

Professionalism across the Professions

Date: 22 May 2017 **Time:** 1.00PM – 5.30PM

Venue: The Education Centre, Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin.

Who should attend? Lawyers, Doctors and Academics welcome

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Aim and Objectives

In a new era of “alternative facts”, public scandals and an increased distrust of traditional symbols of authority, it is not hard to justify a renewed focus on the value of Professionalism in our society. While few would argue the need to be “professional” in one’s work, the concept itself is not well understood either conceptually or methodologically.

Professionalism is pivotal to the relationship between the public and the professional, but there are a variety of diverse perspectives for interpreting what professionalism means in practice. Through this Forum, “Professionalism across the Professions”, we aim to explore the attitudes, behaviours, and characteristics that contribute to the concept of Professionalism in our society.

Topics and Issues Covered

- What does it mean to be a “Professional” in today’s society?
- Does being a professional lawyer mean something different to being a professional doctor, nurse, carer, accountant or public servant? How does an academic (teacher or researcher) understand professionalism?
- Are there common threads tying concepts of professionalism across these and other sectors in our society?

Who Should Attend?

3U Partnership and the Law Society of Ireland recognize that *all* professions, not only the legal, medical and academic professions, are expected by a multitude of stakeholders to consistently demonstrate “*professional behaviour*” throughout their working life.

Whilst this Forum will focus on the medical, legal and academic sectors, it will be of interest to participants from any professional sector.

Professionalism Research Project

Although the primary objective of this Forum is to promote dialogue, raise awareness and develop a better understanding of concepts of Professionalism across various professional sectors, there is also an important research objective to the Forum.

The research aims to examine the concept of professionalism from the differing standpoints of various professions. This will take place during the Forum through a series of recorded round-table structured breakout sessions which will focus on particular topics of relevance to the concept of professionalism. Only tables with participants who have agreed to partake in the research project will be recorded. All data arising from the research project will be anonymised.

A research team of clinicians, educators, anthropologists and linguists will evaluate each cycle of the round table fora to analyse the various concepts of professionalism across different profession for both divergences and convergences and will look at the process of interaction between the disciplines.

Conditions:

This project is subject to ethical approval by RCSI Research Ethics Committee.

Participation in the research project is completely voluntary and is not a condition for attending and participating in the Forum (including the breakout sessions).