

International Careers Expert to Speak at Conference in Hobart

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International career development expert Dr Susan Whiston from the University of Indiana will lead a program of respected speakers at the annual CDA A National Conference in Hobart (2-4 May).

The 2018 conference, held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, will focus on *Inspiring excellence in career development: 2020 Vision - Career Adaptability and Meaningful Futures*.

Attendees will discover how they can empower their clients in the unpredictable world of work, with around half of current occupations expected to be redundant by 2025.

Dr Whiston will speak to approximately 300 Australian and international career development practitioners on the importance of using research in career counselling practices.

“There is a move towards evidence based practice, where practitioners are using relevant research in their daily work to increase their effectiveness,” Dr Whiston said.

Professional career development practitioners provide individualised advice based on assessment tools to determine skills and interests and labour market information to identify future career options.

Other keynote speakers include University of Southern Australia’s Professor Ruth Bridgstock, Laureate Professor Jennifer Gore from the University of Newcastle, and Young Australian of the Year finalist Benson Igua Saulo.

CDA A National President Wanda Hayes said the conference is not to be missed by anyone in the career development community.

“Practitioners will gather to network and learn, be challenged by, and take inspiration from a myriad of national and international thought leaders from the field of career development.”



The Career Development Association of Australia (CDA A) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia’s largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDA A is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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