



## The Manifesto of the Society for Total Education

### Purpose

At the Society for Total Education, (STE), we aim to illustrate the benefits of the development and recognition of the full range of a person's potential. This includes their non-academic and academic gifts, not just those measured by examinations, from conception, through the early years, their education and ultimately their work, as well as their education in parenthood as the parents of the following generation.

### Position

We recognise the large number of individuals and institutions with broadly similar goals, and understand that the education system as a whole can only absorb incremental change. Nevertheless, we believe that there are radical alternatives to current practice that could and should be progressively adopted.

### Values

We have no party political affiliation, nor would we accept any attempt to politicise the work we undertake. We believe that it is the entitlement of every individual to have the opportunity to maximise his or her potential - and that personal and social disadvantage must be addressed.

### Objective

Our Objective will be accomplished along two pathways. First is the education of future parents and the general public into ways that potential skills and abilities need to be nurtured throughout pregnancy and the early years. Second is the raising of awareness among academics, employers and the general public that, in accordance with our Purpose, education must be seen as an all-embracing - or total - concept.

The **first Objective** will be achieved via collaborations with organisations and individuals that share STE's Purpose. This will be achieved by building STE's membership into a 'community of interest' that can provide practical help towards our goal.

A series of Education Cafés, Conferences and similar events will be organised throughout the UK to raise recognition for the need for action and to mobilise a body of opinion that will bring about the necessary change.

STE's **second Objective** will involve collating existing research-based knowledge that identifies best practice around human potential. This will enable us to build an accredited model which effectively encapsulates our Purpose.

### Evaluation

We expect to be evaluated by:

- The list of organisations and individuals that have agreed to form an association with STE in, for example, a 'community of interest'.
- The list of Education Cafés, Conferences and similar events held, numbers attending and the practical outcomes from the event and involving new members.
- Published outcomes of our research.
- Adoption of our Objectives by academics, businesses, politicians and the general public.

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