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Comment on Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) 3rd Annual Progress Report

Commenting on the publication of Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland, said:

"We are pleased that Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy has already achieved its target of reducing youth unemployment by 40% – four years ahead of schedule. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects positively upon the partnership between the Scottish Government, local authorities, colleges, employers and other partners.

"The report demonstrates that colleges work effectively with schools and employers to create opportunities for young people to gain valuable training and work experience, and provide clear pathways into employment. It is encouraging to see more young people accessing positive opportunities after school and gaining the skills that will equip them for their future careers, whilst supporting the needs of Scotland's economy.

"Over the coming year, colleges will build on the good progress made to date and support the Scottish Government to achieve its ambitions including expanding the vocational courses available to school pupils, tackling inequalities and contributing to inclusive growth".

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Notes:

A copy of the report can be found on the Scottish Government website at

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/01/6968/downloads>