NICEC invites you to submit an entry for the Bill Law Memorial Award 2023

NICEC are pleased to announce the launch of the Bill Law Research Award for 2023.

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 currently studying, or has recently completed (within the last 12 months) any course that focuses on career development (for example, the Level 6 in career development – including career leaders, PGDip / Masters / SCQF 11, doctoral students, MSc Organisational Psychology or a CIPD programme), you can make a submission for this award.

The submission should present original research or innovative practice in a career related topic.

Where the submission relates to innovative practice, this needs to include some element of evaluation, including feedback, comments or assessments from participants. Innovative practice could include using new techniques or using existing techniques in a new way or with a new client group. This could also include expanding the boundaries of current practice. Original research can include quantitative or qualitative empirical research.

Membership of NICEC is not necessary.

What are the criteria for the Award?

The judges are NICEC Fellows and the articles will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Consideration of a contemporary theme within the career development field.
2. Demonstrates original empirical research or innovative practice.

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3. Discussion of relevant literature.
4. Evidence of critical evaluation and analysis.
5. Commentary on any implications for professional practice, policy or research.

The prize

The award will be made at a special online NICEC seminar on **Wednesday 5th July** (17.00 – 18.30).

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 positive impact on your career. It raises your research profile and can position you as a thought leader, researcher or thinker of note. Previous winners and shortlisted candidates have seen their careers develop, moving on to doctoral study and writing and publishing. This is also a great opportunity to make sure that your research and ideas reach a wider audience.

How to enter

Entry is via a two-stage process:

1). Submission of an abstract by **3rd February 2023**. The abstract is a short summary of the project, including details of what you are focusing on, why and what you found. This should be no more than 250 words (excluding references). The most promising of these abstracts will be put forward to the second round.

2). Submission of the final article by **5th May 2023**. This will be a 2500 word (excluding references) article, written in line with the NICEC Journal guidelines. The articles will be judged on the basis of the criteria above and the winner will be announced at a special NICEC seminar on **Wednesday 5th July** (17.00-18.30) where all shortlisted applicants will be invited to give a brief, three minute presentation of their work.

Only one entry is permitted per person and the submission should present work that has not been published elsewhere.

We hope you will consider applying for this. If you have any questions about it, or would like an informal chat, please contact Julia Yates on **julia.yates.1@city.ac.uk**

All submissions (abstract and final article) should include the cover sheet which can be found on the NICEC website.

More information about the award can be found on the NICEC website.

The award is free to enter. For submitting an abstract please use **billlawaward@nicec.org.**