

Re-framing service delivery, professional practices and professional identities in UK careers work



ESRC Seminar Series: Careers

In December 2010, Warwick Institute for Employment Research (IER) and Loughborough University School of Business and Economics initiated an ESRC funded seminar series across the UK and the Republic of Ireland to explore what the future might look like regarding reframed careers services for economic and social growth. The series of six seminars, delivered between December, 2010 and June 2012, has focused on contemporary challenges for the broad community of careers guidance across the different nations, involving employers, trade unions, academics, career trainers, managers and career practitioners. This seventh and final seminar in this prestigious series aims to capture a reflective overview of recent developments and provide a timely contribution to current policy debates about high quality and high performing careers services. It draws upon leading-edge research findings and brings together interested parties to discuss: *Looking back and looking forward: What does the future hold for careers services?* The seminar will culminate in a policy briefing paper to feed into relevant UK Parliamentary Groups, the National Careers Council in England and other interested parties.

Objectives

The seminar will reflect on:

- features of current careers practices and how these contribute to the jobs, skills and growth agenda;
- integrated practices that facilitates access to opportunity in culturally diverse settings;
- careers guidance workers' perceptions of their actual and ideal professional roles; and
- emerging contemporary career developments that can most usefully be embedded in developing future UK careers policies and practices.

For information on all the seminars in the series go to the project website: <http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/ier/research/semcomprfs>

Venue:

Education and Employers Taskforce, 2nd Floor, Weston House, 246 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7EX (nearest tube: Holborn)

<http://www.educationandemployers.org/contact-us.aspx>

Looking back and looking forward: What does the future hold for careers services?

Programme

- 10.15am *Arrival and refreshments*
- 10.30am *Welcome and scene setting*
Professor Jenny Bimrose, Warwick IER
Nick Chambers, Director, Education & Employer Taskforce
- 10.45am *Career guidance in England today: reform, accidental injury or attempted murder?*
Ken Roberts, Professor of Sociology, Social policy and Social Work Studies, University of Liverpool.
- 11.30am *Questions and Answer session*
- 12.00pm *Joining the Dots – reframing the careers landscape*
Dr Deirdre Hughes, OBE, Chair, National Careers Council
& Commissioner, UKCES & Ruth Spellman, OBE, Immediate Past Chair of the UK Careers Profession Alliance and CEO, Workers Educational Association (WEA)
- 12.30pm *Careers work in schools – a fresh start?*
David Andrews, OBE, leading expert in careers education systems across the UK & Dr Antony Mann, Senior Policy Researcher, Education & Employers Taskforce
- 1.00pm LUNCH
- 1.30pm *Careers world: employer insights*
Katerina Rudiger, Skills Policy Adviser, CIPD
- 2.00pm *Graduate hope and prosperity – making it happen*
Carl Gilleard, Chief Executive, AGR
- 2.30pm *Questions and Answer session*
- 3.00pm *Summary & Closing Remarks*
Professor Alan Brown, Warwick IER
- 3.15pm CLOSE