

**ARK (Absolute Return for Kids) works in partnership with Teachfirst, who offer discounts on Common Purpose courses. They are also linked to people at Tavistock, via the 'Teaching Leaders' program.**

Common Purpose, Teachfirst and ARK.

From: [www.cpexposed.com](http://www.cpexposed.com)

Common Purpose (CP) is a Charity, based in Great Britain, which creates 'Future Leaders' of society. CP selects individuals and 'trains' them to learn how society works, who 'pulls the levers of power' and how CP 'graduates' can use this knowledge to lead 'Outside Authority'.

Children, teenagers and adults have their prejudices removed. Graduates are 'empowered' to become 'Leaders' and work in 'partnership' with other CP graduates. CP claims to have trained some 30,000 adult graduates in UK and changed the lives of some 80,000 people, including schoolchildren and young people.

But evidence shows that Common Purpose is rather more than a Charity 'empowering' people and communities'. In fact, CP is an elitest pro-EU political organisation helping to replace democracy in UK, and worldwide, with CP chosen 'elite' leaders. In truth, their hidden networks and political objectives are undermining and destroying our democratic society and are threatening 'free will' in adults, teenagers and children. Their work is funded by public money and big business, including international banks.

Common Purpose is associated with Teachfirst, and Teachfirst works in partnership with ARK.

Teachfirst offer their 'ambassadors' a one thousand pound discount to go on Common Purpose courses.

<http://graduates.teachfirst.org.uk/Ambassador-benefits.html>

'Teachfirst' works in partnership with ARK (Absolute Return for Kids), NCSL (National College for School Leadership), 'Teaching Leaders' and 'Future Leaders.' <http://www.teachingleaders.org.uk/our-partners,28.html>

Teachfirst 'headhunts' graduates and gives them 6 weeks teacher training, after which they are placed in schools, with a Teachfirst mentor, gaining qualified teacher status after two years. So, plenty of 'guidance' from the likes of The Goldman Sachs Foundation along the road to becoming one of the 'future leaders'. (The Goldman Sachs Foundation (bankers) are working

with Teachfirst.)

From: <http://graduates.teachfirst.org.uk/Training--Development.html>

Starting on Sunday 29th June 2008, the Summer Institute is an intensive six-week residential course on which you will work and live with your fellow Teach First participants. The first three weeks are held in London, the Midlands or the North West, depending on the location of your placement school, and then all Teach First participants come together for the final three weeks at Canterbury Christ Church University in Canterbury. Your initial teacher training (ITT) takes two forms: subject studies and professional studies.

However, students get no experience of being inside schools, and wouldn't recognize typical or atypical behaviour in a school.

Supporters of Teachfirst include bankers and public money:

[http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/what\\_is\\_teachfirst/support\\_us/current\\_supporters](http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/what_is_teachfirst/support_us/current_supporters)

One Teachfirst ambassador works as ARK's recruitment officer,

[http://www.brent.gov.uk/commins.nsf/4858a1fb6d81b48880256d93007b91a9/7280bdffba922852802572c80057fa9b/\\$FILE/Sponsor%20for%20Wembley%20Academy%20App%204.pdf](http://www.brent.gov.uk/commins.nsf/4858a1fb6d81b48880256d93007b91a9/7280bdffba922852802572c80057fa9b/$FILE/Sponsor%20for%20Wembley%20Academy%20App%204.pdf)

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Alexia graduated with a first class BA (hons) degree in Anthropology from the

University of Durham. After spending two years teaching at Bethnal Green Technology College, she is now a Teach First ambassador.

The position of recruitment officer is a key position in making sure ARK gets the type of staff which suit Teachfirst and ARK and having a Teachfirst Ambassador in this role is ideal.

Burlington Danes Academy, after four years with four Head Teacher changes, now has as Head Teacher Sally Coates, a Teachfirst devotee.

<http://www.teachfirst.org.uk/DownloadRepository/113835932646.pdf>

Since ARK has a clause in the funding agreement which states that 'The core subjects of the National Curriculum (being Mathematics, English and Science) must be taught to all pupils in years 7-11 except where, in the

opinion of the head teacher, it is inappropriate for an individual pupil or groups of pupils to be taught one or more of those subjects.', presumably ARK means for students to be removed from core subjects. For this to come about on account of the Head Teacher's opinion, then clearly ARK needs to have a Head Teacher who conforms to their requirements, that they can have students removed from core subjects. It seems they may now have a compliant HT, devotee of Teachfirst.

ARK School, Burlington Danes Academy, according to staff who have resigned, is staffed by approximately 40% Teachfirst teachers, who take lighter timetables and easier classes on account of their inexperience. Consequently, older, more experienced teachers get heavier timetables and more difficult classes. Most have left.

Burlington Danes has also one member of staff at the Teachfirst 'Cock Ups' Club: <http://graduates.teachfirst.org.uk/Cock-up-clubs.html>

Andrea Berkeley, Head of Professional Development with 'Teaching Leaders' (working in partnership with ARK) has associations with Tavistock:

From: <http://www.teachingleaders.org.uk/team-profiles,10.html>

She is an associate consultant of the Institute of Education, tutoring and facilitating on NCSL senior leadership programmes and an executive coach with Tavistock Consultancy Service and Right Management

NCSL (National College for School Leadership, working in partnership with ARK) quotes Kissinger, with respect:

<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/media/1CB/30/leadership-and-innovation-in-the-transformation-of-schools.pdf>

Henry Kissinger believes that "the present generation has the power to tap into astonishing amounts of knowledge on any subject but no ability to integrate it into a knowledge of the past and no ability therefore to project it meaningfully into the future" (cited by Sheridan, 1999, p 274).

NCSL course (Leadership Pathways) quotes Kissinger:

'Before I served as a consultant to (President Kennedy) I had believed, like most academics, that the process of decision making was largely intellectual and all one had to do was to walk into the President's office

and convince him of the correctness of one's views. This perspective, I soon realized, is as dangerously immature as it is widely held.

This course (Leadership Pathways at NCSL) also quotes Paul Hersey: Dr. Paul Hersey. The Situational Leader: 'Leadership is simply the process of influencing someone to do something that he or she might otherwise not do. Leadership is influence.'

So, ARK works closely with Teachfirst, which has all the hallmarks of being a 'common purpose' style institution, training future leaders and funded by public and private money. Teachfirst offers its graduates discounts to do Common Purpose courses. ARK also works in partnership with 'Teaching Leaders', which has senior staff with ties to Tavistock.