



International Professional Development Association

2010 International Conference

Conference Aston Centre, Aston University, Birmingham

November 26th, 27th November 2010

The Conference aims to develop a culture of openness, trust and critical friendship amongst ipda members. The theme of Conference this year is:

Quality v Cost

Professional Development

in Hard Times:

Training v Education

Welcome colleagues, old and new, to the leading professional development conference of the year. Come and join us in Birmingham for two days of stimulating debate, high quality research reports, critical discussion and the opportunity to share your ideas, issues and concerns with colleagues from many countries.

The international economic situation places stress on all major systems not least in relation to education and in times such as these Professional Development is often a potential casualty or an easy target for financial cuts or prioritisation.

No context is immune and there are significant challenges in leading and managing quality professional development in the Early Childhood Education, Post –Compulsory Education and Skills sector or in School Curriculum-related CPD. Associated questions of professional identities and inter-professionalism abound while government agendas remain focused on policy-related Professional Development.

Our invited international keynote speakers will address the conference themes and participants will follow up issues and challenges in workshops and roundtable discussions. We will not find all the answers to such issues but will engage in a full and frank exchange of views while renewing or creating friendships.

ipda 2010 Conference Programme

Friday 26th November

- 0930 – 1000** **Registration**
- 1000 – 1005** **Welcome by Roger Levy, University of Hertfordshire
ipda Chair**
- 1005 – 1100** **Formal opening of conference and Presidential address
Hard times: the need for pragmatic professional development'
ipda President Professor Ken Jones,
Swansea Metropolitan University**
- 1100 – 1130** ***Coffee/Tea Break***
- 1130 – 1300** **Research Paper/Workshop 1 (Snoek/Mitchell)
Sessions 1 and 2 (parallel) 3 papers x 30 mins per session**
- 1300-1400** **Lunch**
- 1400-1445** **Keynote: The Triple Bottom Line: Towards Sustainable CPD
Professor Tony Townsend
Chair in Public Service Educational Leadership & Management
University of Glasgow**
- 1445-1530** **Round Table Responses**
- 1530-1600** ***Coffee/Tea Break***
- 1600-1700** **Research Papers
Sessions 3 and 4 (parallel) 2 papers x 30 mins per session**
- 1700-1800** **Trial:
Leadership and Management stand accused of damaging professional
collegiality. Judge: Cliff Jones.
Barristers for the Defence and Prosecution: Lynn Senior and one other tba**
- 1800** **Ipda AGM**
- 1930** **Conference Dinner with presentation of ipda Prizes and Fellowships.
Evening Entertainment. Nick Sorensen and John Law; saxophone and
piano will play '....a world class pianist together with a sax sound
characterized by beautiful melodic improvisations mixed with a touch of
the blues'. Muse Magazine 2007. [Click here for more details.](#)**

Presenting a paper

The programme will include high quality research paper presentations, poster sessions and discussion forums. If you have recently completed or are currently engaged in research related to continuing professional development, or are supervising students working in this area, or have experience of good practice that deserves a wider audience, then you are invited to submit a paper /proposal for presentation to r.levy@herts.ac.uk All papers submitted will be peer reviewed. Full details are on ipda website at www.ipda.org.uk The ipda 2010 Conference Proceedings will be internationally distributed on the ipda website. Papers submitted for the Conference Proceedings, if requested, will be considered for publication in the journal 'Professional Development in Education'. If they are accepted by the Journal, a brief synopsis rather than the original paper will be included in the Conference Proceedings with advice about publication in PDE.

ABOUT ipda

The individual members of the International Professional Development Association, drawn from across the UK and increasingly from overseas, are fully engaged in professional development in all phases of education and training and in a wide variety of work locations. ipda Cymru and ipda Scotland and ipda Ireland have been joined by ipda England, lending weight to the role of ipda as a truly UK wide and International organisation. Members are united in their desire to enhance the quality and effectiveness Professional Development. ipda draws strength from the diversity of its membership and is rightly proud of the international reputation of the Association's Journal, 'Professional Development in Education'(previously named Journal of In-service Education), the leading Journal in its field.

ipda Prizes 2010

ipda members are invited to make nominations for the three annual prizes awarded by the Association for outstanding contributions to professional development. The prize winners will be invited to the 2010 conference where the presentations will take place. Do you have a student on a post-graduate programme that you might wish to nominate or a colleague making an outstanding contribution to the professional development of others? Please consult the ipda website for further details.

Booking your place

We appreciate that many colleagues will travel on Thursday 25th November to enjoy the local sights and join friends old and new for dinner. Please book your conference place as early as possible using the form available on the website at www.ipda.org.uk Conference participants are invited to present a poster/table display. Please indicate on the booking form if you would like to reserve a table. There are a number of good advanced booking rail and air travel deals available currently available.

Please return your booking form to: Tony Bates, Hon Treasurer ipda, University of Worcester, Worcester WR2 6AJ or, e-mail it to t.batesworc@btinternet.com