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Valerie Hannon is a global thought leader, inspiring systems to re-think what ‘success’ will mean in the C 21st, and the implications for education. The co-founder of Innovation Unit and of the Global Education Leaders Partnership, Valerie is a radical voice for change, whilst grounded in a thorough understanding of how education systems currently work.

Formerly a secondary teacher, researcher and Director of Education for Derbyshire County Council, then an adviser in the UK Department for Education (DfE) during the Blair years, she now works independently to support change programs across the world.

Currently, she is also Senior Adviser to the OECD in its Education 2030 project. Valerie is a regular keynote speaker and facilitator at international conferences and workshops, drawing upon her substantial research and publications, including:

- Learning A Living: radical innovation in education for work (2013);
- Redesigning Education: shaping learning systems around the globe (2014)
- Local Learning Ecosystems (2019).

Her latest book, THRIVE: schools reinvented for the real challenges we face (2017) will be published in a second edition by Cambridge University Press in spring 2020.