

## Writing a DEA thinkpiece

DEA's vision is 'education for a just and sustainable world'. DEA, therefore, works towards education that puts learning in a global context, fostering critical and creative thinking; self-awareness and open-mindedness towards difference; understanding of global issues and power relationships; and optimism and action for a better world.

Towards this end, DEA commissions thinkpieces to create debate on issues related to education policy, theory and practice. Areas of particular focus for this year are:

- The barriers to and opportunities for education for a more just and sustainable world
- Responses to the policy discussion paper, 'Questioning Education', available from [www.dea.org.uk/ourglobalfuture](http://www.dea.org.uk/ourglobalfuture)
- Examples and evidence of good practice in education for a more just and sustainable world

Writing a DEA thinkpiece provides an opportunity to share your experience and views with a wide audience, to generate and inform debate, and to contribute to a broader movement for change in education. Thinkpieces will be promoted through DEA's networks of educators and NGOs, through the DEA website and via the DEA's regular e-communications. With the agreement of the author, debates and events may be held around the thinkpieces, which will ultimately inform the publication of a high profile Manifesto of policy recommendations.

## Writing guidelines

- 1000 - 2,500 words in a minimally formatted Word document
- A short biography (50 - 100 words) would be welcome
- DEA would like thinkpieces to be accessible to a wide audience so writers should bear this in mind in the style of the article, for example, jargon should be limited and explained fully when used.
- Thinkpieces should be provocative opinion pieces
- Thinkpieces should not be overly academic but should also avoid sweeping assertions which are not evidenced
- All quotes and evidence should be clearly referenced.
- Writers are responsible for obtaining permission for any material included which is not their own. As a general guide, any photograph, table, illustration, figure, or passage of text over 100 words would need the permission of the original copyright holder.
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