

Opening Panel

Connecting Career Development and Workforce Development

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Connecting career development & workforce development

A practitioner perspective

Mary McMahon

Guiding Question

➤ **“How can individuals be helped to find an occupation that fits them best?”**

(Guichard & Lenz, 2005)

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➤ **“How can individuals be helped to cope with the multiple transitions they face during the course of their work life?”**

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Career

- **Inclusive**
- **Unique**
- **Holistic**
- **Dynamic**
- **Lifelong**

Career development

- **Learning and work in the context of life**
- **Multi-directional**
- **Multi-levelled**
- **Life journey; pathway**

Some issues

- **From the margins to the mainstream**
- **A private good and a public good**
- **Theory and practice innovation**
- **Expansion of career development services**
 - **The nature of service delivery**
 - **The nature of the client group**
 - **Standards**
 - **The evidence base**
 - **Whose goals?**



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Thank you

Linking career development to workforce development: What does it look like in the UK?

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Drivers for people development

Employers

- Resourcing jobs with the skills they need
- Improved performance (skills + motivation)
- Better leaders
- Managing change
- Regulatory compliance
- “War for Talent”
- “Employer of choice”
- Learning culture

State

- Social inclusion
- Getting people off benefit
- Productivity, economic development
- Improved educational attainment
- Stronger vocational routes
- Employability skills

Focus of current effort

	Workforce development	Career development	Career support
Emp- loyer	Learning for and near current job <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Regulatory + Professions</div>	“Talent” Open internal labour markets <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Career skills ?</div>	Line manager HR/L&D Self-help <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Limited 1-1 ICT/ distance</div>
State	Basic skills Qualifications	“Remedial” Back to work Into learning Page 11	As part of other interventions LMI Limited through employers

Some (of the many) issues

- Learning and career support for *employed adults* who are neither 'talent' nor low skill, or in small firms or in organisations with weak training
2. The case for employee development in the workplace for *future work/ career* not just for job
 3. The danger of career guidance as only dealing with skill acquisition not navigating *work options*
 4. Degree of emphasis on, & form of, *qualifications*
 5. Strengthening *career skills* in education and work
 6. Whether public services should *advise employers*, how this is positioned and who can do it effectively

Questions to guide discussion

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3. Are there tensions between viewing career development in these terms and the views taken by career development professional?
How to resolve these?

Theme A: Connecting Career Development to Workforce Development

- Tables 1-6: Questions 1 & 3
- Tables 7-11: Questions 2 & 3
- All Groups: Complete tasks 1-5
- Make use of the OECD Priority Policy Issues if appropriate

5 Tasks in Working Groups

- TASK 1:** Personal reflection - Consider the questions and make notes in the spaces provided. Do this before discussing.
- TASK 2:** Discuss each of the questions in your group.
- TASK 3:** Record the group's most important ideas related to each question on the recording sheet.
- TASK 4:** Record on the chart paper, the most important issue that your group discussed.
- TASK 5:** Discuss if there are any unresolved issues related to this theme that need to be discussed further and/or other important questions which should have been asked related to this theme. Record these on chart paper.

OECD Report six priority policy issues :

1. First priority to systems that develop career self-management skills and career information and delivery systems matched to levels of need;
3. Greater diversity in types of services and methods of delivery including more self-help and integrated ICT;
5. Shaping the nature of training qualifications in support of development of self-management skills, better information and more diverse delivery;

OECD priorities cont'd:

1. Improving the information-base for public policy making including data on outcomes and cost-effectiveness;
3. Develop better quality assurance mechanisms and link these to funding;
6. Develop stronger structures for strategic leadership

Workforce Preparation Career Development for Young People

Chair: Raimo Vuorinen

“What the Country Papers said”