

Professor David Lambert

Chief Executive

Biography

David Lambert was a comprehensive school geography teacher for 12 years culminating in a Deputy Headship in 1985. He joined the Institute of Education in 1987, becoming Reader in Education in 1999. During this period he led the Geography PGCE and the MA Geography in Education and also had a spell as Assistant Dean ITE (research). He played a leading role in introducing the Master of Teaching (MTeach), an innovative programme which now has more than 200 registered students.

In 2002 he became full time Chief Executive of the Geographical Association, helping guide its development as a significant provider of CPD and a leader in funded curriculum development activity. From September 2007, he has combined this role with a return to the IoE as Professor of Geography Education. His writing and research are concerned with curriculum development, assessment and his overarching goal is to advance understanding of the role of geography in schools in relation to broad educational purposes.

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Quote

If we think education in its broadest sense is important, then geography is important too. Thinking geographically helps us understand ourselves in the world... or, as our manifesto says, helps us travel with a different view. If geography, as it is laid out in the manifesto, were not part of the curriculum then we'd risk turning out young people who were only partially educated.