

Impact of this research

This work has (and still is) changing policy both nationally and internationally within the field of D&T education. For example, nationally, Bill's work has been adopted by DATA's (the D&T teachers' professional body) Digital Electronics and CAD/CAM initiative in schools, a national training programme funded by the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). Furthermore, DATA, adopted Bill's research into their school improvement initiative to train large cohorts of teachers in 5 regional conferences in England in 2009-10. Bill has consulted and delivered training for teachers' professional development in many educational authorities including: Barnet, Barking and Dagenham, Buckinghamshire, Newham, Nottinghamshire, West Sussex and Motherwell in Scotland. Bill has been invited to a number of other education institutions to present on their respective courses.

Bill has given a keynote address at DATA's International Research Conference (2008) and two further addresses at the Specialist Schools Trust National Conferences (February and March 2009).

International Impact

Bill was also invited to give a keynote address in Beijing Normal University, China (2005 and 7), and India (2002), where he organised a creativity in Design workshop on behalf of the British Council, at the National Institute of Design (NID).

This work is also informing the research Bill is currently undertaking, namely the EPSRC Project, Designing Our Tomorrow's, and the research at undergraduate degree level in the Poland.

These projects are on-going and more work will be published shortly.