

Professional Learning in Evaluation Symposium

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Introduction

- Aim of symposium: to examine the role of the AES in relation to professional learning in evaluation
- Aim of AES: to improve the theory, practice and use of evaluation, by a number of ways including provision of
 - education and training, and
 - forums for networking and discussion of ideas
- Role of the Professional Learning Committee

Presentations

- **Changing conceptions of professional development**
- **Approaches to professional learning by evaluation associations**
- **Professional learning for members and non-members**
- **Future possibilities for the AES?**

Changing conceptions of professional development

- professional development
 - professional learning
- increasing attention to learning needs
- two broad domains of knowledge and skills
 - from other disciplines
 - evaluation-specific
- addressing learning needs within the second domain

Approaches to professional learning by evaluation associations

Financial support
scholarships, research
awards, competitions

Formal Training
workshops, university courses,

Core Elements
resources, journal and conference

Professional learning for members and non-members

“The Society aims to improve the theory, practice and use of evaluation through:

- establishing and promoting ethics and standards in evaluation practice as a service to the community of evaluators and users of evaluations;
- encouraging advances in the theory and practice of evaluation by publishing such advances and by recognising outstanding contributions;
- providing education and training in matters related to evaluation;
- providing forums for networking and the discussion of ideas including society publications, seminars, workshops and conferences;
- acting as an advocate for evaluation and encouraging understanding about the use and application of evaluation;
- linking members who have similar evaluation interests; and
- other activities consistent with this aim.”

Future possibilities for the AES?

- What three additional professional learning activities would you like the AES to focus on in the next five years?
- What priorities would you suggest for an AES strategic professional learning plan over the next five years?
- Please describe the core role the AES can take in regards to professional learning.