

**National College for School Leadership
Seizing Success 2008 Conference
Overview of the conference – video transcript**

“I’m here to be inspired, overwhelmed and to go back buzzing.”

“I’m hoping to go back to my school inspired.”

“I came last year and it was brilliant, fantastic few days.”

“I’m here to be up to date on everything that’s happening with leadership.”

“Well I’m a new head so I’m looking for inspiration.”

“It’s a really good thing in terms of filling up your reservoir of hope”.

“It’s great to draw on the expertise not just from education, you draw on people that are in the world of business, you draw on people that are in the world of media, international speakers. And it’s then put in that global perspective together to make an impact on your little part of the world.”

“It’s a wonderful chance for us to get together as colleagues and have a really good chat about what’s going on. And it’s also you hear wonderful speakers, really cutting edge stuff, and from an international perspective as well.”

“Oh I’m really very touched by, you know, Jonathan Jansen and Kati, and I think they all talk about authentic leadership and I’m really all for it.”

“I really enjoyed Professor Jansen. I thought it was very moving and it really made me think.”

“Steve Munby’s speech was fantastic, highly inspirational.”

“His presentation was superb, very motivating and certainly something we’ve got to take back and really think about.”

“I’ve just been in a workshop on 21st Century Learning and Changing Structures, and just found it absolutely fascinating. It will change our practice immediately.”

“When I first came four years ago, I came with one colleague, and this time I’ve come with six. So big investment.”

“You know, one of the things as a head you’ve got to be out doing is collecting in ideas. You’ve got to be doing the reconnaissance, you’ve got to be hearing what’s going on, and sometimes in a day-to-day way it’s quite difficult to do that.”

“I’m busy all day, every day. I don’t often get the chance to get out. So it’s just lovely to be out in the big world and actually hear about what’s going on outside our own small schools.”

“For me as a young teacher it’s an opportunity to stand back from teaching itself and first of all prioritise what I want to do over perhaps the next five years, but at the same time, look at good practice and what other people are doing.”

“So far, interestingly, we’ve got an enormous amount of really relevant information from the exhibitions.”

“I was impressed with what the minister had to say this morning. I wasn’t expecting to be impressed, but I wasn’t expecting to be impressed, but I thought he did actually come across very well.”

“This is the third year I’ve been and it absolutely gives us the best ideas. And we get inspired and you go back full of enthusiasm and in lost of ways the staff dread us going out on conferences cos we come back saying right we’re going to do this.”

“Sort of picking up the sort of, through some sort of osmosis, all of these leadership sort of brainwaves all coming through together.”

“It’s also really invaluable that when you watch a lecture together, you can then discuss it and how it can best apply to your school. And basically I think that this conference makes me feel really fortunate to be a head teacher and it always has, and I like extending that to other people in the school.”

“You really kind of think about bigger than just your school, bigger than your area. You’re thinking really how you fit into where we’re going educationally. So I think if people don’t come, if you’re reading about it, you just don’t get that same impression.”

“Everybody that I know that actually has been here has said that you will come back with so many ideas and that your head will be buzzing, and already it is. So it is definitely living up to my expectations.”

“I thought Ishmael was outstanding. I think he was such a young man with such compassion and such a genuine understanding of how the world works. I think he holds most of the world leaders up to shame and very much he touched my soul, and that’s what I’m going to take away and do something about.”

“Oh I had a fantastic day. Just lots of things to think about.”

“Last night was fantastic. Yeah, we had a good time. Let our hair down. It’s a once a year where we all get together and it’s just wonderful.”

“I’ve enjoyed everything I’ve heard.”

“This conference is special, I think, because of the challenge you get from the variety of speakers. And a bit of an emotional rollercoaster.”

“Emotional, inspirational and altogether brilliant, yeah.”