

Honorary Vice-President Andy Buck



A geography teacher, head of year and head of department, Andy went on to become a Headteacher in east London for thirteen years. In the last year of headship, his school was judged outstanding in all categories and Andy was designated a National Leader of Education. In 2009 he became a Director at the National College for School Leadership, leading on the London Challenge programme. He was subsequently responsible for setting up the government's flagship Teaching Schools programme before being appointed as Managing Director at United Learning, one of the country's largest academy groups.

Since 2014, Andy has founded two organisations: Leadership Matters and #honk. Both aim to improve the educational outcomes for pupils by supporting great leadership development. Leadership Matters is a web-based membership organisation that offers school leaders access to high quality online development tools and other leadership articles, videos and blogs. #honk is the organisation through which Andy works directly with educational leaders on executive coaching, team development, training and conference keynotes.

Since 2014 Andy founded Leadership Matters, an organisation that aims to improve the educational outcomes for pupils by working alongside educational leaders at all levels through executive coaching, team development programmes, training and online tools.

Andy was invited to become a Fellow of the RSA in 2015. He has also been a Board member for various organisations including the Teacher Training Agency, the National College for School Leadership, Partnerships for Schools, the Teacher Development Trust and the Teaching Awards. He is currently the Chair of the Education Committee of the education charity, Ambition School Leadership, which was formed from the merger of the Future Leaders Trust and Teaching Leaders.

He has written five books:

- Making School Work - 2007
- What Makes a Great School? - 2009 (now in its third edition and eighth reprint)
- What Makes a Great Middle Leader? A Handbook for Middle Leaders - 2014
- What Makes a Great Middle Leadership Team? A Handbook for Senior Leaders - 2015
- Leadership Matters: how leaders at all levels create great schools - 2016

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