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Comment on IPPR Scotland's Report

Commenting on IPPR Scotland's report *'The future is coming: ready or not? Delivering a successful 21st century skills system for Scotland and Northern Ireland'* published today, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"The stark warnings from IPPR Scotland demand an urgent response. Colleges in Scotland have long warned of the need to ensure high quality technical and professional education and skills training is available at the right time, in the right place to allow individuals to gain the skills required to progress in the workplace and meet dynamic and evolving needs of industry.

"IPPR Scotland's report highlights what colleges have always known – that access to lifelong learning opportunities are fundamental to delivering sustainable and inclusive economic growth."

"The Scottish Government's ambitions to increase productivity are shared by the college sector and we believe that IPPR Scotland's recommendations for a fully flexible learning system are key to building a successful economy which meets the needs of the whole Scottish population.

"The challenges facing the Scottish workforce are significant but not insurmountable. With the right investment, partnership working and a willingness to effect change, the education and skills system will be the bedrock of a progressive, ambitious and successful society."

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Notes:

A copy of the report can be found at <https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/the-future-is-coming>