

Mediate.com. is an interesting website that all mediators should visit. It is an American website but it does carry articles about most forms of mediation and some are written by UK mediators including John Sturrock and Charlie Irvine. It is free to access and interesting articles are downloadable. Much of it is not very relevant but some articles do touch on issues that affect us all and provide a different perspective.

By way of example two recent articles, one by an English mediator, provided interesting discussions on the use of online communication in the mediation process and the other, the differences between mediation and arbitration. These are not in- depth analytical studies but views put forward fairly briefly by practising mediators on issues that they find interesting. They will get you thinking about your own practise and no matter whether you agree with the views expressed or not it is surely helpful to be challenged once in a while. The site also carries articles that may assist you practically. Again recently there was an article by an American mediator, Diane Cohen, on “The Art and Science of Summarization in Mediation”. Again you do not need to agree with what she is writing but as in our own training courses we hope participants learn from each other as much as from the courses.

So with these articles and this website you can be like a magpie – settling briefly to check out what is new , having a quick look , taking what you find useful or relevant and flitting off again. No great time commitment probably no great challenges but different perspectives and the occasional article that really makes you sit up and think. Definitely worth a look.

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