

SCHOOLING FOR ONE AND ALL? INCLUSION, RIGHTS AND THE CHALLENGE OF DIVERSITY

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In seeking to ensure that there is schooling for one and all within a mass (although diverse) education system, the law plays a key role in seeking to ensure that children's different learning and cultural needs are addressed inclusively. However, the law also sets limits to the accommodation of individual choices for reasons of efficiency, the management of limited resource or wider policy factors, including those to do with balancing perceived national interests against minority concerns. It means that individual preferences or choices will sometimes go unmet and tensions will arise. The new edition of my book *Education, Law and Diversity* – comprising mostly newly researched material and with a new sub-title reflecting its primary focus – examines the nature of the various rights and interests recognised by the law of education as it has evolved and explores how and to what extent these tensions are managed or resolved. In this presentation, drawing on evidence from examples of particular fields, such as sex and relationships education and home schooling, I will highlight key conclusions of my research.

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