

# Masterclass Series, Spring 2025

Supporting the Continuous Professional Development of Adult Guidance Practitioners in Ireland

## Socially Just Career Guidance and Sustainable Futures

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Dr David Mc Cormack, Dr Mary B Ryan, and Dr Nuala Whelan, with guest speaker Professor Tristram Hooley**

This one day Masterclass will offer a reflective space for practitioners to work in small groups led by **Dr David Mc Cormack, Dr Mary B Ryan, and Dr Nuala Whelan**, with an input from guest speaker **Professor Tristram Hooley**.

### **Critical approaches to career guidance**

In this session Professor Hooley will set out the key principles of critical career theory and explore how career guidance can operate in a world which is both unstable and unjust. He will set out the ‘five signposts to socially just career guidance’ and demonstrate how they can be used in practice with adult clients.

There will be an opportunity to try out approaches and discuss their viability. The session will conclude with a discussion on ethics and social justice informed practice.



**Professor Tristram Hooley** is an international expert in career and career guidance. He is a professor at the University of Derby, where he focuses on career education, guidance, the future of work and social justice. His research explores the intersection of careers, politics, technology and education. He is a prolific writer and has published extensively on career development topics, and he is a frequent speaker at conferences and events. His most recent book is *The Career Development Handbook* which is published by Trotman. He also writes the *Adventures in Career Development* blog at <https://adventuresincareerdevelopment.wordpress.com/> where you can find a full list of his publications and find out more about his work.



**Dr David Mc Cormack, Dr Mary B Ryan, and Dr Nuala Whelan** co-direct the Adult Guidance Counselling programmes at the Department of Adult and Community Education at Maynooth University.

The **Department of Adult and Community Education's** Masterclass series is aimed at practitioners interested in or working in the area of Adult Guidance Counselling and Careers.

They are designed to support and enable guidance practitioners, managers of guidance services, and other stakeholders to reflect on practice, and consider a range of topics in a career development and adult guidance context.

Each in-person Masterclass includes an input from an international expert along with participation in small groups. This format provides attendees with an opportunity to network with peers and experts, along with time for collective reflection and in-depth exploration of the challenges faced by the career guidance sector more broadly.

### **Location & Booking**

**Time:** 10am – 4pm

**Where:** School of Education, North Campus, Maynooth University

**Tea & Coffee** available from 9.45am and will be provided throughout the day. Lunch is not provided but we invite you to bring lunch with you.

**To book:** [Masterclass: Supporting Continuous Professional Development - N.U.I. Maynooth](#)

**Cost:** €75

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**Watch out for details of our next Masterclass 'Career as Calling in lifelong guidance' on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025!**