Open Source *Schools*

National Leadership Conference
Opening Opportunities, Freeing Learning

Date: Tuesday 5 April 2011   **Place:** Institute of Arbitrators, London

Event details
This conference has been designed by school leaders and others in the Open Source Schools' community to showcase to school leadership teams the best of educational free and open source software, whether used alone or blended with proprietary software.

Why you should come
Using open source software in your school will allow you to:

- save money
- use technology in a way that is aligned to your vision of teaching and learning
- have greater flexibility in the way ICT is used.

What you will get from it
The conference will provide:

- an overview of the state of the art in open technology for education
- an opportunity to share experiences with other school leaders who are forming their Open Source ICT strategy
- advice and guidance from leading figures drawn from industry, education and government
- facts which dispel myths about open source software
- examples of how to make real financial savings
- cast-iron case studies from schools using open source to make whole school improvements.

Speakers will include
Paul Haigh, Assistant Head for Innovation at Notre Dame High School, Sheffield, an ICT consultant and writer of The New Technologies Handbook for Schools

Miles Berry, senior lecturer in ICT at Roehampton University and Community Manager of Open Source Schools

Mark Taylor, CEO of Sirius Corporation plc the UK's first Office of Government Commerce Open Source Company
http://www.siriusit.co.uk

Tony Parkin, Independent consultant (formerly head of ICT Development, SSAT)

Brian Lockwood, Director of IT, Egglescliffe School, Stockton-on-Tees

Ian Usher, e-Learning Co-ordinator for Buckinghamshire County Council's Children & Young People's Service

Paul Hynes, Head of New Technologies, SSAT.

To book, please go to
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http://opensourceschools.org.uk/

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http://www.ciarb.org/

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