

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2015

Professor Peter Earley



Peter has had a long and distinguished career in school leadership and management research and teaching. As a researcher, he has given distinguished service and is a leading figure in the field. He is active in national and international networks as an External Examiner and consultant and is in demand for European conferences and as a consultant to European networks. A long-term member of BELMAS, Peter has also served as Chair of the Thesis Panel for many years – a role to which he has brought insightful wisdom and administrative expertise.

In his work both at the IOE and the NFER, he has built up a distinguished record of teaching with many commendations for his excellence in programme design and delivery and for his profound impact on the work of his students. At the London Centre for Leadership in Learning (LCLL), UCL Institute of Education, Peter has been exemplary in initiating and sustaining many of LCLL's most highly regarded Masters Programmes in Educational Leadership, including the MA Leadership (Teach First), the innovative online Master's program in Applied Educational Leadership and Management (AELM), and the new Master's in Inspection.

He has a very distinguished record of research and publication as evidenced by publications in a variety of journals with national and international status. Peter is a very thorough researcher and takes time to get small details right. His work on professional development in particular combines the practical with research-based information that many have found invaluable. He has had an active role nationally, in working with the DfE, in workshops for teachers, and as a keynote speaker and workshop leader. Examples of his involvement in research include:

- *Effectively managing headteacher performance*
- *Leadership: lessons from other sectors – an evidence review*
- *New Heads in Global Cities: A Comparative Study*
- *Research into teachers and leadership for the Royal Society's project : "Vision for science and mathematics education 5 – 19"*
- *Review of School Leadership Landscape RD579*
- *Sweden – Linköpings – UK Leadership Programme 2014 – Widening Leadership Plus*

Peter's contributions to scholarship in leadership preparation, the role of governing bodies, the dynamic nature of the landscape of leadership and the life-stages of leaders have made a substantial difference to our understanding of leadership and leaders over several decades.

This award is an acknowledgement of this contribution and Peter's long service with BELMAS.