

# NICEC invites you to submit an entry for the Bill Law Memorial Award 2022



The award is a legacy and tribute to the work of Dr Bill Law, Founding Fellow of NICEC, who died in April 2017. His work was recognised internationally and was significant in its impact on the way that career development is conceptualized and practiced. The award celebrates emerging innovation within the career development sector and importantly, the relationship between research, theory and practice.

## Who can apply?

If you are a student who is on or has recently completed (within the last 12 months) any relevant programme such as anyone studying for a level 6 level in career development (including career leaders), PGDip/Masters/SCQF 11 and Doctoral students or a CIPD programme, you can make a submission for this award.

The submission should present original research or innovative practice in a career or coaching related topic. Where the submission relates to innovative practice, this needs to include some element of evaluation. The evaluation should include feedback, comments, or assessments from participants.

Original research includes quantitative or qualitative empirical research. Innovative practice includes using new techniques or using existing techniques in a new way or with a client group new to the technique. This could also include expanding the boundaries of current practice.

Membership of NICEC is not necessary.

## Judging criteria

The following should be demonstrated in candidates' submissions:

1. Consideration of a contemporary theme within the career development field.
2. Demonstrates original empirical research or innovative practice.
3. Discussion of relevant literature.
4. Evidence of critical evaluation and analysis.
5. Commentary on any implications for professional practice, policy or research.

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## The prize

The award will be made on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at a special award event.

The prize will be a £50 book token, free attendance at NICEC seminars and network meetings for a year, and public recognition via the NICEC website. The winner will be supported to publish in the NICEC Journal subject to editorial discretion.

## The benefits

Being shortlisted for this award or winning it can have a really positive impact on your career. It raises your research profile and can position you as a thought leader, researcher and thinker of note. Although this is still a new award, previous winners and shortlisted candidates have seen their careers develop including moving on to doctoral study and writing and publishing.

## How to enter

There is a two-stage process: (1) submission of an abstract (outline, draft, or plan) of approximately 250 words (excluding references) by **6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. (2) a selection of abstracts will be invited to be developed into a 2,500 word written paper in a style which is in line with NICEC Journal writing style guide and submitted by Friday **7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. You are free to choose your topic, but we anticipate that you will write about something you have learned whilst on your course or undertaking research or practice. Only one entry per person is permitted. The submission should present previously unpublished work.

The submission should include the cover sheet which can be found on the NICEC website.

More information please visit the [NICEC website](#)

The award is free to enter. For queries and submitting an abstract please use [billlawaward@nicec.org](mailto:billlawaward@nicec.org)