

**Concurrent Session:
Skills for Employability in an International Context**

Presentation Schedule:

Session: Concurrent Session “Skills for Employability in an International Context”

Date: 25 August 2015

Time: 13.00-14.30 hrs

Speakers:

Ms Christine Evans
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Abstract:

Precarious futures - Skills for employability in an international context

There is concern in the UK labour market. Are young people being left behind? One would assume in the digital age that young people would lead the way in gaining employment over their older counterparts but data tells us otherwise. Since the economic downturn of 2008 there are less young people and more older people in work. Ian Kinder considers these trends in a European and Global context, looking at causes, the areas of mismatch between young people’s skills and employers’ needs – the Skills for Employability. Ian then consider solutions by examining work experience, earning and learning opportunities and how TVET Colleges are working with employers to develop more strategic relationships to benefit young people in the jobs marketplace.

Christine Evans then highlights the project work carried out in 2015 between her college, Grwp Llandrillo Menai, located in North Wales, UK and the Thailand Office for Vocational Education and Training supported by the British Council. This involved immersion in UK-style teaching and learning by OVEC teachers and students gathered in Chiang Rhai, followed by a return visit to the UK by Directors, Teachers and Students with some interesting findings and forward plans for further relations and peer engagement.

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Christine Evans is a management professional, having earned her first management post at 18 with a national company. Christine returned to education in 1992 following her successful career in industry and career break to raise her family to help achieve her academic potential. Christine gained employment in the Further Education sector in 1998.

She has extensive experience of project and contract management, working as part of a management team and being responsive to organisational priorities. Christine turned her skills to the International setting in early 2014 and is enjoying immensely the role as International and Partnerships Manager at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai at one of the most challenging times in this aspect of UK education and training. The branded “Llandrillo Menai International” portfolio of work has seen significant growth under Christine and her team’s tenure, most notably in incoming and outbound development and consultancy within the VET sector.

Christine is also a qualified Blue Badge Tourist Guide for Wales, leading groups of cruise-ship passengers on their shore excursions around the stunningly beautiful North Wales countryside and heritage attractions during her spare time. She is a keen Wales Rugby Union fan, looking forward to the Rugby World Cup taking place in the UK this autumn.

Qualifications:

Training Skills and Practice Certificate

MSc (Mgt), University of Glamorgan

BA in Tourist Guiding

Foundation Degree in Tourist Guiding and holder of Blue Badge Tourist Guiding qualification for Wales

CMI Level 4 Diploma in Programme and Project Management

HND Leisure and Tourism Management

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