



Lorna Jackson

Lorna Jackson is Headteacher of Maryland Primary School in Stratford, a Mayor of London's School for Success, highlighted in the Parliamentary Review for innovation and research. School motto 'Where our children's future matters most'. School

Lorna has worked in Newham as a teacher for over 40 years (the longest serving primary teacher and Headteacher in the borough) and has seen many changes to education in that time. She has also seen where change is still needed and hence the conception of the project, Education for Change.

Lorna's school ensures her school motto is evident in the life of her school... the future is in the hands of the children we teach so we must get it right. Lorna believes in learning from the experience of others and has conducted international educational research in Japan, China, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Singapore, Jamaica and Bangladesh. She is now using her own experience in diversity to support colleagues through Education for Change.

Lorna's school is widely recognised for pioneering in curriculum innovation and was, controversially at the time, the first school in Newham to introduce Ruth Miskin's reading programme in 2003, becoming one of only two international model schools in the country for Read Write Inc.

Lorna's ambitions are for Maryland to keep innovating to bring about change and lives by the mantra "those who say it can't be done should not disturb the person doing it". She speaks about 'standing out' is as important to her as being 'outstanding', as the former takes courage, conviction, embracing challenge and bravely taking risks. The same courage that is needed for schools to demonstrate that they are challenging racism and bias. This is what Lorna wants to leave as her legacy to Newham as well as seeing more staff and pupils come into assembly dancing and singing to One Love!