

Validation panel advisers

The Consortium Board has established a small team of expert advisers to provide impartial, professional advice to the validation panels.

The advisers have no connection with, and do not provide consultancy support to, any Quality Award provider. They:

- undertake an impartial scrutiny of a Quality Award provider's application and advise the Consortium Board whether to defer or to proceed with a validation panel
- produce a preparatory brief for the validation panel
- attend the validation panel
- write the validation panel report.

A recommendation to proceed with a validation panel indicates that an application merits further scrutiny. A recommendation to defer a validation panel indicates that an Award fails to meet one or more of the national validation criteria.

Should an adviser recommend deferring the validation panel, Quality Award providers will receive a written report that explains why and that includes action points for providers to consider.

ROGER ALLEN

- Roger was a teacher and deputy head in the secondary sector for 18 years before becoming a Technical & Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI) Regional Adviser, working for the Manpower Services Commission (MSC, later the Employment Department.).
- He then moved to North London TEC as executive director responsible for youth training and education related activities, working closely with the then three careers services in the locality.
- His next post was as Director of the Young People's Unit at the Government Office for the East of England (GO-East) in Cambridge. A major part of this role was to support the development of Connexions services across the East of England.
- Since leaving GO-East to become an independent consultant, Roger has acted as an OfSTED Connexions Additional Inspector and has produced many reports, including one on referrals between the Connexions Direct helpline and local Connexions services and several on the development of an Integrated Youth Support Service in the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.
- He also developed, with an associate, the Award for Education Business Excellence (AEBE) the quality mark for education business links organisations and is the senior Lead Assessor, having carried out c40 assessments over the past two and a half years.
- He served as part of the working group convened by the Careers England Quality Task Group to consider the proposals which led to the development of the QiCS standard.

ANTHONY BARNES

- Anthony is an independent careers education consultant, trainer and materials developer.
- He has written extensively on quality assurance in CEIAG and has experience of developing quality award schemes including the Careers Excellence Award that was used by the VT Careers Management Group before 2003.
- Anthony was a local authority inspector for careers education for seven years. He wrote a distance learning pack for Ofsted inspectors on how to inspect careers education and guidance. He has taken part in school inspections for Ofsted as a team inspector and in Connexions inspections as an additional inspector.
- Anthony was part of the management group for the Government's careers education support programme until 2010 and continues to edit the CEGNET website and monthly e-newsletter.

JANET DONOGHUE

- Janet is an independent consultant, trainer and writer specialising in CEIAG.
- Her particular areas of expertise are curriculum development and quality assurance.
- During the course of her career, she has influenced policy and practice at national, local and organisational levels through her work with government departments, national bodies and local organisations.
- She wrote the (then) DCSF user guide to the national quality standards for young people's IAG and was the main author of the *iag workforce* website. She has engaged in research and has produced evaluation reports, classroom and training resources, quality standards, manuals, handbooks, guidelines and written many other materials relevant to the CEIAG world.
- Janet acts as prime writer for the QiCS suite of materials working alongside the QiCS Project Leader.

STUART McRILL

- Stuart is a qualified careers adviser, trainer and coach and has over 25 years' experience of the careers IAG sector.
- Stuart's advice and guidance roles have included working for three local authorities, and the development and management of advice and guidance services at Manchester TEC. As a Guidance Council Quality Improvement Consultant he led a national IAG marketing campaign and supported organisations to deliver outcome based IAG for adults.
- Whilst working as a 14 -19 Consultant, Stuart strategically managed Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance projects across four London boroughs.
- He has developed advice and guidance workshops for undergraduates and postgraduates and for adults with mental health needs. He is a practising careers adviser working primarily within the higher education sector on a freelance basis.
- As a National Apprenticeship Awards Assessor Stuart has reviewed and verified applications for organisations and individuals. He has also developed a National Endorsement Scheme for adult social care providers.
- Stuart is a registered **matrix** practitioner and has advised and assessed a wide range of organisations.