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Comment on the latest EIS-FELA Ballot

The EIS-FELA has opened a further ballot for its members to take industrial action, to the disappointment of colleges. This additional ballot asks its members to take action short of strike action, such as working to rule and/or a resulting boycott. This latest unnecessary move would be *in addition* to the three strike days which have already taken place, and the 11 days of strike action planned for April and May.

A spokesperson for the Colleges Scotland Employers' Association, said:

“Colleges will do everything they can to ensure that students are supported during this difficult time, and that any disruption is minimised.

“The EIS-FELA has refused repeated requests to suspend the strikes while meaningful discussions carry on – national industrial action is wholly unnecessary.”

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BACKGROUND

Turnout on the three days of strike action which have taken place to date in 2021 has been low - **42.1%** of lecturers have taken part in strikes (out of the total headcount of lecturers in Scotland). Of lecturers balloted, **53.4%** have taken part in the strike action.

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