

# **‘Caught in the Act’ Conference**

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**‘The International Scene’**

# SETTING THE SCENE

The UK Position:

- Labour's academy programme.
- The Con/Dem academy programme.
- The different nature of the new academies programme.
- Establishment of free schools.

# A FREE MARKET FOR EDUCATION

- The influence of Sweden's free schools; and
- US charter schools.

# THE IMPACT OF SWEDEN'S FREE SCHOOLS

- Decline in standards of education.
- Increased social segregation.
- PISA Report.

# SWEDISH FREE SCHOOLS AND THE QUALITY OF TEACHING

- Fall in number of qualified teachers.
- Use of unqualified teachers and computerised learning boosts profits.

# US CHARTER SCHOOLS

- The influence of US charter schools on the Con/Dem Government.
- Lack of evidence to support success claims.

# THE EVIDENCE ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

- A segregated system.
- The Impact on SEN students.

# WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES?

- Diversity and competition do not raise standards.
- Government's ideas are not supported by the public.

# WHAT WORKS?

- The importance of high quality teaching and supporting teachers.
- The comprehensive model.