



# EXPLORING PROFESSIONALISM

a national conference

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**Warwick**  
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# Day 1: across professions and disciplines

## A symposium on the nature of professionalism, its development, assessment and research agenda

Professionalism, professional development and the meaning of 'profession' are hotly debated topics. There is also an awareness that interdisciplinary and interprofessional discussion are required to understand these concepts at a time of increasing complexity and divergence between professional groups. The University of Warwick is pleased to convene this interdisciplinary meeting to promote discussion, enable networking and explore common interests in terms of education and research.

### Potential participants:

#### Academics (educators and researchers) and practitioners of:

- Allied health
- Education
- Law
- Nursing
- Medicine
- Social science
- Social work

**We warmly invite patients, clients and service users to join this debate.**

### Intended outcomes:

- A shared understanding of the concept of professionalism and its relation to professional practice and education
- An exploration of different disciplinary, professional and personal perspectives and how these inform professional practice
- A discussion focussed on the evolution of professionalism and its implication for future practice
- Formation of collaborative groups to discuss shared working in education and research

### Confirmed speakers include:

**Bryan Cunningham** – Director of Quality Assurance and Enhancement in the Institute of Education, University of London's, Faculty of Policy and Society, and Senior Lecturer in Education

**Professor Celia Davies** – Sociologist and Professor Emerita at The Open University

**Professor Fred Hafferty** – Professor in the Department of Behavioural Sciences at the University of Minnesota Medical School since 1994.

**Dr Helen O'Sullivan** – Director for the Centre for Excellence in Developing Professionalism at the University of Liverpool.

**Professor Imogen Taylor** – Professor of Social Care and Social Work at the University of Sussex

**Professor Julian Webb** – University of Warwick and Director of the UK Centre for Legal Education

# Day 2: focus on the health professions and evidence – in collaboration with BEME

The development and assessment of professionalism in health professional students are important components of modern health care curricula. Methods for teaching/learning professionalism are widely discussed. Even more hotly debated are valid, reliable, feasible and acceptable assessment methods, not during pre-qualification programmes but in the workplace. On this second day of the symposium we will be concentrating on professionalism, with trigger presentations focussing on research and a systematic review of professionalism in medical education being undertaken by Warwick Medical School for the BEME collaborative.

## Potential participants:

- Practising health professionals
- Academic health professionals
- Researchers

## Intended outcomes:

- Exploration of what the literature says about professionalism – learning and assessment
- Definition of research questions and research methods
- Understanding of best evidence reviews and other educational methodology

## Workshops:

1. Fred Hafferty – The meaning of professionalism. The group will discuss the concept of professionalism as a social movement and the impact of the hidden curriculum.
2. Ed Peile - Workshop – “Common ground or grounds for complaint?” An active exploration, using a real case example, of how different healthcare roles and disciplines evolve differing concepts of professionalism.
3. Jane Kidd – The assessment of professionalism.
4. Marilyn Hammick - Using evidence in your professional practice.

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**Professor Fred Hafferty** – Professor in the Department of Behavioural Sciences at the University of Minnesota Medical School since 1994.

**Professor Ed Peile** – Emeritus Professor of Medical Education, the University of Warwick. As well as specialist training in Paediatrics and Renal Medicine, Ed trained as a GP.

**Associate Professor Jane Kidd** – Director of the Graduate Entry Medical Programme at WMS and a Reader in Clinical Communication Skills.

**Professor Marilyn Hammick** – Research and Education Consultant, Visiting Professor at Birmingham City & Anglia Ruskin Universities and Consultant to Best Evidence Medical Education.

# The Venue

The Conference takes place at:

**Scarman House**  
 The University of Warwick  
 Gibbet Hill Road  
 Coventry  
 CV4 7AL

For detailed information on how to reach the venue please see the website:  
[www2.warwick.ac.uk/conferences/howtofindus/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/conferences/howtofindus/)

Dinner and high quality overnight accommodation with en suite facilities is available for the night of Thursday 10th December.

Please telephone Warwick Conferences on **(0) 24 7652 3222** quoting event reference number 940151. Participants may register as a day delegate for either of the days (see below).

# Registration

Participants may register as a day delegate for either of the days.

- Day 1 and Day 2**  
 (including lunch and coffee on both days) ..... £200
- Day 1 only** (including lunch and coffee) ..... £110
- Day 2 only** (including lunch and coffee) ..... £110

Overnight accommodation (including evening meal and breakfast) can be booked directly with Warwick Conferences, see Venue information above.

Please email Liz Winborn at [E.A.Winborn@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:E.A.Winborn@warwick.ac.uk)

Upon receipt, a registration form will be sent to you for completion along with a detailed programme for each day.

Places are limited so please book early.

