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Comment on Latest Labour Market Statistics

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

“It is encouraging to see the rate of youth unemployment coming down over the past year, with Scotland having a higher rate of youth employment than the UK as a whole.

“The contribution of the college sector is crucial in supporting Scotland’s labour market and ensuring that people have the right skills and training to succeed in the workplace. Over a third of working age students study as part of their occupation, and over 80 per cent of college leavers go on to positive destinations.

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

“The aim is always to provide the best service that enables students to fulfil their potential whilst delivering economic benefits for Scotland. That can only be achieved if all those involved – industry, students, teachers and other educational institutions – work together.”

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