

## **Biography**

**Chris Thatcher**

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**(Based in Bangkok Thailand)**

Chris Thatcher was a Principal of a large school in the UK for 18 years. Prior to that he was a teacher.

His school was recognised as being innovative in the use of ICT and was awarded ENIS status (European Network of Innovative Schools). It also feature on UK National television as being one of the first schools (if not the first) to have internet access throughout the school in every classroom over 10 years ago.

He was an active member of the National Association of Headteachers (the NAHT) – an organisation representing and advising principals throughout the UK and beyond. He set up and chaired the ICT Committee of that organisation. In 1998 he became a national officer of the association and in 1999 he was elected as its National President.

Other work he has undertaken relating to ICT was with the UK government, the BECTA (British Educational Communications and Technology Association) – an organisation closely linked to national government and many other bodies. In all of this work he would consider himself a practitioner and not a theorist or researcher. He claims to be the first person to use a computer in a classroom on a daily basis certainly in the UK and maybe beyond. This was in 1978. This claim has never been challenged (yet!).