

International Think Tank Webinar Series

WEBINAR 1

6 July 2021 - 9am - 10am BST (UTC+1)

Professionalising Career Development: History, Identity, CPD, and Training

This webinar is the first in a series of five sessions, organised by the International Career Development Peak Body Network representing British Commonwealth countries. The aim of the series is to stimulate debate about our profession and our role as career development practitioners in a post-Covid world.

Starting from first principles, our initial focus is on professionalising career development. The history of career development offers insight into its present status and ongoing challenges related to professionalisation. Against this background, six complementary steps to professionalisation and how these can influence the construction and reconstruction of how we define ourselves and our profession will be considered.

Training is central to professionalising career development. We must prepare career practitioners who are ready to help their clients navigate complex challenges related to evolving identity development, multiple life role participation, continual engagement in learning opportunities, constant adaptation to changes in work, and the ongoing demonstration of proactive job search strategies.

This webinar features three short presentations designed to stimulate discussion and reflection on the profession of career development. The session and debate will be chaired by Jan Ellis, CDI (UK).

Our Presenters:

- Dr. Mary McMahon, Honorary Associate Professor, The University of Queensland, School of Education
- Dr Siobhan Neary, Associate Professor and Head of the International Centre for Guidance Studies (iCeGS) at the University of Derby. EdD, Dip CG, RCDP
- Dr. Spencer Niles, Professor and Dean Emeritus in the School of Education at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, USA. He previously served as Distinguished Professor and Department Head for Counselling Psychology and Counsellor Education at Penn State University.

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Question:

Who is the International Career Development Peak Body Network?

Answer:

Career Development National Peak Bodies from British Commonwealth countries.

Question:

What is this Think Tank series all about?

Answer:

This Series is designed to stimulate discussion and debate around thinking about our profession and our role as career development practitioners in a post-Covid world.



More Information

Question:

Session Time Zone and Recording

Answer:

The webinar will be live at 9 am BST (UTC+1).
The session will be recorded and made available to all those who have registered.

