Professor Gordon Stobart
Masterclass

Gordon’s masterclass reflected on the effects of assessment on learning and teaching and highlighted the need for new thinking on summative assessment. He also highlighted the importance of aligning assessments with the curriculum.

Biography

Gordon is a Senior Lecturer in Assessment at the University of London Institute of Education. After working for eight years as a secondary school teacher he retrained as an educational Psychologist. He then moved into educational research after doctoral study in the USA as a Fulbright Scholar.

He became Head of Research at London Examinations at the time of the introduction of the GCSE and then became Principal Research Officer at the National Council Vocational Qualifications where he was involved in the development of GNVQ. He transferred to QCA where he worked on both national curriculum assessment and public examinations.

He is a founder member of the Assessment reform group which is committed to the use of assessment for learning as well as of learning.

As well as the VITAE project he is also co-director of the key stage 3 pilot evaluations for DfES.

Publications

The publications listed below are a selection of the many books published by Gordon Stobart.

2008
Testing Times – The Uses and Abuses of Assessment
G. Stobart
Routledge – Published March 2008

2003
Alternative Assessment in: T. Kellaghan & D. Stufflebeam (Eds)
C. Gipps & G. Stobbart
Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers
Using Assessment to Improve Learning: Intentions, Feedback and Motivation in:
C. Richardson (Ed) Whither Assessment?
G. Stobart
London, QCA
Preparing for Change: Evaluation of the Implementation of the Key Stage 3 Strategy Pilot
L. Stoll, G. Stobart, S. Martin, S. Freeman, E. Freedman, P. Sammons & R. Smees
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2001
The Validity of National Curriculum Assessment
G. Stobart (2001)
British Journal of Educational Studies 49, 1, 26-39

1998
The underachievement debate: fairness and equality in assessment
G. Stobart and C. Gipps (1998)
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Research

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2001-2002
Evaluation of KS3 Strategy Pilot
2001-2002 Project funded by the Department for Education and Skills
Variations in Teacher Effectiveness over Time (VITAE)
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