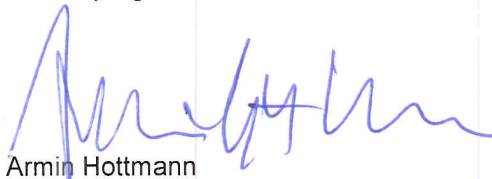


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This reference for **ALAN TAYLOR** reflects upon his contribution to the *Media Education Across the Curriculum* programme of E.U. - supported workshops, which took place in Berlin, Germany, April 2nd - 7th 2007. The MEAC is an annual event that invites school and college teachers from across Europe.

Our April 2007 event was attended by teachers from ten European countries eager to advance their pedagogic practice using aspects of critical Media Education in their respective fields. Towards this aim and objective, Alan supported our programme with a one-day series of workshop exercises that combined aspects of film pre-production (script interpretation) with the actual discipline of shooting film on digital equipment. This simulation of professional media work demanded a high level of critical thinking and engaged teamwork. I was pleased to observe how well the participants met this challenge and how positively and openly they responded and reflected upon their completed work.

Alan's session - that drew upon his own training and experience as a media teacher and curriculum manager - was the summation of several months of planning between us. His enthusiastic, thoughtful, and critical insights engaged with the present and future professional needs of our fellow teacher/participants. It was a valuable contribution to our week's programme.



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