

Cultivating creative learners in higher education: is it too late?

As Sir Ken Robinson has argued in his much-watched TED talk, schools - even schools that take bright students and get good results - all too often kill creativity. But they needn't. Work on our own Building Learning Power programme, as well as several sister initiatives, has shown that it is perfectly possible to get good results and at the same time cultivate the underlying dispositions for creative learning. In this talk, we will explore some of the subtle but effective habit changes in teachers that lead to this desirable result, and ask whether the same adjustments are possible, and still desirable, in HE. If so, clear possibilities open up for the work of staff and educational developers.