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**Comment on the Latest Labour Market Statistics**

Commenting on the labour market statistics for Scotland published yesterday, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

“Colleges make an essential contribution to Scotland’s labour market, helping to ensure that students of all ages have the right skills and training to succeed in the workplace. College education contributes to boosting the quality as well as quantity of employment, with 97 per cent of all learning hours leading to a recognised qualification.

“One of our priorities is ensuring that students are work-ready. That means an ongoing commitment to enhancing engagement with employers – which happens right across the country, with colleges supporting the economic needs of their regions.”

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