

Professor Tony Watts is a pre-eminent figure in the field of career guidance. He retired in late 2014 after a 50 year career in the field. Tony was well known to most ESVDC members, and highly respected for his many contributions to conferences and publications.

To celebrate Tony's exceptional contribution to our professional work, his colleagues have prepared an edited volume of his most significant writings. This single volume is dedicated to anthologising his work in a way that is accessible to students, policy makers, researchers and practitioners and contains the most enduring and key writings about career guidance.

Full details, an overview of the contents, and ordering information are available at: <http://www.highflyerspublishing.co.uk/products/tonywattsreader.shtml>

### **What makes this book special?**

Tony Watts is considered by many to be one of the founding fathers of modern careers work. From his research into models of practice, including the hugely influential DOTS schema, which has been used, adapted and modified by careers practitioners for decades, to his critical analysis of a wide range of career developments both here and across the world, Tony's contribution to the theory and practice of careers guidance, careers education and careers counselling has been immense.

Over the years, his research, writings and lectures have been instrumental in precipitating and fuelling an ongoing debate within the profession about the nature and purpose of careers work in all its forms. Tony has never been afraid to challenge current thinking in the passionate belief that strong evidence, clear thinking and deep reflection should underpin everything we do. His work has informed local, national and international policymaking and inspired careers practitioners for decades. Although many of these writings reflect the times in which they were written, they also explore and expose issues, developments and failings in policies and practice that are still relevant today. Anyone that wants to strengthen and enrich their own understanding of careers work, its history and development and the role it could and should play within a modern economy would benefit enormously from reading his work.

Tony Watts' writings comprise over 600 items (see Bibliography section), which are currently scattered across journal articles, books and reports with varying levels of accessibility. Some of the most critical and frequently cited work is no longer in print. The book, a celebration of a remarkably extensive body of scholarship, brings together the most useful and enduring elements of his work for use by academics, policy makers, practitioners and students.

**Lyn Barham**  
**Editor**