

UK COACHING ROUND TABLE

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Major Breakthrough – UK Coaching Bodies Roundtable Produce the First UK Agreed Statement of Shared Professional Values

A major breakthrough in the coaching industry occurred today when the key professional coaching bodies in the UK signed an agreed 'Statement of Shared Professional Values'. This has defined the common ground in the Codes of Ethics and Practices currently used by such bodies in the UK.

The Statement of Shared Professional Values gives all buyers of Coaching services a clear frame of reference for the ethical requirements surrounding good quality coaching. The Statement, which synthesises the best ethical practice of all the professional bodies, was drafted by Robin Linnecar of Praesta.

This initiative leads the way to providing consistent good practice across the coaching profession.

"This agreement clearly shows how the main professional coaching bodies are working together to build coaching standards and the coaching profession in the UK. It's an important first step on a journey that will benefit all professional coaches and everyone they work with" says Neil Scotton, President of the International Coach Federation in the UK (UK ICF).

"We are excited by the possibilities that lie ahead for the Coaching Roundtable. The Statement of Shared Professional Values hallmarks the success of how we have evolved as a group – one that is collaborative and coach-like, working towards a common aim" says Katherine Tulpa, Chair of the Association for Coaching (AC).

"The Statement of Shared Values is another result of the ongoing collaboration between the coaching professional bodies. Together we increasingly share responsibility for the leadership of coaching and mentoring excellence in the UK" says Gil Schwenk, Chair of the Professional Bodies Liaison committee of the European Coaching and Mentoring Council – UK (EMCC – UK).

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