

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE ELECTIONS 2014



## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Post applied for: Professionals standards Committee Careers Guidance for Young People Representative

Candidate's Name: Rahila Hussain

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

I have worked across the sector for over 14 years. My role has varied from being a Careers Guidance Adviser delivering Careers Information Advice and Guidance to young people and families to managing a large team. I currently manage a team of Careers Guidance Advisers who deliver a quality service across Lancashire in Schools, Colleges, 6<sup>th</sup> forms and Training Providers. I currently ensure stakeholders, customers and internal delivery staff are kept up to date with regards to new initiatives, policies, legislations and training in order to continue to ensure a quality Careers Guidance service is being delivered.

I have a wide ranging knowledge and expertise on issues affecting young people and particularly their transition. I have managed a number of Targeted Youth Support projects across Lancashire as part of the Early Intervention strategy with a focus on careers and future planning.

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

My previous experience has included representing the Lancashire region on a North West LDD group. I have also been part of a committee formed to contribute to the Department for Education's guidance on Internships and SEN reforms.

I believe I have a wealth of experience around quality assurance and professional standards. My knowledge and experience of working under relevant quality and compliance standards has been measured and demonstrated through my support across the borough with Ofsted, Matrix, Self Assessments and Joint Area Reviews.

Outside of work, I have been a member of the Hyndburn Independent Remuneration Panel for the last 10 years. This involves reviewing policies and procedures, professional standards and current practice as well as making recommendations to the council for local councillors in Hyndburn to adhere to bring them in line with government changes.

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

As the careers profession and the Education sector has undergone many changes in recent years, I feel it is important to continue to ensure careers guidance continues to have an overarching platform through an organisation that can lead from the front through its members. The CDI continues to work members to support them with changes in policies, practice and legislation through Training, opportunities for continued professional development and close links with other relevant sectors which is highly valuable given the pace of changes with regards to the direction of travel for young people and adults.

I believe this role is about supporting all to ensure integrity, ethics and standards are upheld and adhered to at all times. It is important to address concerns and changes as they arise for members as well as ensuring the services delivered to young people by our members are of a high standard. This will be achieved by continuing to communicate with members, responding to recommendations which affect the sector on a national and local level and offering advice and guidance as a highly reputable and recognised professional body.