

David is an experienced education consultant working with large organisations and academic institutions throughout the UK, Europe and the Middle East. He managed a large provision within a UK further education college for seven years, growing and expanding the provision, and developed a consortium with local schools to better the provision across the area in readiness for latest developments and thinking within the current UK education sector.

Following 11 years of working in both the creative industries and education, he has substantial experience of managing and working with young people and teaching staff across all levels of education, providing workshops and staff development sessions on leadership, and innovation and creativity within the classroom. David's experience and skill has been recognised by Apple who have given in him the accolade of being an 'Apple Distinguished Educator', and more recently, an 'Apple Education Mentor'.

David has undertaken several projects in the United Arab Emirates with the British Council, developing partnerships with the network of High Colleges of Technology with UK institutions, particularly with regard to the developing and emerging media industry. He also presented keynote speeches at the Global Education Forum in Dubai in 2010 and 2011, delivering workshops and sitting on discussion panels covering topics such as 'The 21st Century Classroom'. He has also worked as a consultant to the Ministries of Education in Moscow, Sharjah, Kuwait and Ankara, focusing on developing a modern skills-based curriculum.

The first European Apple Authorised Training Centre for Logic Pro music production software was established by David in 2003. He now regularly presents at the EMEIA training conferences for Apple, delivering on such aspects of embedding training into established curriculums and elements of best practice, including recently places such as Munich, Paris, Barcelona and Amsterdam. David also authored the 'Best Practices' document for Apple that is delivered to all trainers across EMEIA.

David is currently working with the BackStage Academy as Education Director in association with the University of Bolton in the development of a new and unique curriculum to support the live entrainments industry, focusing heavily on vocational significance and the role of new and emerging technologies within education.

David studied at the University of Nottingham, and subsequently at the University of Leeds to undertake a Masters degree. He is also a published composer, and works regularly as a musical director in various productions.

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