



Supporting and promoting professionalism and quality standards in the work of career development professionals.

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At the ICG AGM on 1st February, members vote overwhelmingly to dissolve and fully commit to become a partner in the CDI. It is now full speed ahead to ensure that everything in place to be fully operational by 1st April.

CDI website

The CDI interim website is now [live](#). Over the next six weeks it will provide a focal point for the latest CDI news, including progress towards becoming fully operational and the election process. You can also contact us through the website.

Membership of the CDI

ICG, NAEGA, ACEG and ACPI-UK have contacted all existing members to gain permission to transfer their data to the CDI membership database. Over 2,000 have already done so, which gives them the right to vote in the up-coming elections. Existing members who have not done so have until 1700 on 25th February to complete the process if they wish to vote.

Arrangement will be in place for trading from 1st April 2013. New members who would like to join the CDI before then should do so through ACEG, by contacting membsec@aceg.org.uk and paying the fee of £85, which will be transferred to CDI once the bank account is operational. They will receive a full year's membership of the CDI plus membership of ACEG until it ceases

trading. From 1st April, new members can join the CDI directly. In addition to the £85 fee, they will pay a one-off administrative fee of £25.

Benefits of membership

Full benefits of membership are outlined in the [CDI Prospectus](#), which is on the CDI interim website, as well as on the websites of the four associations which make up the CDI. Throughout the first year of trading, we will be developing membership services to build on what members have received from the four associations, however, in the first instance they will get the following:

- Access to the full professional **website** which will replace the interim site from April, in addition to news and updates relevant to career development there will be the latest policy documents from all four Home Countries, information about qualifications, CPD, networking and other events, support for professional practice and a job vacancies service. As well as the open areas, there will be a members' only section with a range of additional resources.
- At least **three professional journals** each year containing articles on the latest thinking and research in career development, good practice case studies, occupational information and practical ideas to help members with professional practice. Articles will be written by national and international experts, including practitioners, managers, researchers and policy-makers.
- A **weekly newsletter** emailed directly to members with updates on the latest developments and information and signposting to where to go for further information.
- **Networking events**, including formal groups in each of the Home Nations.
- Access to a wide range of **professional development opportunities**, from initial training to accredited CPD.
- An online **career progression framework** and **CPD log** which will enable career development professionals to record their own learning and facilitate career advancement.
- **Access to trade partners** enabling members to buy services such as professional indemnity insurance at advantageous rates.

Governance of the CDI

The CDI is a membership body owned by its members, who ultimately decide how it develops. The members' formal contribution to this process is by electing members to three key bodies. These are:

The Board: manages the business the Institute. It comprises 6 Directors elected by the full membership (including President, Vice President, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer) and up to 6 co-opted directors.

The Council: represents the membership and advises the Board on policy. It comprises up to 20 members. Two are elected by each of the five professional constituencies, and one from each national constituency. The council also includes the President (who chairs), Vice-President, Hon.Secretary and Hon.Treasurer , and up to 2 co-opted members.

The Professional Standards Committee: oversees, and advises the Board on the maintenance of professional standards and qualifications. It is also responsible for dealing with complaints and disciplinary issues. It comprises a chair (elected by all CDI members); one representative from each professional and each national constituency.

CDI Elections – the process has begun!

Members can now get involved by nominating someone for one of the posts on the Board, the Council or the Professional Standards Committee. Nominations close at 09.00 on Monday 25th February. Voting will be through a secure Electoral Reform Service website only. All members who have agreed to transfer their data to the CDI database by 19th February will receive a PIN and a link to the website from the ERS. Voting will open on 11th March and close at 17.00 on 19th March. Election results will be announced at the AGM on 25th March.

The CDI AGM

The first AGM will take place on Monday 25th March, from 14.00 – 16.30 at the offices for the National Council for Voluntary Organisations in London.

