PRESS NOTICE

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SPECIALISTS ARE NEEDED TO TEACH VALUES, SAYS RICHARD LAYARD

Delivering the Ashby Lecture at the University of Cambridge on Wednesday, 2nd May, Richard Layard will argue that we need a new specialty of teachers specifically trained to teach values. “Without a cadre of specialist teachers acting as proselytes and high priests of the movement, there is no chance of the educational revolution we are talking about.”

More and more children are suffering from emotional disturbance and a major purpose of schools must be to help develop good and happy people. There are scientifically evaluated approaches to the teaching of emotional intelligence; they need to be used in every school. The study of Personal, Social and Health Education should continue to the age of 18, and university applicants should give evidence of good project work in this area.

The lecture ‘The Teaching of Values’, which is embargoed till 8 pm on Wednesday, 2 May, will be made available at http://cep.lse.ac.uk.

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Note to editors
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