

CAREER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE ELECTIONS 2014



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Post applied for: Director -without portfolio

Candidate's Name: Julie-Anne Jamieson

1. Brief details of relevant experience of the career development profession/s. (max 150 words)

I am an experienced career development practitioner who has latterly worked in a variety of policy and leadership roles within Scottish Government, Careers Scotland and Skills Development Scotland. As part of the senior management team for Careers Scotland, my responsibilities included employability and quality assurance and improvement. Currently on secondment from SDS, I utilise my skills in a different context as Secretary to the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry responsible for the leadership of the organisation.

Strongly committed to professional development, I was an external examiner on the MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Career Guidance and Development at the University of Strathclyde. I also worked with the University of the West of Scotland to develop a peer support model for advisers working with more challenging caseloads.

I bring considerable knowledge and experience in equality, inclusion and employability policy and practice both within Scotland and at a UK level.

2. Brief details of relevant experience of serving on Boards or Committees of this kind (max 150 words)

I am currently Scotland representative on the CDI Council and chair the CDI Scotland Committee.

Previous experience on committees of professional bodies includes membership of the ICG Professional Development Committee (Oct 2009-March 2013) Chair of ICG Scottish Branch (2000-2001) and member of ICG Scottish Committee (2002- 2009). I was also a member of the Board of Studies for the MSc Career Guidance in Special Needs at Napier University (1999-2002).

My non executive director experience includes a current role as Board Trustee of Project Scotland, a national youth volunteering organisation and previously as a Director of On Track Enterprises (2005-2007).

I have sat on a wide number of advisory groups ranging from the Additional Support for Learning Scottish Advisory Group, a Ministerial Group on Better Outcomes for Looked After Children, the Offender Learner Strategy and the Scottish Government Supported Employment Task Group.

3. Personal statement of views about the CDI and this role (max 200 words)

Much has been achieved by the CDI in its first year but challenges and opportunities lie ahead. Economic recovery is fragile with career uncertainty remaining for many individuals and policy developments across the UK will impact on career professionals. The CDI must be the strong voice of the profession across the UK reflecting the different contexts our members work in.

The priorities I see are:

- providing high quality and value for money services for members
- attracting new members and continuing to promote the register
- building effective alliances with employers and other organisations with an interest in our sector
- positioning the CDI as the strong advocate for the value of career development and influencing the decision makers

My enthusiasm for the profession is evident from my continued commitment to the CDI although my day job is presently in a different sector. Whilst being rooted in career development, I also bring a different perspective from healthcare.

If elected, I would positively contribute to the effective running of the organisation and strategic direction of the CDI. I would also ensure that the CDI reflects the policy differences of the devolved nations especially at such a critical time in Scotland.