

Wednesday, 21 April 2021

Comment on the EIS-FELA Dispute

College representatives met with the EIS-FELA today to seek a resolution to the ongoing dispute.

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

"Colleges value lecturers and there is no national plan to replace them. We are committed to reaching a resolution with the EIS-FELA. We met today and suggested a way forward. This should provide reassurances that the quality of education delivered in colleges will continue to be of the highest standard.

"Colleges are pulling out all the stops to ensure that students can achieve their qualifications and are taking steps to avoid disruption for individuals.

"We have agreed to meet the EIS-FELA again on Friday to continue discussions."

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Notes to Editor:

Turnout for today's strike action was **39.9%**. Turnout on the three previous days of strike action this year was 42.1% (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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