



**Nick Pettingale**  
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Nick trained as a Graphic Designer at Derby College of Art, before running his own company, specialising in branding and point of sale material for businesses across Europe. During his design career he visited friends in Ethiopia at the time of the '85 famine which set him on a path of development, fundraising and charity management. After helping to establish two charities in Ethiopia and a UK based charity focussed on disadvantaged young people in the Midlands, he renewed his business career operating at board level in three national and international companies.

More recently Nick was a consultant trainer/mentor for a large London based charity helping the homeless and latterly set up a charitable Foundation at Stamford Endowed Schools in Lincolnshire. After funding some small capital projects he successfully launched a Bursary Fund which is currently supporting 28 children.

He had two successful years as Director of Development at Ellesmere College and now oversees Marketing, Admissions and Development at the school; saying 'It is refreshing to work in such a friendly place, which has managed to hold both entrepreneurial, innovative thinking and traditional values together, and to be part of a school which deliberately focuses its resources on the individual child achieving their best, rather than a set of league table results'.

As well as being a Fellow of the IDPE, he loves the gym, watercolour painting, fine wines and cooking, although not all at the same time. He remains passionate about issues of justice and social inclusion.