

David Robinson OBE

David Robinson is the founder of Community Links, now Senior Advisor (www.community-links.org). Community Links work with more than 50,000 people a year through an extensive network of community development projects in East London. This local experience is shared with policy makers and practitioners nationwide through the Links UK publications, training and consultancy programme. David is also a founder and now Chair of We Are What We Do, co founder of the Children's Discovery Centre, and a founding Trustee of TimeBank. Recent publications include, "Unconditional Leadership" and with others, "Enduring Change" and "Living Values". He also collaborated with Gordon Brown on the Prime Minister's recent book "Britain's Everyday Heroes" and now leads the Prime Minister's Council on Social Action. David's work has been recognised with various awards including an honorary doctorate from the Open University, an OBE and the Morgan Stanley Great Briton 2007 title for his contribution to public life

"David was fantastic! It's the first time in years that I have seen everyone stop chatting and really listen to the after dinner speech."

Caroline Smith, Institution of Chemical Engineers

"I just wanted to drop you a quick note to say a huge thank you for your very inspirational and motivational talk this afternoon - we could have listened to you for hours! The fact that you took the time to share your amazing - and very moving - experiences was much appreciated by us all."

Vanda Rumney, BBC