



# International Professional Development Association

## 2011 International Conference

Conference Aston Centre, Aston University,  
Birmingham, UK

## Learning: a Public Good or a Private Commodity?

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Welcome to the professional development conference of the year. We are in Birmingham UK again for two days of stimulating debate, high quality research reports, critical discussion and to share ideas, issues and concerns with colleagues from many countries.

Our conference title reflects widespread international interest in discussing the values and purposes of individuals and organisations involved in professional formation and learning at a time of shifting ideologies and value change.

The conference aims to develop a culture of openness, trust and critical friendship amongst ipda members. Our international keynote speakers will address the conference themes and participants will have the opportunity to follow up issues and challenges in workshops and roundtable discussions.

By the end of the conference we intend to have reportable outcomes that can be developed and acted upon through regional seminars, website interaction and personal networking.

Conference sub themes are:

- The nature and role of learning communities
- Teaching schools: Implications for CPD
- Top Down or Bottom Up? The policy/practice interface
- Values, CPD and the concepts of effectiveness and sustained improvement
- The role of HE in CPD

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## 2011 Conference Programme

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November*

<b>0930- 1000</b>	Registration
<b>1000- 1005</b>	<b>Welcome by ipda Chair:</b> Cliff Jones
<b>1005- 1100</b>	<b>Formal opening of conference and First Keynote Address</b> <b>Glenn Rikowski, Senior Lecturer, University of Northampton</b> <i>Session Chair: Helen Mitchell</i>
<b>1100- 1130</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>1130- 1300</b>	<b>Research Papers: Session 1</b>
<b>1300- 1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1400- 1445</b>	<b>Second Keynote Address</b> <b>Tony Finn, Chief Executive The General Teaching Council for Scotland</b> <i>Session Chair: Jim O'Brien</i>
<b>1445-1530</b>	<b>Round Table Responses</b>
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>1600-1700</b>	<b>Research Papers: Session 2</b>
<b>1700-1800</b>	<b>The ipda Trial</b> <b>This year the charge is: <i>Educators stand accused of forgetting that they are shaping the values of society</i></b>
<b>1930</b>	<b>Conference Dinner followed by presentation of ipda Prizes &amp; Fellowships.</b>

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**0915- 1000 Third Keynote Address**  
**Jackie Main, Director of Learning and Development, Kaplan International Colleges**  
*Session Chair: Cliff Jones*

**1000 – 1030 Keynote related Workshop**

**1030- 1100 Coffee/Tea Break**

**1100–1200 Research Papers: Session 3**

**1200–1330 Research Papers and Workshops: Session 4**

**1330-1415 Lunch**

**1415-1515 Parallel Seminars**

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Kit Field & Roger Levy

**1515 Close of Conference: Professor Ken Jones, ipda President**