



## **How my training avoids the “INSET graveyard”**

Most teachers have an INSET graveyard - a shelf full of handouts from death-by-Powerpoint training sessions. And many have memories of sessions with brilliant presenters who left them buzzing but also... just left them.

Not that there's anything wrong with creating a buzz. People always enjoy my training days. They are very, very interactive. There's laughter and fun, as well as moments of serious reflection where people connect over important questions. But it's not enough to have a day of fireworks that fizzle out. What ultimately matters is whether you are still doing philosophy a year, two years, three years on from your INSET.

So much of my effort goes into what I do BEFORE the day to help you AFTER the day.

**Teachers are busy** so I boil ideas down into mini-book formats that are easy to use.

**It's hard to keep new initiatives going** so I write resources that I send out free, week after week. (Nearly 9,000 readers now!)

**It's easy for new practices to become “zombified”**. The surface activities survive, but the purpose gets lost. So while I provide lots of activities, the training focuses on the principles that underpin them and make them work. Principles you can make your own and apply in new ways.

I'm looking forward to another year of spreading the philosophy bug. If you're thinking of getting me in for training, read on for prices and a sample schedule. Any questions whatsoever, email or ring. My mobile is (UK) 07843 555355 and it's often quicker to sort things out by phone.

Thanks,



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# PRICE LIST & SAMPLE SCHEDULE



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## CONTENT OF TRAINING

A typical schedule for a 1 day INSET or first day of a Level 1 course is on page four of this document. When I do a shorter session, it's typically based around the first session of the day on Thinkers' Games/Help Me Find My Voice. But everything's flexible.

I also like to run bespoke days tailored to particular audiences (Deputy Heads who need to run an INSET session, creative agents, vicars...) or with different content that is broadly in the field of speaking, thinking and oomph - boys' writing projects, public speaking clubs, confidence building through improv, Thought Sport clubs...

## INTERNATIONAL BOOKINGS

I will do my best to accommodate bookings abroad any time of the year, but to keep travel costs down, from around 20th Jan to 20th March 2014, I'm going "on tour" to Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and anywhere else that can be worked into the itinerary. Email ASAP to register an interest and I'll start firming up the schedule.

## PRIORITY BOOKING FOR POPULAR DAYS

On peak training days I am inundated with INSET requests. Rather than just having a premium price for those dates, I'm reserving them until April 30th for P4C Jumbo Days of at least 8 schools, or for schools that are committing to a Level 1 course. Please email ASAP.

After April 30th, I'll release these days for anyone who just wants a single day of INSET. If you'd like to be first in line if one of those days is still available on April 30th, please email.

Peak Days for 2013-2014: Sep 2-6. Oct 25. Nov 4. Jan 6-8. Apr 4,22. May 23. Jun 2.

## TRAINING DAYS

A (very) full day visit to your school is £1000 (all prices are + VAT). That could be:

### OPTION 1:

Full day of INSET  
+Lead teacher consultation

### OPTION 2:

Pupil workshops  
+Lead teacher consultation  
+Staff training up to 1 1/2 hours

### OPTION 3:

Lead teacher consultation  
+Afternoon of pupil workshops  
+Twilight up to 2 1/2 hours

The pupil workshops should be seen as an integral part of the training - jiggle your cover so as many people can observe as possible. Price includes copies of Thinkers' Games and Pocket P4C minibooks for up to 30 staff, and a Lead Teacher Pack containing DVDs, resources and access to an indexed and extended collection of most of the materials I have written over the last three years. Extra schools cost £100 for a Lead Teacher Pack, extra staff £4 per person for books.

## **SAPERE ACCREDITED LEVEL 1 COURSE**

SAPERE is the national charity that has been responsible for making the UK one of the leading adopters of P4C. The Level 1 Introduction to P4C is a certificated course that is the nationally recognised route into P4C. The course can be either two full days of INSET, or a full day of INSET followed by two "Option 3" days as described above. Maximum for a Level 1 course is usually 22.

## **TWILIGHTS**

You can't do P4C justice in a single twilight session. But a twilight can have a great impact as a taster session for delegates from lots of schools, a top-up for a school or cluster that has already had P4C training, or if it focuses on my Thinkers' Games (see first session of attached schedule) rather than skimming over full P4C. If a twilight is suitable for your needs, the cost is £700.

## **CLUSTER DAYS/JUMBO DAYS**

For schools wanting to collaborate to share the cost of INSET, this includes a Lead Teacher Pack for each school and a Getting Started pack for each participant. Cost is £200 per school and £20 per person, billed to each school separately. Minimum of four schools, or eight schools on peak days.

## **TASTER DAYS**

These are aimed at local authorities, dioceses and other organisations with substantial networks. Each delegate gets a Lead Teacher Pack. Cost is £100 per person, minimum of 12 delegates.

## **KEYNOTES AND CONFERENCES**

My ideal conference is to give an enlivening keynote or introduction, and then offer a couple of workshops during parallel sessions. I don't charge more just because it's a big event, but there can be extra costs for large quantities of resources or if I need to bring an assistant. Email for details.

## **PUPIL WORKSHOP DAYS**

I set aside 20 days for workshops just with children at a reduced rate of £700. These are mainly to enable gifted and talented workshops where the same group is together for the whole day, or Alien Adventure Launch days for KS2.

Details of options for workshops are on the website, or email for details. Workshops are usually held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays to leave the ends of the week free for INSET.

## **EXPENSES**

I don't charge travel unless I have to get a plane or (sometimes worse) a train. If I need to stay overnight before your day in order to be sure to get to you in good time, accommodation costs are capped at £50 per night.

For Level 1 courses, SAPERE charge an accreditation fee of £10 per person, payable direct to SAPERE.

## Sample Schedule

9.00 onwards COFFEE

9.32 Thinkers' Games

The opening session is on Thinkers' Games, a suite of techniques that "make the thinking physical" and can be used to enhance dialogue across the curriculum.

Help Me Find My Voice

Along the way, we'll also explore 6 principles to help engage "wallflower children" – those who are reluctant to join the discussion.

11.00 COFFEE

11.22 Enquiry Demonstration

Participate in the Community of Enquiry process usually used in P4C, including techniques for drawing out reluctant speakers and encouraging speakers to build on one another's ideas.

12.45 LUNCH

1.32 The Questionarium

Juicy, quarrelsome questions are at the heart of successful P4C. We'll explore lots of starting points for P4C and run through Big Questions Topic Planning to help you integrate P4C into your curriculum.

The Take Away

We'll take a few minutes to explore the resources you get to take away, so you can make maximum use of them and everyone has something they can do this week.

VAMPIRE Facilitation

Fast, fun and doubles as a recap of the day.

3.27 FINISH

## Lead Teacher's Resource Pack

The Lead Teacher's Resource Pack (one included in training fee, or one per school for Cluster/Jumbo Days).

- Compendium of P4C Resources for installation on your school's network
- Training DVD of a full length P4C enquiry, with commentary
- Copy of "The Philosophy Files" book by Stephen Law
- 5 ready-to-use resources you could try the next school day
- Copies of Pocket P4C and Thinkers' Games minibooks
- A notebook with reminders of key concepts
- 1 Year's membership of [www.p4c.com](http://www.p4c.com)

## Logistical details

I usually arrive at 8.30 to set up. We need a room where there is plenty of space to mill about. For groups of 30 or fewer, a large classroom is often better than a hall. If the space has a ceiling-mounted projector and speakers, great, or I can bring my own.

## Booking

Get in touch to discuss your requirements and agree a provisional date. I will then hold that for you for at least a fortnight while you confirm it with your colleagues. I send out invoices each half term for upcoming courses and ask if these can be paid within 14 days of the course being delivered.

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