

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS



JAMES WALKER

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Academic Advisor

James's career has spanned research, education and training, executive leadership and consultancy to industry, government and community agencies. He has sat on numerous government policy advisory bodies at state and federal levels and has represented Australia in policy consultations in Canada, Hong Kong, the UK, the US and OECD in Paris. He has been president of two national professional associations and acknowledged with an award for excellence in professional leadership.

He has specialised in developing evidence-based curricula and training programs in leadership, mentoring and professional development. His programs have been carefully trialled and successfully applied in organisations. He supports his clients as they move on to train others in their organisations. He assists people to identify their special abilities and intelligences, and to achieve alignment between individual and organisational development.

A key aspect of this work is developing skills in dialogue and strategic communication, in which he has been a collaborator in trainings at the Babson College Center for Executive Education, in Wellesly Massachusetts, with Action Design Partners of Boston and Professor Chris Argyris of Harvard Business School, on whose research Action Design is based.

He has published over two hundred papers in academic and professional books and journals.

James's distinguished academic career commenced at the University of Sydney, where he was a university medallist in Education and took his PhD in Philosophy and Scientific Method after being a Doctoral Fellow at the University of London. He was Postdoctoral Fellow at the Boston Center for History and Philosophy of Science and returned to the University of Sydney where he became Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Research Studies in Education.

Subsequent appointments were as Professor and Dean of Education at the Universities of Canberra and Western Sydney, Visiting Research Professorships at Colorado, Harvard and Toronto Universities. He has also been Director of the Canberra Centre for Studies in Professional Education, Director of the Greater Western Sydney Learning network and Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney.