

## National College for School Leadership Seizing Success 2008 Conference

### Views from the conference – video transcript

#### Delegates' views of the conference:

"This conference is special I think because of the challenge you get from the variety of speakers".

"You hear wonderful speakers. Really cutting-edge stuff. And from an international perspective as well."

"I came last year and it was brilliant. A fantastic few days and I went back inspired. Spoke to my colleague and said you've got to come next year. And so we've come up together."

"I'm here because I really want to know the latest developments in leadership strategy, the implications for future head teachers."

"Being out of the school and seeing the bigger picture's very important."

"Certainly I went back last year, after my three days here, really inspired, and it's carried me forward for the following 12 months."

"When I first came four years ago, I came with one colleague, and this time I've come with six."

"We're working in partnership with another school and they suggested that we came, so we've come together."

"One of the things that you really, really bring home is that you actually want to bottle absolutely everything that you're hearing. And the very last presentation that we have had has been so moving, because actually one of the things that it encapsulates, is the fact that education is about each of us finding a journey and being able to actually translate that and transform other people."

"To be renewed, reenergised really. To remind myself of why I actually get up every day and do the job."

"I like listening to people who don't concentrate on structures, but actually concentrate on children, of whatever age."

"I'm very, very touched by, you know, Jonathan Jansen, and Kati, and I think they are very real people. I mean they all talk about authentic leadership and I am really all for it."

“It’s the third year I’ve been and it absolutely gives us the best ideas and we get inspired and you back full of enthusiasm.”

“It’s at the right time of the year I think when you’re feeling particularly reflective.”

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

“He’s very practical, very clear, but also very passionate about what he says. So yeah, that speech was good.”

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

“You really kind of think about bigger than just your school, bigger than your area, thinking really how you fit into where we’re going educationally.”

“I was impressed with what the Minister had to say this morning. I wasn’t expecting to be impressed because of the agenda with the kind of schools and challenging circumstances etcetera, but I thought he did actually come across very well.”

“For me as a young teacher, it’s an opportunity to stand back from teaching itself and the pastoral commitments I’ve got at my school. 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.”

“I feel particularly inspired with all the conversations around executive leadership and federations. Last year I attended the conference and that had begun to be talked about, and now it is more formally talked about. And it’s been really interesting to come back and have a look at case studies.”

“Oh I had a fantastic day. Just lots of things to think about. I’m looking forward to actually just reflecting on what I’ve heard today.”

“I think everything that’s been spoken has just been, you know, riveting. I think it’ll take weeks to sort of reflect on it.”

“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.”