

The Connections Next Gen Team:

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The Outside Looking In

- Definitions of Wargaming- confusion over what it is and why we do it: art or science?
- Articulating ourselves to societyembedding and PR
- Where does wargaming sit with reference to broader analysis?
- Lack of clarity: how do you find wargaming jobs and engage with the space?
- What makes a 'good' candidate? What do you hire for?



Early Careers and Access

Be proactive: engagement and access is year-round

 The need to consider traditional and non-traditional backgrounds

Outreach and public profile



Mid-Career and Development

 Like engagement and access, training and development should also be proactive and consistent

 Full and Part-Time needs and the methods to address them differ

Moving beyond 'being a scribe'



Later Career and Leadership

- Proactive and consistent leadership, modelling behaviours and skills
- Mentorship
- Clarity of message, clarity of delivery
- Multiple messages, multiple deliveries



Conclusions

- Though needs differ dependent on career stage, proactivity and consistency are key to all stages
- Industry needs to communicate clearly, often and across multiple channels to build an audience and develop representation
- Give greater definition to careers, roles, structures and skills
- Outreach is key
- Unite outreach and development