

Leading International Career Practitioner Booked for 2017 Conference

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Leading international career practitioner Dr Ryan Duffy from the University of Florida will be heading a world-class program of speakers at the 2017 CDAA National Conference.

The conference, *'Inspiring Excellence in Career Development : Responding Locally to Global Challenges'*, will focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2013 and how the career development profession can contribute to achieving them at a local level.

This discussion will be centred around the quest for a healthy life, the pursuit of equity, access to education and training, and access to sustainable work opportunities.

Dr Duffy, who is the director of the Counselling Psychology Program at the University of Florida, will speak on the psychological factors promoting the attainment of decent work and how this leads to employment satisfaction and well-being.

"It is critical that the concept of decent work be moved to the forefront in how we aim to most effectively work with clients," Dr Duffy said.

Other keynote speakers include University of Southern Queensland's Dr Peter McIlveen, Australia's only Mental Nutritionist Dr Ann Villiers, and Paralympian Marayke Jonkers.

CDAA National Manager Peter Mansfield said the association was thrilled to have a high profile international speaker opening the conference.

"Career development and transition is a global challenge therefore it is exciting we have an international voice helping to guide our conversation."



The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) 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 CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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