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The Fred & Anne Jarvis Award

Professor Robin Alexander is the winner of this year's Fred & Anne Jarvis Award in acknowledgement of his work on the Cambridge Primary Review (CPR) and his tireless efforts on behalf of primary education, primary children and primary teachers.

Robin authored the exhaustive Cambridge Primary Review which was launched in October 2006 and published three years later. Making a strong case for re-empowering teachers, the Review's thoughtful approach was best summed up in the words contained in its final report: "Children will not learn to think for themselves if their teachers are expected to do merely as they are told."

He has since developed a professional network to help re-empower primary teachers, and this now has a national leader and nine regional centres. The CPR is also in regular discussion with the Department for Education to press for movement on its 11 policy priorities.

Robin's fringe meeting at NUT Annual Conference 2010 was standing room only. We are delighted to welcome him back.

Christine Blower, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, the largest teachers' union, said:

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“The Cambridge Primary Review was the most comprehensive piece of education research in decades. We were dismayed to see it dismissed so readily by the then Government, but it is testament to Robin Alexander’s tenacity that he has not given up the struggle. I am delighted that Robin is being recognised for his efforts to improve the lives of young people and to rid primary teaching of compliance and prescription.”

To see the full transcript of Robin Alexander's acceptance speech click [here](#).

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