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Scotland's Colleges announce appointment of new Chair

Scotland's Colleges is delighted to welcome Brian Keegan to his new role as the Chair of Scotland's Colleges.

Brian, who is currently the Chair of Langside College in Glasgow, has 35 years experience of Further Education and training in a variety of roles, building up extensive networks across both the public and private sectors during that time.

Brian spent 22 years at Motherwell College from 1975 as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and then Head of Department of Social Sciences, Languages and Communication. Between 1991 and 1997 he was the elected staff representative on the College Board of Management. He joined the Scottish Further Education Unit as Manager of Curriculum and Student Services, working with the senior management teams in Colleges between 1997 and 2001.

Brian then went on to chair the Higher Still Coordinators and Senior Management Group meetings, edited the Higher Still FE Bulletin and Case Studies and liaised with HMIE, SQA, Learning Teaching Scotland, the Higher Still Development Unit and the Scottish Executive to organise staff development programmes for Scotland's colleges. He was Principal Assessor in Politics, for SQA, between 1998 and 2008 and has led and participated in a wide range of curriculum and assessment development projects in the social sciences and core skills.

Brian started his own successful Education and Management Consultancy in 2004 and has completed contracts and a number of projects for many public bodies including SQA, SCQF, SSDA, SFEU and Scottish Enterprise.

He joined the Board of Management at Langside College in 2005 and has been Chair of the Development (Learning and Teaching) and Finance Committees and became Chair of the Board in June 2007.

Brian Keegan said: "It is a great privilege to be selected for the position of Chair at Scotland's Colleges. The role of colleges has never been more important than it is now. The economic downturn has placed far more importance on helping those who are out of work, or needing to retrain, to gain the knowledge necessary to reskill and upskill. This is something that needs the support of Scotland's Colleges, and I am pleased to be part of this going forward."

Ray Harris, Acting Chief Executive of Scotland's Colleges, said: "We are delighted to welcome Brian to the role of Chair of Scotland's Colleges. His vast knowledge of Further Education, and his wealth of experience in the sector will stand him in good stead for this new role."

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