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## **Professor Dr Michael Thorne**

**Vice-Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin University,  
Cambridge, United Kingdom**

### **A well-respected citizen of the United Kingdom deeply involved in nation-building activities**

A man of exceptional, outstanding capabilities, he is one who is well respected not only by the international academic community but the Government of the United Kingdom with which he works very closely.

He is Chair of the Parliamentary Skills Commission's enquiry into Information, Advice and Guidance as well as the Chair of the Government's Advisory Committee on Libraries. He is also a Board member of the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education.

### **A highly accomplished individual - a man of science and a lover of the arts**

An accomplished person who holds a First Class Honours Degree in Pure Mathematics from the University of London and a PhD in Computational Group Theory from the University of Birmingham, he is also a musical genius.

In his spare time he continues to conduct Wagner operas and other large scale musical works. Between 2001 and 2004 he conducted Wagner's Ring Cycle in Edinburgh, followed by Tristan and Isolde in 2005.

### **A distinguished record of academic leadership in promoting innovation in education**

He held posts in the University College London, Cardiff University, the University of Sunderland and Napier University in Edinburgh before becoming Vice Chancellor of the University of East London in 2001 and moved to Anglia Ruskin University as its Vice-Chancellor in 2007.

He is an active participant in efforts to innovate British education and works to move British education towards new methods that are relevant and realistic to the 21st century.

He is the author of a large number of books and academic papers and writes for newspapers and magazines and has written and presented numerous television and radio programmes. He has been a Board member of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation, the Learning and Skills Network, the Broadway Theatre and Newham College of Further Education.

**For his accomplishments and leadership in the field of education, the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology confers upon him the Honorary Doctorate of Innovation in Education.**

