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Specialist Section

Work

The Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – Work is a branch of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT). The membership includes occupational therapists from a variety of backgrounds, such as educators, researchers, occupational therapy staff and students who have staff with an interest in work, vocational rehabilitation and occupational health. Supporting people to remain in, return to, or obtain work is a key function of occupational therapy.

All Specialist Sections are led by a National Executive Committee (NEC) made up of volunteers elected from the Specialist Section – Work membership at the Annual Review Meeting (ARM). Members support fellow members at local and national level across the UK. All Specialist Section – Work members must be also be members of RCOT.

Occupational therapy was founded on a belief that a link exists between occupation and health; engagement in work practice is, therefore a basic tenet of the profession. The Specialist Section – Work believe that all occupational therapists whatever their area of practice, should always consider work as part of their routine assessments and is supportive of members to promote good practice.

Although not all occupational therapists may become specialists in vocational rehabilitation or occupational health, all have the knowledge and skills to assist people to remain in, return to or move into work or meaningful activity. The Specialist Section – Work welcomes members with an interest in the area of practice.
Aims of the Specialist Section

- To promote occupational therapy and access to occupational therapists within vocational rehabilitation and occupational health services by:
  - Raising awareness of the unique contribution of occupational therapy to work-related activity within the statutory, voluntary and corporate sectors.
- To promote good practice and provide guidance and information to ensure that people who wish to return to, remain in or obtain work, receive high quality, evidence-based occupational therapy by:
  - Skill sharing, circulating information, sharing research and resources.
  - Supporting education, training, research and development related to work, vocational rehabilitation and occupational health.
  - Fostering relationships between other relevant professional groups and agencies.
  - Facilitating study days and learning events.
- To support the continuing development of an occupational therapy workforce that is fit for the future and able to meet the opportunities within the health and wellbeing agenda across the UK by:
  - Providing specialist, professional representation, assisting and acting on behalf of RCOT for policy and consultations.
  - Sharing information about policy and legislative changes.

Membership Benefits

- Regular informative e-Newsletters.
- Networking via regional and national groups.
- Access to social media and webpages.
- Regional and national learning events to support continuing professional development and Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration.
- Access to bursaries and funding opportunities.
- Opportunities to attend conferences, study days and learning opportunities.
- Access to resources and information.
For more information about the Specialist Section – Work please visit our website: rcot.co.uk/work

Q: How do I join Specialist Section – Work?
A: Please visit the web pages and download our membership form at rcot.co.uk/work

Q: How long does my membership last?
A: Annual membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September and reduced rates are available for full-time students.

Q: Who can join?
A: Anyone who is a member of the RCOT.

Q: Can I belong to more than one Specialist Section?
A: Yes, you can belong to as many as you wish.

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