



Welcome to the October 2017 edition of NARIC News



UKNARIC17: complete workshop programme online; last conference places available

The full workshop programme [PDF] - with over 50 specialist workshops - for the UKNARIC17 conference on 20/21 November in London is now live and online. There is an excellent line-up of expert speakers. There are still some places available, but not many - you can [book online](#) – complimentary and/or paid-for places.

If you have already booked your delegate place, you have been emailed with the link so that you can [choose and book your workshops online](#). You should book your workshops as soon as possible - room sizes limit the spaces available on workshops, so if you leave it late to book, you may miss out on the workshops you want.

There is a strong line-up of plenary speakers:
CONRAD BIRD – director of the [GREAT Britain Campaign](#), Department for International Trade, on developing the UK's education exports and global opportunities for UK education

BILL RAMMELL – vice chancellor, [University of Bedfordshire](#); former Government minister for further and higher education, 2005-2008; and former deputy vice chancellor at Plymouth University responsible for internationalisation

RAJAY NAIK – CEO, [Keypath Education Europe](#); member of the UK-ASEAN Business Council and the Education Advisory Board of the British Council; on how technological innovation and online learning can give you new platforms to support growth and new development ([more...](#))

Upcoming training in Scotland, Dubai and London

The training team starts the month in Glasgow, with [Admissions Officer \(Level 1\)](#) training on 31 October and our very popular [Tier 4 Compliance](#) seminar on 1 November, with speakers from Fragomen and IELTS covering the latest updates and preparing for audit.

Members in the Middle East can still book places on our half-day training sessions in Dubai, on 6 November, covering [Education in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh](#), and [Education in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines](#). Due to demand from our members, we are offering our one-day [International Admissions Workshop](#) on 5 November.

We are also running our [Admissions Officer Training \(Level 1\)](#) workshop in London on 5 December. This is excellent CPD for new recruits to an Admissions team, as it concentrates into a single day all the major international aspects of the role of an admissions officer. ([more...](#))



Strasbourg meeting on refugee qualifications passport pilot

The success of a year-long Council of Europe Pilot Project in Greece on the [European Qualifications Passport for Refugees](#) was reviewed in Strasbourg this month.

Cambridge International certificate changes

Cambridge International Examinations has changed its name and logo from September 2017. This will be reflected in certificates for examinations taken from 2018 onwards.

The new name, Cambridge Assessment International Education, gives a clearer description of its function as the International Education arm of Cambridge University's Assessment Group.

The organisation will continue to be popularly known as ([more...](#))

CEO Dr Cloud Bai-Yun represented UK NARIC at a 'Lessons Learned' meeting of the project partners to review the results with other interested parties (*picture above*, © Council of Europe Education Department).

The partners from (Norwegian NARIC) NOKUT, (Italian NARIC) CIMEA, the Greek Ministry of Education and DOATAP (the Hellenic NARIC), were joined by representatives of the UN High Council for Refugees and the Council of Europe's Secretary General on Migration and Refugees.

Between March and October, in three evaluation periods, 91 interviews were conducted by the team of 6 experienced credential evaluators from the partner ENIC/NARICs, and 71 qualifications passports were awarded. An example of a qualifications passport and a flowchart of the process for the scheme can be seen on the Council of Europe website.

Rose Chacko has been representing UK NARIC as a credential evaluator in the EQPR project in Greece and has been involved in interviewing applicants and awarding passports. UK NARIC is also partnering in a second pan-European project to develop a toolkit to support recognition of refugees' qualifications by higher education institutions and authorities.

Rose will be leading a session at [UKNARIC17](#) on these projects when, as well as taking delegates through the process ([more...](#))

Quarterly statistics series: Q3 2017

UK NARIC presents the tenth edition of our quarterly statistics series, covering July to September, 2017.

This shows movements in numbers of completed UK NARIC individual enquiries, by country. The data are shown following the link.

Notable features include:

A significant fall in completed applications from Nigeria at the end of the quarter in September - a 39% fall month-on-month put Nigeria out of the top 10 countries for the first time in 2017.

([more...](#))



Successful sessions delivered across Canada

UK NARIC has delivered very well-attended seminars and training in Toronto and Vancouver.

Focusing on best practice in international admissions, and education in China, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, UK NARIC experts were able to share their knowledge and experience with university and college staff from across the country.

The sessions highlighted how to evaluate certificates from the four countries and, in particular, looked at recent changes to the Chinese pre-university and higher education sectors.

The events were delivered in association with IELTS Canada and also included ([more...](#))



Europass ad campaign targets careers professionals

Europass has aimed a new advertising campaign at careers professionals (*picture above*).

The advert in the Career Development institute's 'Careers Matters' magazine October issue encourages tutors to use the free [Europass toolkit](#) in sessions to help learners recognise their own abilities and achievements.

The toolkit is accompanied by an icebreaker video targeting school leavers and FE students, which can also be used in sessions with undergraduates.

The video introduces the idea that many examples of informal learning can be pertinent to a CV – from football refereeing and holiday French to ([more...](#))



ReferNet spotlight on the important VET sector

UK NARIC has contributed to a ReferNet [spotlight overview](#) of the UK's vocational education and training (VET) system.

Available through the [ReferNet newsletter](#), a valuable resource for policy makers, researchers and practitioners, ReferNet and Cedefop reports and briefing notes are constantly being updated to give an accurate pan-European view of VET. Recent additions include a [toolkit](#) for tackling early leaving in VET, a briefing note on bridging refugee and employer needs, and the monthly magazine [Skillset and Match](#).

This Spotlight overview is timely, with two new UK Government initiatives promoting UK TVET exports as part of the ([more...](#))

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