# DUN - Development of Doctoral Supervision

# Workshop with international expert Karen Clegg

**Supporting the professional recognition of supervisors**

**Background:**

Research supervision is an increasingly complex activity, in which supervisors are having to respond to the growth and diversification of doctoral students. Consequently, there is an increasing need to support supervisor training and development programmes, and to properly recognise the highly complex and demanding set of roles that modern research supervisors must undertake to perform the role effectively

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the workshop is to explore how we can best support supervisors who wish to evidence their supervisory practice.

**Content:**

The workshop will begin with a brief overview of the key findings of the [UK Research Supervision Survey](http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/article/ukcge-launch-uk-research-supervision-survey-479.aspx) (UKRSS and some contextualisation). Together we will discuss the implications of the findings in a Danish context:

* Gains for supervisors, including adds to their enjoyment, best part of the job, passing on the baton, legacy?
* Who is involved in supervision and how those people are supported and recognised, including co-supervisors, external mentors, postdocs, peers?
* Recognition schemes, CoP, promotion?

Together we will then explore, through exercises and discussions:

1. How we can help supervisors reflect on their practice in a meaningful way which supports their practice and which demonstrates all round expertise and competence?

2. What prompts and support can we offer?

3. How do we develop a supervisory ‘philosophy’ that underpins practice?

In this workshop we will put ourselves in the position of a supervisor trying to evidence practice and in so doing identify where, what and how we can provide support.

**Participants:**

The workshop is open for everyone interested in the professionalisation and recognition of doctoral supervision. It is mainly targeted at educational developers, but all staff involved in supporting supervisor development (e.g., in administrative and management positions) are welcome.

**Preparation:**

No preparation is needed, but the UKRSS Survey Data executive summary will be shared in advance and participants are invited to identify some questions.

**Date:** Thursday 15th December 2022; 13:00-16:00

**Location:** The workshop will be held physically at Aarhus University Campus: The AU Conference Centre, Mogens Zielerstuen, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C.

**Catering:**

Coffee, cake, fruit, and water will be served.

**Registration:**

Register by sending an email to Gitte Wichmann-Hansen (gwh@au.dk). Deadline: 1. December 2022.

**Workshop facilitator:**

We have the hour of welcoming the international expert Dr Karen Clegg, who will run the workshop.

[**Dr Karen Clegg**](https://www.york.ac.uk/staff/research/about-re/who-to-contact-in-the-research-excellence-training/) is Head of the Building Research and Innovation Capacity (BRIC) Team at the University of York (UK) responsible for delivering professional development of postgraduate research students, research staff, fellows, research leaders and doctoral supervisors. Karen has over 25 years experience working in academic and researcher development and is now supporting the universities; approach to research culture and talent development. Karen’s background and publication record are in innovative assessment, teaching and learning and latterly, doctoral education. An elected member of the UK Council for Graduate Education (2020 - 2023) Karen instigated the [UK Research Supervision Survey](https://ukcge.ac.uk/resources/resource-library/uk-research-supervision-survey-2021-report) sponsored by Wellcome Trust and UKRI and engaged in discussions around professionalisation of supervision. She contributes to national and international debate and is regularly invited to give keynote addresses.

Karen is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a trained coach, and an accomplished conference speaker.

**Contact person:**

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