



PRESS NOTICE: 29th September 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT: Careers England's Executive Director

Careers England, the trade association for businesses and small traders providing careers services in England, is pleased to announce the appointment of Steve Stewart OBE to succeed Paul Chubb as its new Executive Director.

Paul steps down from the role (having been Executive Director for 8 years) on 30th September; he was also involved as one of the founding members of CE in 2003.

Steve has recently retired from his position as Chief Executive of CSWP 'The Careers Guidance Company' serving parts of the West Midlands. He has also been a non-executive director of CE since 2008, and was until recently the Chair of the CE Board.

Announcing this change, Katharine Horler, Chair of the CE Board, said:

"I'm enormously grateful to Paul for the outstanding job he has done as Executive Director of Careers England - the Careers Guidance sector owes him a huge debt of gratitude. We all wish him well for a long and happy retirement.

We are very lucky to be welcoming Steve Stewart to the role of Executive Director. Steve's commitment and enthusiasm for the careers sector is well known and we're delighted to be working with him as Careers England continues to champion good quality careers guidance for all."

On his appointment, Steve Stewart said:

"I'm delighted to be able to undertake the role of Executive Director. This is an incredibly challenging time for the sector but also one where so many organisations and individuals are working hard to influence and shape future policy.

I'm looking forward to ensuring Careers England continues to make a significant contribution to improving services that are so needed by young people and adults"

On his 'retirement' Paul Chubb said



"I'm tremendously proud of the establishment of Careers England and how it has won respect for its legitimate voice as the association for those who make up the backbone of England's careers providers.

It's easy to applaud good public policy, but it has never been easy to stand up against flawed and ill-informed policies: I believe CE has done both with consistency and integrity.

Unless the social and economic benefits of professional careers services, fully embedded in the labour market, are enabled by government policies to thrive, then there will be damage to individuals' lives and the economy. The international evidence on this is irrefutable: look most closely to Canada and Finland.

As I hand over to Steve, my hope is that a future government will heed the lessons of the mistakes not just in the past 4 years under the Coalition Government, but also under the previous Labour administration. Together these mistakes have undermined the distinctive universal contribution of professional and robustly quality-assured careers services.

The nearest England came to an era of respected, well-resourced and labour-market-informed careers services was in the mid-1990s. I hope that a future government would be open to look at the quality of that era and to translate it into a policy fit for 2015 and beyond - for the benefit of the country and its citizens".

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Notes to Editors

(i) Careers England is the national **Trade Association** for organisations involved in the provision of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) products and services in England for people of all ages. **Our members provide aspects of some, or all, of the four components of CEIAG:**

- a. Careers education (that is "career learning")
- b. Careers information
- c. Careers advice
- d. Careers guidance



- (ii) Careers England is principally, therefore, an **employer body**. Our full members comprise the majority of prime contractors for the **National Careers Service** along with a significant number of sub-contractors and ‘careers providers’ delivering publicly-funded careers guidance services for local authorities (LAs), schools and colleges across England.
- (iii) Full details of all Careers England’s members, our activities, our publications (including Key Policy Summaries on the Coalition Government’s policies for careers guidance), links to the CEIAG Quality Award providers and the Quality in Careers Standard can be found at www.careersengland.org.uk

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