



PRESS RELEASE

Dame Ruth Silver DBE amongst those recognised by the Institute of Career Guidance

The Institute of Career Guidance is pleased to announce that it has awarded a number of Fellowships at its Annual Conference.

The Council of the Institute approved the award of an Honorary Fellowship to Dame Ruth Silver DBE in recognition of her outstanding leadership of the Careers Profession Task Force in 2010, and the major progress which has followed the publication of the Task Force's Report and its recommendations to enhance the professional standing of career development practitioners. This led directly to the creation of the Career Development Institute, due to be launched in early 2013.

Dame Ruth Silver commented *"It is with great pleasure that I accept the Honorary Fellowship from the Institute. Quality matters when it comes to CEIAG for our young people; and it has been my privilege to lead the Careers Profession Task Force and subsequently to chair the Quality in Careers Consortium Board through the crucial early stages of fully establishing the national validation processes and procedures for the highly important Quality in Careers Standard. These remain the most challenging times both for young people as they progress towards their late teens and early 20s, as well as for the CEIAG professionals striving to help all young people to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to take control of their future learning and work."*

The Council also agreed that the following should be made Fellows of the Institute:

- Colin Marsh – an independent careers adviser with thirty years' experience in the sector.
- Nicki Moore – currently Lecturer in Career Development at the International Centre for Guidance Studies, University of Derby.
- Denise Taylor – currently a career psychologist and founder of Amazing People, a boutique career coaching company.
- Rebecca Towner – currently Guidance Development Officer at CXK Ltd (formerly Connexions Kent)

David Milton, incoming President of the Institute, said *"It is a huge privilege to be able to announce all the awards made at our Annual Conference, but particularly the Honorary Fellowship to Dame Ruth Silver. This recognises her immense personal contribution to the work to enhance CEIAG support for every young person."*

NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Institute of Career Guidance is the UK's largest professional association for career guidance practitioners with around 3,700 members. It offers a range of qualifications and training for the career guidance sector and is a key partner in the creation of the new Career Development Institute.

The Council of the Institute can award Honorary Fellowships to recognise those who are not members of the Institute and who have made a significant contribution to the Institute of Career Guidance or to guidance generally and who meet criteria set by our Ethics and Standards Committee.

Fellowships of the Institute are awarded to those members of the Institute who have a minimum of ten years' practice in the guidance sector, must and must have been a voting Member of the Institute for at least two years and demonstrate a significant contribution to the guidance community through the development of professional practice.

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