



## INNOVATION: JOHN CONNELL



More than 3 decades of working to bring education and technology together for the positive transformation of teaching and learning. I work across the public, private and third sectors, seeking to bring innovative and pragmatic thinking, based on a lifetime of varied experience, to my clients.

### Career milestones:

- Since 2012 Founder and Chief Officer of 'I Am Learner', Independent Education & Technology Consultancy. We work in Scotland and internationally, with clients including UNESCO, Pearson, Columba Leadership (South Africa), European SchoolNet (Brussels), American Councils, RM Education (UK). Scottish Strategic Partner for IRIS Connect, leading-edge video-based professional reflection platform for teacher self-development
- 2007-2012 Education Specialist & Business Development Manager, Cisco Systems, Emerging Markets Public Sector (Latam, Africa, Middle East, Eastern Europe, Russia, CIS)
- 2001-2007 Initiator and Director of Glow, Scotland's national online learning and collaboration platform (and the world's first national web-based platform for schools)
- 1995-2001 Senior education manager, Scottish Local Government
- 1985-1995 Headteacher / School Principal
- 1980-1985 Teacher

### Education:

- 2003 Prince 2 Practitioner (project management)
- 2000 MBA (Edinburgh Management School)
- 1990 Master of Education (Aberdeen)
- 1980 PGCE (Teaching Qualification, Craigie College, Ayr, Scotland)
- 1979 MA (Hons) Politics (Edinburgh)

### Experience:

I am an experienced public speaker, having delivered keynotes, workshops and seminars on every continent, notably in South Africa, Australia, Costa Rica, Singapore, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Slovakia and UK.

I have an extensive network of influential contacts across Africa, Middle East, Europe, USA and Latin America, in Government, Industry, and especially in Education at all levels.

I have worked with many customers at the highest levels to support them in developing medium-to-long-term strategies for incorporating leading-edge digital and networking technologies into the educational processes, across all sectors, from K12 to Higher Education.

I began and led the world's first major national connected schools project - Glow - in Scotland, between 2001 and 2007