## **Taking Action** Against Contract Cheating

How to get involved with the 5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating, taking place on 21 October 2020

**Register your institution to take part at:** https://academicintegrity.org/day-against-contract-cheating



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#### **Dr Thomas Lancaster**

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Published the first research paper referring to contract cheating (with the late Robert Clarke)

#### **Social Media**



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@TweetCAI
#contractcheating

### **Questions For Discussion**

- Why do we need to take action against contract cheating?
- What is the International Day of Action (DoA) against Contract Cheating?
- Who should get involved?
- What **activities** are going to happen during the day?
- What do we need to know about the DoA in light of Covid-19?
- How can we use the DoA to raise awareness about contract cheating and promote academic integrity?

# Contract Cheating Is Out There!

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## **Contract Cheating**

If you use such a service to complete your assignment, you are contract cheating



# **Even If You Just Get Your Friend To Do** Your Assignment, You Are Contract 00 Cheating

## The Challenges of Contract Cheating

Students miss out on learning. That makes their future studies difficult.

Contract cheating is unfair to the vast majority of students, who want to learn

Students are vulnerable to future (and continued) exploitation by the contract cheating industry

#### **The Social Consequences**

Direct	Long Term	Surrounding
Student has not benefited from teaching	Difficult finding/keeping jobs	Shortage of skills and knowledge impacting families and economy
Anxiety	Depression	Unethical practices at
Low self esteem	Suicide	workplaces
Loneliness		

Khan, Z.R., Hemnani, P., Raheja, S. and Joshy, J., 2020. Raising Awareness on Contract Cheating– Lessons Learned from Running Campus-Wide Campaigns. *Journal of Academic Ethics*, 18(1), pp.17-33.

## Why We Care

The global contract cheating industry is deceptive, out there to make money from students and puts students at risk

# Concerned,

This is in regards to the services being provided to student for editing and proofreading against their academic assignments. Under the section of Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, it's hereby requested that all those students whose name aren't registered or published under the data base, shall provide their registration number or copyrights detail to close their concern which is pending from few weeks.

## **The Solution**

#### The 5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating, 21 October 2020



(one of many pieces of the solution)

#### Where Are We At Now?



#### **Previous International Days Of Action**





Even if your institution isn't officially taking part, you are still encouraged to join in and promote the online activity

# What Kind Of Activities Can You Use? (examples from 2019 DoA)



#### **Whiteboard Declarations**

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#### **Photo Frames**





#### **Board Games**

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#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO HAVE YOUR ASSIGNMENT WRITTEN FOR YOU?

Paying someone (online or in person) or getting a friend to write an assignment which you submit as your own work is known as <u>contract cheating</u>.

Contract cheating is serious academic misconduct and you risk:

- » failing your unit
- » expulsion from your course and the University
- » damaging your long term career prospects
- » having your VISA cancelled and being asked to leave Australia.

If you are worned about completing your assignment on time, or are tempted to cheat, there is help available:

Academic Learning Centre and Studiosity – workshops to help you improve the quality of your academic work and online review of assignments www.equ.edu.au/alic

Student Counselling Services - help with developing effective study skills like motivation and time management counselling@cqu.edu.su

cost you a lot more than you intended – it's not worth the risk!

Your assignment may



#### Information

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#### **Graffiti Wall**



## Individuality Fingerprint

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## Discussion Opportunities

University of Calgary





### Subject Specific Activities

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#### Gifts

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#### UniClinic Wellbeing Days x Academic Integrity Week

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# Moving To An Online IDoA

signpost support services

Ask staff to discuss contract cheating in their class

online graffiti walls Activities you could consider...

competitions

encourage students to debate contract cheating – to compare the risk and the reward

> join in with the online activity

online pledges



# Local Messaging

# What would work to generate interest or address challenges at your institution?

## Publicity

We are really keen to get coverage about the positive work that is taking place to improve academic integrity

Please shout about your local activity

ICAI are preparing a media kit to help you to engage local journalists

There is a Covid-19 news story here!



#### "Twenty Live in 20 — Global Conversations about Contract Cheating"

#### 20 hours of online academic integrity content to celebrate 2020!



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#### Discussion

#### Thoughts, ideas and questions are welcome



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## Sign Up To Take Part

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