

Podcasts:

1. Persyou

Inspiring Leadership, brought to you by Persyou and supported by FOBISIA: The Federation Of British International Schools In Asia. In this series of conversations, Director of Persyou, Nicholas McKie brings you cutting edge stories from across the world of education, connecting with recognised leaders and experts to bring you insights into their own leadership journey and philosophy.

<https://www.persyou.com/podcast>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/persyou-talks-series-1-educational-leadership-in-uncertain/id1509262777>

2. The Teachers' Podcast

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Apple: <https://apple.co/38hfqJ4>

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/2BxPQ6g>

3. Tom Rogers talks

Tom is an experienced teacher and middle leader, having worked as a classroom teacher in state schools in the UK and internationally as a history teacher, head of history and latterly Assistant Headteacher. He is now back in the UK.

Tom's passion is in making schools better places for teachers to work in. This passion has inspired him to write more than 100 blogs for the TES and share with the profession through his own twitter account; @rogershistory. Tom has also produced videos for his youtube channel, has his own podcast and more than 20,000 students use his online courses. In 2015, Tom set up the teachmeet network "teachmeet icons" which now hosts free annual events for teachers across the UK. Teachmeeticons has expanded significantly and has become a notable force for teacher CPD in the UK.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qceZ8dQE_PA

4. Leadership Laid Bare

Decoding leadership and sharing practical insights for today's world

Graham Wilson's Leadership Laid Bare audio experience designed to decode leadership for today's world. Being a forward-thinking leader and game changer, you'll be able to tune in to discover pragmatic tips and hints on leadership from relevant leaders who are out there actually doing it day in, day out. Each episode is dedicated to sharing pragmatic stories from the field, and more importantly real examples of what successful leaders are actually doing to deliver at pace

These ideas are designed to teach and inspire action, and to awaken possibility to deliver extraordinary results.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/real-leadership-with-dr-victoria-carr/id1517400104?i=1000489202353>

5. Every Teacher Matters Podcast

Suneta Bagri was a head teacher and now coaches teaching staff in the art of self-care via her project Every Teacher Matters. Stress affects performance and impacts pupils, which is why, in Suneta's view, it is incredibly important to look after teacher's wellbeing. She gives pointers for spotting the early signs of burnout and influential factors that often lead to overwhelm. Suneta also explores the personal measures that teachers can take to improve self-care, and how schools can create a positive, supportive culture to promote better teacher wellbeing.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5FvXyYsby1SgHi7e7CVaVD>

6. Inspiring Educators

Graham Frost is a public speaker who uses his life lessons to motivate and inspire audiences of young people. He engages people with his authentic message from the heart that you can use to take back control of your life and achieve your goals.

<https://anchor.fm/graham-frost/episodes/Inspiring-Educators-2---Dr-Victoria-Carr-enpj3i>

7. The Teachers' Point of View 1

TJ Juttla is a passionate individual who is building a mainstream education recruitment business called QTS. Since October, TJ has a newfound motivation for education through his Podcast "The Teachers' Point of View". A topic he is passionate about is how education is delivered and what we could all be doing to change the way it is delivered to help ensure every young person achieves their potential.

<https://youtu.be/Vss6Ln103Us>

8. The Teachers' Point of View 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dj73Rj1k-GM&feature=youtu.be>

https://open.spotify.com/episode/1Awxidsqt7Z5EAdA5R81OW?si=9AbQLVDhS5uKXb23DZvQUw&utm_source=copy-link&nd=1

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-teachers-point-of-view-dr-victoria-carr/id1541326231?i=1000508200619>

9. Fabienne Vailes: Flourishing Education.

Our world is fast changing. We live at a time of massive opportunity and fast-paced growth, and yet this context of exponential change presents one of the biggest difficulties for our world of education.

Education is about lifelong learning – it never stops – from birth all the way to our graves. Education is about preparing our young people and enabling adults (whatever their ages) for a life in which they can fulfil a purpose in their local and wider communities, both for their own economic stability, their own personal sense of achievement and also in fulfilling their role as a member of a local or wider community.

The reality is our schooling system is facing very real mental health and well-being challenges. Universities, schools and teachers are asked to do more and more with less and less while students face increasing levels of daily pressure and uncertainty.

Schools and universities are under pressure to create the best student experience possible and meet demanding targets, educators struggle to maintain their passion and energy under increasing responsibilities and students increasingly buckle under crippling stress, anxiety and overwhelm.

Based on decades of education experience, Flourishing Education has developed a simple, proven solution to transform the education experience – ensuring schools and universities give staff and students the 21st century skills and resources they need to flourish in today's world, both in and outside the classroom.

<https://anchor.fm/flourishingeducation/episodes/Episode-55---The-power-of-language-and-how-we-can-all-be-everyday-heroes-with-Dr-Victoria-Carr-erdibr>

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Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3cAp4c7>

Apple: <https://apple.co/3cCz3xz>

11. Matthew Roberts: Primary Edu Voices

A podcast focused on raising the voice of primary based practitioners. With a new episode every Monday morning at 6am, this podcast is a wonderful chance to get to know fellow Primary Education teachers better, learn about great ideas and resources and develop the great discussions shared with fellow practitioners from Twitter.

<https://anchor.fm/matt-roberts47>

<https://mroberts1990.wordpress.com/2021/04/10/primary-education-voices-episode-2-dr-victoria-carr/>

12. Teach Well Alliance – Steve Waters

Teach Well Alliance. If you're looking for teacher wellbeing and mental health resources, this is the right place! More than just a website, it is a wellbeing resources library.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1286261/8469799>

13. She Educates – Lauren Weston

She Educates, hosted by Lauren Weston, Educator and work/life balance advocate. This podcast is designed for ALL Women Working in Education to hear hints/tips and tricks from other Educators on how to lead a healthy, and well-balanced career. Whether it is ideas on how to lead with integrity, tips on avoiding Teacher Burnout, or simply an open conversation with other Educators sharing Good practice, each episode is designed to delve into key topics with Guests from around the World.

<https://youtu.be/BwTVO68YCmA>

14. The Key – Caroline Doherty

Key Voices is a podcast brought to you by The Key. Leading thinkers share ideas and insights on topical issues in education.

<https://thekeysupport.com/insights/2021/04/29-school-leadership-social-media-and-pandemic-parenting-with-dr-victoria-carr/>

15. Creative Education – Pooky Knightsmith

Informal but informative.... Dr Pooky Knightsmith explore big questions with brilliant people each week with a wide range of topics related to education and mental health. Sometimes it's deep, sometimes it's funny, it will always make you think. Tweet @PookyH with feedback or suggestions for future guests or questions.

<https://t.co/7R9gnVzbgY?amp=1>

16. #Leadership – what’s on your mind? Stuart Waddington

These podcasts are designed to make you think about your leadership and add value to your journey with guests discussing their unique leadership perspectives, and sharing personal stories of inspiration and motivation. Stuart Waddington, founder of Star development UK, is on a mission to provide business owners with the opportunity to drive business growth and self-development, by unlocking leadership potential and connecting with like-minded peers.

<https://youtu.be/K70VPYpvCbM>

17. Courageous Leaders: mistakes, mishaps, triumphs! Diana Osagie

You are leader?

Then you are in the courageous business! Leadership demands so much and at the heart of this is COURAGE. Join Diana as she explores the courage (and other emotions) that effective leaders use everyday. Her weekly podcasts explore:

- Courageous leadership, musings and funny stories
- The Courageous Couch, in- depth interviews with guests sharing leadership challenges
- Top tips- weekly leadership support
- Mistakes, Mishaps and Triumphs. Everyday leadership heroes sharing the honest stuff! 15 minutes of chat, laughter and few tears!

<https://anchor.fm/dianaosagie/episodes/Mistakes--Mishaps--Triumphs-Dr-Victoria-Carr-e17go2s>

18. We Lead Well – Victoria Maguire

The wellbeing of staff in schools has never been more important. With almost a third of new staff leaving the profession after just five years and 26% of teachers saying they are thinking of leaving in the next 12 months (National Foundation for Educational Research), we are facing a teacher retention crisis. The We Lead Well Podcast has been created in response to this crisis, to encourage and support schools to create places where people love to work. We support leaders to enhance the wellbeing of all staff in schools. Each week, leading educationalists share their experience, views and tips on how other school leaders can promote wellbeing in their organisations for the benefit of all staff.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hmjUA3_rKdS7gaksNONcMpEpEgrqJexq/view

https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-vn74t-1085ede?utm_campaign=i_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=i_share

19. Magic Academy Podcast. Rusty Earnshaw & Jon Fletcher

Supporting coaching wizards! Rusty and Fletch love to hang with rockstars from the coaching world and get them sharing through some pretty cool questions.

<https://themagicacademy.buzzsprout.com/205642/8848568-series-8-episode-11-dr-vic-carr>

20. Twinkle Podcast! Emily Dalzell

A podcast brought to you by the team at Twinkle SLT where they chat about all things teaching and leading. As former teachers and leaders in schools, they want to amplify the voices of those in (and out of) the profession and share the incredible things so many are doing to make education a better place for all.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/2Sw2SluXSj6yKhVCCxVgc0?si=4_MRpwo5QFqDmrdTjYHrYg&dl_branch=1

21. Ross Morrison McGill

A podcast covering schools, higher education and lifelong learning. Ross' mission is to improve the dialogue between 'ed' and 'tech' for better innovation and impact on young people.
#edtechpod

https://youtu.be/TgWEe_FWBEC

<https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2022/09/17/podcast-139/>

22. Women's Defence Network

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/natalie-maddox-hussain-9603b58a_defencewomensnetwork-dwn22-dwn23-activity-6935261109943721984-G5IU?utm_source=linkedin_share&utm_medium=ios_app

22. Leader Connect

Leadership courses, delivered by experts and designed to help you get the most from yourself and your team. The courses are designed to give you the skills you need to become a better leader. They offer hands on activities and experiences that help you understand the world of leadership better. They claim that there will never be a boring minute during their courses, as you will take in all you need to know from experts who have been there and done the job. Their team of experts have a huge range of experience from Military leadership to working within large corporations and small operations.

<https://leader-connect.co.uk/presenters/dr-victoria-carr/#interview>

<https://leader-connect.co.uk/videos/dr-victoria-carr-establishing-a-legacy-and-reflecting-upon-it/>

23. Book Launch Podcast Leading With Love – Teachertoolkit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsESAfAY4pc>

24. CEL Liverpool John Moores University launch Key Note

https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/news/articles/2023/2/2/metro-mayor-launches-centre-for-educational-leadership?utm_campaign=2286877_Staff%20Newsletter%20%20February%202023&utm_medium=dotmailer&utm_source=email%20marketing&dm_i=2SCX,1DOKD,827UXE,5BYGC,1

25. Book Launch Podcast – @CollectivEd

<https://vimeo.com/808693881/67cc89d611>

26. Podcast LJMU / CERES Seminar Series Leadership and strategic direction

LJMU's CERES leadership is undertaken by a cross-institutional Management Group, this includes external academic and postgraduate representatives. CERES acts as a developmental focus for educational research across the faculty, the wider university and academic community. The core aims of CERES are to: * Undertake world-class research and lead the debates on the future of education and educational research * Contribute to the development of a research-based understanding of policy and practice in education * Work closely with potential users of educational research * Offer a supportive research community with clear research induction and support for doctoral students and early career researchers * Promote the development of pedagogical research, theory and advanced research methods.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acn36igHqFM>

27. Frank and Stan Chat #1

@FrankStanChat

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included Professors, CEOs, journalists, teachers, former HMI and education thinkers. The reach of the Frank and Stan Chat stretches from Bogota to Ottawa to Greece.

<https://youtu.be/2JUn8noPePY>

28. Women Empowering Defence

Leading From The Front:

In this episode of WED Talks, Gemma Vinton interviewed me. The interview discusses my co-authored book on army officer recruitment, inspired by my MA dissertation in military history, and I also share my experiences as a reservist in the Army Intelligence Corps, highlighting the operational tasks and opportunities I encounter. The conversation covers my role as a headteacher at a large school in a deprived area, focusing on overcoming financial and educational challenges through strategic planning, collaboration, and evidence-based decisions. I also emphasise the importance of thoughtful, long-lasting programs in schools and share personal anecdotes about my own children's educational journeys. I reflect on the challenges of parenting, supporting children's unique paths, and the progression of women in traditionally male-dominated fields. The episode concludes with my commitment to being a positive role model, helping young people, and my personal aspiration to leave people and situations better than I found them, embodying my compassionate leadership approach.



https://open.spotify.com/episode/1a4GA85paP0Yf4RikOD08Q?si=w7zvg_QFRlzMgJADihorg

29. Centre for Army Leadership

The UK's Centre of Excellence and Professional Standards Authority for Army Leadership and Leader Development. The British Army requires the highest standards of leadership. It is a core function of our institution and a fundamental component of fighting power. Our leadership philosophy is values-based, motivated not by self-interest but in the service of others. The Centre For Army Leadership (CAL) exists to champion leadership excellence and to optimise the Army's human 'edge' that underpins operational success. We support the development of exceptional leaders not just for the British Army, but for the whole nation.

The CAL is the guardian of the Army's Leadership Doctrine, the codification of our leadership experience and philosophy built over more than 300 years. We act as the Army's leadership

conscience, calibrate its thinking against multiple sectors and, through our Research Institute, ensures conceptual rigour. Furthermore, our persistent communication and engagement activity seeks to stimulate debate, awareness and critical thinking.

Our team comprises of both theorists and practitioners, supported by advocates from across and beyond the Army who share our passion for leadership and leader development. We are committed to the betterment of every leader, across the whole force, at all ranks and grades, Regular or Reserve, through life, and, altruistically, wider society.

I am a Senior Research Fellow in the CAL.

<https://armyleadership.podbean.com/e/episode-44-leading-with-love-dr-victoria-carr/>

30. Women Empowering Defence

In the 16 days of action podcast series, hosts Natalie and Gemma discuss a range of topics related to the “Fear Free” concept, and the 16 Days of Action campaign aimed at eradicating gender-based violence. The first episode covers the origins and goals of the campaign, the types of gender-based violence, and the alarming statistics that illustrate the extent of the issue. Common myths around gender-based violence are dispelled and each episode emphasises the importance of raising awareness and actionable steps that listeners can take in order to contribute to the fight against gender-based violence. TRIGGER WARNING - includes references to domestic abuse, stalking, sexual violence, FGM, harmful traditional practices.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/6QeVYcK3HEF5drzJq3IH5e?si=L_yibUqcQLyZLHGzs59K3Q

31. Frank and Stan Chat #2

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https://youtu.be/Jg-D7_YLTyk?si=zMZarEOYDRIZ-exv

32. Centre for Army Leadership, "Insight 60".

Centre for Army Leadership: Leadership Insights

These articles are written by individuals who have experienced many different journeys during their leadership development. There may be something in the articles that can help one develop or that one can relate to as a leader at all levels.

<https://www.army.mod.uk/support-and-training/our-schools-and-colleges/centre-for-army-leadership/leadership-resources/leadership-insights/leadership-insight-no60/>

Workshops at University

https://read.bookcreator.com/PT3Cf3O4zFN9NHd2H02YEZQvaKN2/_qAXiDp8ToKo8UHL6hrwe
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World Education Summit 2023

The graphic features the World Education Summit logo on the left, which consists of a colorful, multi-segmented arc above the text "World Education Summit" and "20 – 23 March 2023". Below the logo is the slogan "Lead with Love". On the right side, there is a portrait of Dr. Victoria Carr, a woman with blonde hair wearing a green polka-dot top. Below her portrait is a white box containing a book icon, the text "Dr Victoria Carr", and a dark grey box below that with the text "Living Books". In the bottom right corner, the hashtag "#WorldEdSummit" is displayed. The background of the graphic is light grey with abstract, colorful wave-like shapes in shades of blue, purple, and pink at the bottom.



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Centre for Army Leadership (CAL)



Picture News

<https://www.picture-news.co.uk/blog/thoughts-from-dr-vic-carr-how-current-affairs-can-inspire-a-schools-culture/>

Defence Women's Network

<https://www.defencewomensnetwork.com/conference-speakers-page>

Sky News Documentary about Woodlands

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=R30pY7vMP28&feature=share>

Local news stories

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/24654695.mp-praises-ellesmere-port-schools-send-provision-future-plans/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/24610925.primary-pupils-ellesmere-port-make-global-impact-ted/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/20217661.ellesmere-port-school-launch-new-social-group-carers-young-children/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/20178512.ellesmere-port-school-hosts-week-activities-celebrate-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/20144096.ellesmere-port-school-inspiring-schools-leadership-skills/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/19977632.ellesmere-port-school-fine-health-thanks-link-royal-marines/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/19907993.ellesmere-port-primary-school-shows-innovation-goes-strength-strength/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/19229614.ellesmere-port-schools-make-positive-progress-despite-covid-lockdown-challenges/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/19255914.meet-ellesmere-port-schools-newest-recruit---dog-called-gus/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/18894271.woodlands-primary-school-ellesmere-port-lights-huge-christmas-tree/>

https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/ellesmere_port/19362866.second-successful-ofsted-monitoring-report-woodlands-primary-school-ellesmere-port/

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/17213680.ellesmere-port-pupils-commemorate-100-years-since-end-first-world-war/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/17773152.ellesmere-port-primary-school-strikes-gold-sporting-achievements/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/17726663.proud-ellesmere-port-primary-head-tells-huge-progress-made-turning-schools-fortunes-around/>

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/23356734.ellesmere-port-primary-school-celebrates-good-report-inspectors/>

Nursery World

<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/news/article/analysis-schools-question-need-for-the-new-reception-baseline>

Blogs:

<https://www.epic4life.co.uk/post/10-essentials-for-making-yourself-an-island-in-your-own-home>

<https://www.bera.ac.uk/blog/post-covid-19-a-brave-new-world>

<https://www.coachinginschools.com/a-headteachers-leadership-journey-12-takeaways/>

<https://www.bera.ac.uk/publication/bera-bites-issue-7-exploring-the-impact-of-covid-19-pedagogy-curriculum-assessment>

<https://www.quality-schools.com/2070-2/>

<https://educationroundtables.co.uk/do-not-despair>

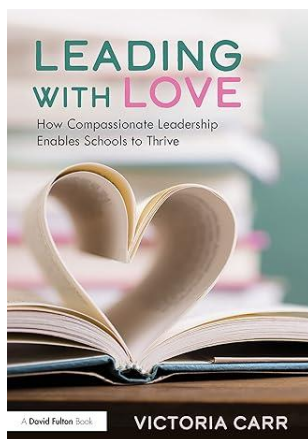
<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/blogs/carnegie-education/2021/02/on-love-legacy-leadership-parenting-and-a-global-pandemic/>

<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/blogs/carnegie-education/2021/03/transition/>

<https://thearmyleader.co.uk/reserve-commissioning-course-short/>

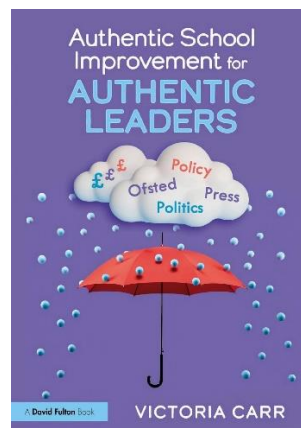
Books:

Leading with Love



[Leading-With-Love](#)

Authentic School Improvement



[Authentic-School-Improvement-Leaders](#)

Doctoral Thesis: <https://chesterrep.openrepository.com/handle/10034/622189>

The Neoliberal Educational “Imaginary” as experienced by a group of Primary School Headteachers

In this thesis I undertake a critical policy analysis in which I place education reform in the UK within the context of a changing social structure, transformed since the advent of neoliberalism in the 1970s, and examine the implications of reform on the role of primary school Headteachers. In particular, I situate my analysis within increased promotion of global economic competition and policy supported by neoliberal ideology in which the prevailing government seeks to retain legitimacy by claiming to institute reforms to improve education, whilst simultaneously reducing direct funding which is, in fact, destabilising it. Neoliberalism is a distinct political ideology that has flourished in the Western world over the last four decades and is based on theories of the free market; underpinned by economic efficiency, bureaucracy, rationality and measurable performativity. I look in detail at how the leadership of schools has changed, as a direct result of the implementation of new managerial instruments, and how resistance to these changes has been largely futile. Lacanian thinking would suggest that ideology which assumes education is a physical state that is inherently part of a democratic process, inextricably linked to politics, positively transformational and measurable, is in fact imaginary (Lacan, 2006). Our imaginary “order is embedded in the material word” and woven into the reality around us (Harari, 2012, p.127). It is within this ‘imaginary’ conceptualisation that my research is positioned. I present, and analyse, empirical data gathered from a number of primary school Headteachers from a range of contexts that outlines their lived experience as they attempt to navigate the, what could be described as, strongly surreal or ‘Kafkaesque’ (Löwy,1997) educational ‘imaginary’, as it is currently configured and, explore the efficacy of a forum that is used to support them as they therefore attempt the untenable. The significant issue of school context as an effect of how a school performs in testing regimes is substantial. It is clear that context greatly impacts on the extent to which Headteachers must shift their beliefs and practice to satisfy performative expectations. I conclude with an acknowledgement that to attempt to rationalise the educational ‘hyperreal’ without an appreciation of power and manipulation is impossible and, that the role of primary school Headteachers may only be plausible with the scaffold of forums such as the one examined within this research.