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Workshop for career teachers and guidance professionals

Career education and individual student planning: Using the My System of Career Influences

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Abstract:

In the recent context of an increasingly diverse society, a complex and fluid world of work, and an evolving career theory base, career assessment has been challenged to keep pace and provide meaningful assessment experiences for individuals. Qualitative career assessment values meaning making, the use of story and the active agency of clients. This workshop will overview qualitative career assessment and introduce the Systems Theory Framework of career development (STF) and the My Systems of Career Influences (MSCI) reflection process, a qualitative career assessment process derived from the STF that guides individuals in the telling of their career stories. The use of the MSCI will be described and practical examples of its application in classroom settings and with individuals will be explained.

About the Speaker:

Dr Mary McMahon is a senior lecturer in the School of Education at The University of Queensland where she teaches in the guidance and counselling specialisation of the Master of Educational Studies. She publishes and researches in the field of career development and is particularly interested in the career development of children and adolescents, qualitative approaches to career assessment, and narrative and storied approaches to career counselling. Mary is the 2002 winner of the New Hobsons Press and the Australian Association of Career Counsellors Inc. Excellence award for outstanding contribution to the career industry.

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