect

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) are integral to creating a school system

where staff and students feel safe, valued, respected, seen and heard.

Belonging Effect advocates for a strategic DEIB role on every school leadership team, as DEIB are golden threads that weave through every aspect of a school's policies, processes and practices. Belonging needs to be at the heart of our school culture and our school curriculum.



In 2020 #DiverseEd moved from being a grassroots network to Diverse Educators Ltd. They evolved into a training company due to the demands of their community. They are committed to moving the agenda forwards regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in our school system. They work with state schools, independent schools and international schools to support them with their DEI strategy and their DEI training needs. They believe that we are stronger, and that we can go further together, in collaboration. In 2025, they rebranded to Belonging Effect Ltd to represent the broadening of their work.

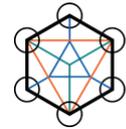
CoLab

CoLab is an award-winning online programme that combines live coaching with immersive games and escape rooms to teach kids the skills they need for life.



Every week your child will take on an immersive challenge with other students from around the world. This could range from using collective decision making to save the Lumifoxes from extinction, to escaping the dungeons of an enchanted castle together through effective impulse control. By taking on team challenges and tackling complex problems in an immersive online world, your child will foster skills such as leadership, critical thinking, emotional intelligence and teamwork - all through the medium of play.

Developing Education



**DEVELOPING
EDUCATION**

If you're tired of feeling isolated in your commitment to transformational education, you're not alone. Developing Education connects progressive educators worldwide who are ready to move beyond surface-level reforms toward systematic transformation that honors human development.

Through their Breaking the Paradigm podcast, Provocations quarterly magazine, Paradigm Breakers community, revolutionary courses and consulting work, they provide both the frameworks and peer support needed to question the unspoken norms in education and build alternatives that actually serve students.

Whether you're seeking thought-provoking investigations, practical implementation support or connection with fellow educators refusing to accept "that's just how education works," Developing Education is building the coalition that's proving transformational change isn't just possible - it's inevitable when enough of us work together.

You can join their **Substack** and their **virtual community**.

Dr James Mannion

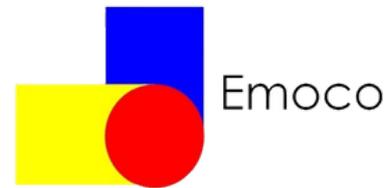
Dr James Mannion is a keynote speaker, teacher trainer, researcher, consultant and author with a passion for educational and political reform. He is the co-founder and Director of Rethinking Education, a teacher training organisation specialising in implementation and improvement science, self-regulated learning and practitioner inquiry.

A former teacher of 12 years, James has an MA in person-centred education from the University of Sussex and a PhD in self-regulated learning from the University of Cambridge. He is also the host of the popular Rethinking Education podcast, which has had over half a million downloads to date.



Emoco

Emoco exists to co-create an education system with wellbeing at its heart, so no young person, educator, or parent/carer has to experience toxic stress and poor mental health stemming from the education system.



Emoco works with schools to embed a culture of wellbeing through facilitated co-production and workshops to engage the whole school community in building a school culture that reflects their needs, fostering a sense of belonging and ownership.

Emoco is actively looking to grow the wellbeing movement and work with more schools, so please contact andrew.speight@emoco.uk if you are interested.

MMT Play

Founded by Ruth Lue-Quee, AKA **My Mummy Teacher**, a highly qualified Educational Consultant, **MMT Play** offers award-winning educational resources and expert support to help children learn key skills through play.



Their products are designed for busy parents and professionals, providing simple activities and ideas to get children active, learning, and playing, adapted for a wide range of abilities.

MMT Play also extends expertise to Schools & EYFS Settings through consultancy and tailored workshops. They help integrate playful, child-centred learning strategies, aiming to give children the best possible start in their playful learning journey.

ot4kids

ot4kids is run by Munira Adenwalla (she/her), a Paediatric Occupational Therapist of 27 years. She helps parents help their children move, learn, play and feel comfortable in their bodies and nervous system, by supporting their sensory processing, emotional wellbeing, and coordination.



Munira created The No Writing Way™ and the Foundations for Writing parent group program to guide parents in building the underlying sensory, motor and emotional skills that help kids write with ease, joy and confidence... without using drills or worksheets. She offers 1:1 parent sessions, workshops and parent group programs.

Munira's approach is grounded in brain science while also honouring parents' gut instinct and children's own intuition. She believes that combining parents' intuition with her knowledge and experience creates the biggest impact.

You can join her [**Facebook Group**](#) and find her on [**instagram**](#).

Press Play

PressPlay is a global, co-created learning community for educators who are serious about play-driven practice. Rooted in inquiry, research-backed ideas, and real-world impact, they bring together schools and practitioners from around the world to rethink how play shapes learning, culture and outcomes in every classroom.

The logo for PressPlay is the word "PressPlay" written in a bold, orange, script font.

Through curated Learning Journeys, live sessions with world-leading thinkers, guidance from Kym Scott and Becky Carlzon and a supportive network of peers and mentors, PressPlay turns curiosity into action, helping educators embed purposeful play, spark creativity, and sustain joyful, impactful learning every day. You can follow them on [**LinkedIn**](#).

Seen & Heard

Seen & Heard CIC is a pioneering social enterprise dedicated to transforming the culture of boarding and independent education through compassion, awareness, and emotional wellbeing.



Via SeenHeard.org.uk they support adults healing from the long-term emotional impacts of boarding and independent schooling, offering specialist one-to-one support, free online sharing groups, and community spaces and events for reflection and reconnection.

In partnership with schools via SeenHeardSchools.org.uk they deliver innovative wellbeing, welfare and safeguarding support. Including a full school welfare stakeholder survey, pastoral care reviews, trauma informed schools training, staff and pupil development that place emotional literacy, regulation and compassion at the heart of school life.

Drawing on psychological insight and lived experience, Seen & Heard CIC helps schools evolve beyond outdated norms of stoicism and disconnection, towards environments that truly see, hear, and value every child. Their mission is to inspire a new generation of emotionally healthy school communities - where kindness, authenticity, and belonging are recognised as the foundations of genuine excellence.

The Novacene

The Novacene is a UK-based education consultancy and R&D studio helping schools build progressive, inclusive hybrid and online learning. We focus on children's rights, wellbeing, neurodivergent-affirming practice, and safe, ethical AI, turning good intentions into workable models that scale.



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Their founder **Kirstin Stevens** is a poet and education consultant, building rights-led, neurodivergent-affirming alternatives to one-size-fits-all schooling. She advises schools, boards and partners on hybrid/online models, inclusive pedagogy, and safe, ethical AI so learners gain confidence, agency, and real-world skills.