

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RON RITCHHART

Ron Ritchhart is a Senior Research Associate and Principal Investigator at Harvard Project Zero, where his work focuses on the development of school and classroom culture as prime vehicles for developing students' as powerful thinkers and learners.

Ron's most recent book, *Creating Cultures of Thinking*, takes readers inside a diverse range of learning environments to show how teachers create classrooms where thinking is valued, visible and actively promoted as part of the day to day experience of all group members.

Howard Gardner has called the book "a tour de force" for Ron's ability to seamlessly merge theory, research, practice and application together in a highly accessible and engaging manner.

Ron's research and writings have informed the work of schools, school systems, and museums throughout the world. His book *Making Thinking Visible*, co-written with Mark Church and Karin Morrison, has popularized the use of thinking routines to facilitate deep learning and high engagement. He and his colleagues are currently working on a second volume of *Making Thinking Visible* in which they will introduce a new set of routines and share what they have learned about the successful integration of thinking routines as a powerful teaching tool.

