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I have a background in the guidance sector which encompasses over twenty years working as a practitioner, trainer, manager, researcher and lecturer. After training as a Careers Adviser in Kent I worked in schools and colleges in Wolverhampton before moving to work in university careers work at Derby. This was followed by a role in quality improvement working for the Guidance Council in 2000. I joined iCeGS in 2005 to develop the CPD offer. Recently I have been developing training and strategic development programmes in the UAE, Sri Lanka, China and Malaysia.

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