

Welcome to the August 2018 issue of *Coaching in Education News*.

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Welcome to August Coaching in Education News!

This month we feature a video featuring Dr Jim Knight exploring the concept of *'dialogue'* in coaching.

- What does it mean for two people to be in dialogue?
- Why might this be important?
- What are the preconditions that make for effective dialogue?

These are the questions that Dr Knight explores as he reflects on the Partnership Principles that are central to the Instructional Coaching approach.

We think you will find it a useful resource.



All good wishes

John Campbell
GCI Executive
Director

Partnership Principle for Dialogue: Turning Contact into Connection

by Dr Jim Knight



In this video clip, Dr Jim Knight explores the concept of "dialogue", highlighting where it's come from and how it can contribute to effective coaching interactions.

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As you may have learned from our [recent podcast](#), GCI has entered into an agreement with Jim Knight's Instructional Coaching Group. This agreement means that GCI becomes the exclusive distributor for all ICG programs in Australia and New Zealand. (A reciprocal arrangement in the US means that Jim's group will promote and deliver GCI programs in North America.)

In order to celebrate the launch of the GCI/ICG partnership Jim will be speaking at a special

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breakfast event in Sydney on Friday 21st September.

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Jim will also be leading Instructional Coaching Institutes in Victoria and Queensland in late September and early October. These events are being hosted by schools in Melbourne and on the Gold Coast. You can find out more about these Institutes from the links below:

- [Brighton Grammar, Brighton, VIC](#)
24-28 September 2018
- [Somerset College, Mudgeeraba, Qld](#)
1-5 October 2018

6th National Coaching in Education Conference

The 6th National Coaching in Education Conference is scheduled for **Thursday 29th & Friday 30th August 2019**. Next year we will be back in Sydney for the first time since 2009.

Our conference theme is **New Insights in Coaching Practice: Creating Conditions for Effective Learning**. Confirmed keynote speakers include:

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[Growing High Trust Relationships with DiSC Profiling Tools](#)

[Collegial Coaching: Conversations Exploring Leadership Practice](#)

COMING SOON...

[Solutions Focus Strategy Canvas: A Team](#)

- Prof Tony Grant, University of Sydney
- Dr Jim Knight, Senior Partner, Instructional Coaching Group, USA
- Prof Rachel Lofthouse, Leeds Beckett University, UK
- Dr Deborah Netolicky, Wesley College Perth, WA

And...our own Director of International Partnerships, Professor Christian van Nieuwerburgh, Professor of Coaching and Positive Psychology at the University of East London will lead various sessions as well.

On top of that, we are currently discussing various concurrent and case study sessions.

Registrations opening soon.

Early bird registrations opening in September.

Coaching in Education Research Seminar

GCI is once again pleased to be hosting the 3rd Coaching in Education Research Seminar and this time we will back in Sydney. We are delighted with the growth of interest in our field of research over the last 5 years and we are keen to continue supporting this initiative. Since our last Seminar in Melbourne in 2017, a similar Seminar

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has taken place in London and plans are progressing for one in the US.

Where: University of Wollongong, Sydney Business School Campus, Circular Quay Sydney

When: Wednesday August 28th 2019 10am – 4pm

Who for: Those already undertaking doctoral or masters level research in coaching in education related topic areas as well as people seriously considering commencing doctoral level research work in coaching in education

Purpose:

- To build a network of scholars interested in Coaching in Education Research
- To share topics, learnings and challenges with other interested scholars
- To develop an understanding of the range of topics being researched and to explore other possible research areas
- To encourage those already on the journey to stick it out and those thinking about starting to begin
- To provide additional relevant professional learning in appropriate topic areas

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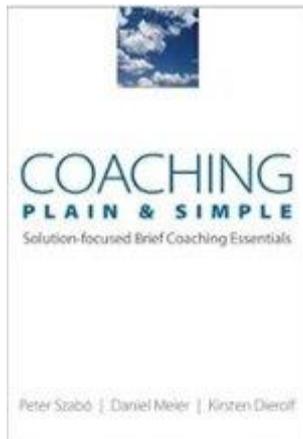


Books That Changed My (Coaching) Life

This month we begin a new segment where experienced GCI coaches share a coaching book that has significantly shaped their coaching practice. We felt it would be good to share recommendations about significant texts that had made an impact on each of us and that had stood the test of time.

This month Executive Director John Campbell kicks off the series...

“One of the books that has really shaped my coaching, and has in fact had a role in shaping the whole GCI approach, is a small book - just over a hundred pages...



Coaching Plain and Simple by Peter Szabo and Daniel Meier. This original English edition was published by WW Norton in 2008.

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I came across this small paperback on a bookstall at GCI's first National Coaching in Education Conference in 2009 and I almost read it in its entirety while standing at the bookstore. I bought that copy and finished it later that night.

I was struck by:

- How clearly it explained the key principles of the Solution Focus approach. I had read a little about this approach but this short book really helped me 'get it'.
- How simple and uncluttered the SF approach to coaching could be.
- The practical, immediately applicable nature of many of the ideas, techniques and coaching strategies
- How quickly, sometimes quite transformational, progress could take place.
- How it opened up the possibility that coaching conversations could be effective in less formal and less obvious coaching contexts.
- The European perspective on coaching. At this time most coaching books, at least the ones I had been exposed to, had American origins. Nothing wrong with that but this one, originally written in German, provided a European lens on coaching that was quite refreshing



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Since then I have read countless more books,papers and completed more formal academic study on the Solution Focused approach. This approach has not only had a significant and enduring impact on my coaching but also on GCI's broader work. And it all started with this brief, easy to read paperback I leafed through at a bookstall. Highly recommended.”

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