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I am a Careers Advisor with Stoke-on-Trent City Council. I work in two schools in the City, one with a well established, large sixth form the other one with a new sixth form, which is due to come on-line in September.

I have 30 years' experience in the sector, starting working life as an Employment Assistant, before being seconded to the DCG course at Manchester. I have held senior positions with responsibility for information, training and guidance development. I have wide ranging experience having worked in special schools, large further education colleges and schools with high achieving sixth forms.

The highlights of my career so far have been helping to set up successful community engagement programmes in partnership with football clubs, Youth Services and the YMCA. I have also written careers education programmes that have been used by schools and colleges across Staffordshire and helping to set up an original quality standards scheme (pre the current ones).

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CDI membership allows me to up to date of developments in guidance, through the e-mail updates, the CDI magazine and also CPD opportunities.

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