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Ministerial Council “fully committed” to all age careers service but “more needs to be done” for schools

The Career Development Institute (CDI) was pleased to receive the ministerially appointed National Careers Council progress review, published today. The report, which identified the CDI as a key partner in delivering an agenda for change, considers the steps taken to date against the Council’s “An Aspirational Nation: Achieving a culture change in careers provision” recommendations.

In an open letter, Council Chair Dr Deidre Hughes OBE commented:

“We remain fully committed to achieving an all-age careers service that needs to do more with schools in recognition that careers provision needs to be improved. The link with the economy and UK prosperity is vital in ensuring that young people and their families are informed about the labour market”

The report highlights that, whilst progress is positive in many important areas, further action is still needed, including clarification on the role of the National Career Service.

Dr Hughes added that support for schools remains an area of concern:

“More needs to be done for young people and to help schools who whilst they have statutory duty are often unsure what to do to and need some support in this period of transition.”

Commenting on the review, CDI’s President, Karen O’Donoghue said:

“The National Council’s Report was an important milestone in the development of this government’s thinking on preparing young people and we welcome the Council’s own assessment on an agenda so pivotal to UK skills. A high proportion of our 4,000 members offer quality assured independent career information, advice and guidance services for young people, adults and schools, within and outside the National Careers Service so naturally, CDI is enthusiastic to play our part.”

Ms O’Donoghue added:

“The CDI is concerned that the essential role of the career professional risks being, and perhaps already is being overlooked as national policy unfolds. We hope that the Council will keep a close eye on how the government ensures a balanced, partnership approach between schools, employers and independent guidance practitioners as part of its commitment to an all-age careers service.”

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Notes to editors:

1. The National Careers Council Report to Government: An Aspirational Nation: Creating a Culture Change in Careers Provision can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/205147/bis-13-919-national-careers-council-report-an-aspirational-nation-creating-a-culture-change-in-careers-provision.pdf
2. The open Letter from the Chair, Dr Deidre Hughes OBE can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/285764/ncc-chairs-letter.pdf
3. The Career Development Institute was established in April 2013. The purpose of the CDI is to improve and assure the quality and availability of career development opportunities for all

through the promotion of public understanding of Career Development; the development and maintenance of standards of professional practice in Career Development, and the provision of advice on Career Development to policymakers, practitioners and other interested parties.

4. The Career Development Institute currently has 4,000 members drawn from schools, careers service companies and private practitioners.
5. The Institute works in partnership with government departments, schools, colleges, universities and employers to support the provision of excellent careers information advice and guidance for all those that need it.
6. More information about the CDI can be found at www.the CDI.net
7. More information on The National Careers Council can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/policy-advisory-groups/the-national-careers-council>

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