Distinguished educational expert and innovator who spearheads educational change and reform

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Professor Fullan is Professor Emeritus of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. He was awarded the prestigious Order of Canada in December 2012. Recognised as a worldwide authority on educational reform, Professor Fullan is actively engaged in advising policymakers and local leaders around the world on instilling moral purpose in child learning.

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He is also a prolific author, with books published in numerous languages and considered ‘must-read’ items amongst policymakers, educators and researchers worldwide. His influential Leading in a Culture of Change was awarded the 2002 Book of the Year Award by Learning Forward (formerly the National Staff Development Council), and Breakthrough (with Peter Hill and Carmel Crévola) won the 2006 Book of the Year Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; Turnaround Leadership in Higher Education (with Geoff Scott) was honoured with the Bellwether Book Award in 2009 and Change Wars (with Andy Hargreaves) was Learning Forward’s Book of the Year in 2009.