

SIMONBREAKSPEAR



Simon's keynote presentation was very well received by our international audience of development professionals, education innovators and policy makers. His unique combination of expertise in education systems reform, pedagogy and technology helped us think through the effective use of ICT for education in developing countries. Simon impressed with his dynamism and thoughtful answers to audience questions, which were grounded in a practical emphasis on learning outcomes.

Josh Zwar - Organiser of 2015 All Children Reading Innovators Summit
World Vision Australia



Professional Development Network would like to acknowledge Simon Breakspear from LearnLabs. Simon presented at our Annual School Leadership Conference in August 2015 and shared his leadership knowledge and insight regarding Innovation for Better Learning.

Simon was friendly, focused, exceptionally knowledgeable, and relaxed. He inspired and motivated delegates on how to develop a culture of continuous innovation that can deliver radically better learning. The PDN Committee and 300 Delegates were all in agreement, Simon definitely met our expectations.

His presentation was topical and enlightening. Simon's material was valuable for all delegates and his presentation style was interactive, engaging, and thorough. We look forward to welcoming Simon to a future PDN Event and thank both, Simon and Renee sincerely for all their pre-conference organisation that led to a very successful event. Deanne Clark, Professional Development Network

Deanne Clark - Event Organiser
Professional Development Network



Educate Plus is a networking organisation for Advancement professionals working in Education and Simon spoke at the opening plenary session of our recent NSW/ACT Chapter Conference. Simon's presentation was informative, entertaining and well-tailored to the areas of interest of our delegates. He clearly set out information regarding the types of challenges we may face in the future and left us with a lot to think about. Simon is a dynamic and thoughtful presenter who really does his homework!

Julia Glass - Director of Community Relations & 2015 Educate Plus NSW/ACT Conference Chair
International Grammar School



The feedback I received was overwhelmingly positive. Simon thoroughly engaged the audience and set the tone for the whole conference. I couldn't have asked for more.

Bruce Perry - President of NSW/ACT Educate Plus
St Andrew's Cathedral School



Simon's truly excellent presentation reinforced exactly what we wanted and provided challenges to inspire us further.

Mark Piddington – Principal
Sydney Distance Education High School



Delegates from our conference are still raving about Simon! His informed thinking was engaging, entertaining and educational; adding a great deal to our conference, through both his keynote and contribution to our panel session.

Simon presented a session for our delegates aligned to the brief he was given concerning our Conference theme, 'Getting the Balance Right'. His presentation was informative, challenging and kept our delegates engaged throughout.

Kerryn Ferneyhough
Saxton Speakers Bureau



Working with Simon is the safest way to make sure a high profile, ambitious event for school leaders breaks new ground and leaves people wanting more. From the start of the planning, through to the post-event and follow-up, Simon took charge, covered every detail small and large, and delivered one of the most compelling, engaging, and provocative global workshop we've run.

Nobody can engage, challenge, provoke, and entertain a room full of school leaders like Simon Breakspear. Having him lead our program ensured our education partners were taken on a journey they will never forget. Simon knows his stuff, knows people, and knows how to merge the two together to create magic. It's a pleasure to work with him.

Sean Tierney – Director of Education, Teaching & Learning Strategy
Microsoft Asia



Simon is a brilliant keynote speaker – engaging the audience with humour and charisma while delivering practical, meaningful content.

Elizabeth Li - Producer of EduTECH & FutureSchools
Association and Communications Events



Thank you Simon for providing a thought-provoking and challenging presentation, which was highly engaging and well-researched. Your presentation on "What is an education worth having?" provided extensive food for thought and collegial discussion as we considered how we are preparing our students for their place in our rapidly changing world.

Peter Fowler – Chair
Head Masters Council (HMC) NSW



Our recent local leaders events in Warrnambool with Simon were first class and met the needs of our local community leaders. Simon left us with many questions and challenges to think about. Most pleasing was the way he related, adapted and tailored both presentations to suit the needs of our events.

Creative, inspiring and most importantly practical...built on the needs of our local community. As part of the student leaders congress and business education leaders workshop Simon challenged us to 'Think Better and Differently' about learning and leadership in today's world.

Simon Perry – Principal
Woolsthorpe Primary School



Inspiring, compelling, thought-provoking, humorous-- please pass on to Mr. Breakspear that his keynote address in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, March 20 2015 for the Edmonton school teachers was VERY much appreciated and enjoyed.

Truly, one of the best key note people I have ever heard!

Cheryl Thomas
Teacher & Conference Attendee



Simon is exceptional in his approach and revolutionary in his ideas for education. He is a great asset to any organisation, looking to gain a refreshing and cutting-edge perspective in improving education.

Paul Lim - Organiser of World Educational Leadership Summit 2015
INTASE



Simon's presentation demonstrated his clear understanding of the current directions within education. An extremely thought provoking and engaging presentation that left his audience thinking and wanting more. A brilliant catalyst for in school conversations and future planning.

Sue Mackay – Principal
Kororo Public School, NSW North Coast Primary Principals Conference



Simon has brought extraordinary benefit to our strategic planning process. He is an outstanding facilitator of process; however, it is his breadth of knowledge regarding global educational thought and practice, and the razor-sharp acuity with which he is able to clarify issues that lift his contributions into the highest echelons. I have no hesitation recommending his work.

Tim Bowden - Principal
Inaburra School



We found Simon to be thoroughly engaging and very helpful in finding clarity with our work.

Vicki Brewer. Principal
Castle Hill High School



Simon delivered numerous presentations to the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) on the Northern Beaches of Sydney throughout March and April 2015.

Mr Breakspear's presentations were outstanding, pertinent, engaging and contextually 'on the money'. The subject matter was incredibly relevant but it was probably the efforts Simon went to in building a theme of 'effective planning' and change management that most impressed.

In Simon's main address he engaged almost 500 staff with his upbeat, optimistic view on the future of teaching and preparing students for their life ahead. Then in three smaller workshops he then refocused the content to an executive audience from 13 separate schools, allowing time to plan for school change while valuing the representative voice of all present.

Simon speaks with an engaging tone, flowing with personality and passion. He captures the audience and holds their interest until the very end leaving them feeling honoured to have heard him speak.

I would be delighted to address any correspondence on Simon Breakspear and fully support and recommend him to any person seeking his services as a speaker and workshop facilitator.

Ian Bowsher – Principal
Barrenjoey High School



Simon is committed to working with educational jurisdictions in an ongoing relationship with the goal of improving teaching and learning. He acts as both a facilitator and a critical friend. He is mindful of the current educational landscape with a vision for the future that is achievable through incremental change beginning in the classroom. His presentations are highly motivating to educators, but he asks more of his audience than just a change in mindset – he sets the stage for action through thoughtful innovation and implementation of Deeper Learning constructs.

Over the past two years, I have worked with Simon through the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents Professional Learning Committee and our school division to bring his work to Manitoba educators and, in particular, the teachers, administrators and support staff of Pine Creek School Division. Simon plans his work with us to suit the needs of the educators, rather than just delivering a "one-size-fits-all" presentation. This has been accomplished through Skype meetings and ongoing correspondence to build understanding of the organization with which he will be working. We plan to continue our work with Simon by having him connect through Skype with school staffs and divisional committees as a critical friend as our educators design for deeper learning."

Brian Gouriluk - Superintendent
Pine Creek School Division (Canada)



Simon has the demonstrated ability to bring together a disparate group of executive staff into a united team with a common purpose aligned with the schools strategic direction.

He has an incisive mind and is able to direct thinking from abstracts to measureable concrete outcomes.

Michael Bryce – Principal & Margaret Smith – Deputy Principal
Bonnyrigg Partially Selective High School