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PERSONAL PROFILE	Extensive knowledge of Scottish education system Leadership positions in both special and mainstream education Excellent interpersonal and communication skills Motivated, enthusiastic and energetic High level engagement with local authority educational policy making Experience of local government as both an official and an elected member
EDUCATION and QUALIFICATIONS	Paisley Grammar School Bachelor of Arts: English and Education, New University of Ulster Post-Graduate Certificate of Education (Secondary): Moray House College of Education Diploma in Education: Edinburgh University Certificate in Course Design: Northern College of Education Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (Secondary, Non-recorded): Moray House College of Education Master of Letters: Scottish Studies, Stirling University Master of Education: Stirling University
CAREER HISTORY	Associate, Scottish Centre for Studies in School Administration, Moray House Institute of Education, Edinburgh University
August 2000 – August 2011	Head Teacher, Wester Hailes Education Centre, Edinburgh Head Teacher of community high school serving peripheral estate in south west Edinburgh
June 2008-July 2009	Seconded Head Teacher, Tynecastle High School, Edinburgh
January 1999-August 2000	Social Inclusion and Special Schools Manager, Education Department, City of Edinburgh Council
April 1996-January 1999	Head Teacher, Kaimes School, Edinburgh Head Teacher of special school serving young people with problems in social communications and other areas
July 1990-April 1996	Head of Centre, Millburn, The West Lothian Youth Strategy Centre, Bathgate Head of inter-agency centre supporting secondary students with social, emotional and behavioural issues
1979-1990	Principal Teacher of Learning Support, Craigroyston Community High School, Edinburgh
1977-1979	Teacher of Learning Support, Craigroyston Community High School, Edinburgh
1975-1977	Community Worker/ Coordinator, the Pilton Central Association, Edinburgh
1973-1975	Teacher of English, Craigroyston Community High School, Edinburgh
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First manager of inter-agency project in West Lothian which supported the reduction of school exclusions and helped maintain challenging young people in mainstream settings• Establishment of Values Code, introduction of school uniform and awards ceremonies and continuing emphasis on ethos and ethics at Wester Hailes Education Centre• Played key role in developing curricular partnership between WHEC and leading independent school, St George's School, leading to the schools' joint attainment of SQA Partnership Award• Development of vocational courses and resources, including hairdressing salon, at WHEC• Achievement by WHEC of prestigious International Schools Award and of Standard Life Award for international work, particularly for curricular links

	<p>with Barkly West High in South Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirteen months as seconded head teacher at Tynecastle HS during which school morale was re-established • Participant in City of Edinburgh Head Teacher mentoring scheme and Field Assessor for Scottish Qualification for Headship
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND COURSES	<p>Columba 1400 Professional Leadership Academy, 2007 International Summer Schools on Leadership (Edinburgh – 2006,2007, 2008)</p>
MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS	<p>Scottish Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society, Committee Member (2007-date) Education Committee, St George’s School for Girls Edinburgh Common Purpose Advisory Group</p>
WORKING GROUPS	<p>A range of City of Edinburgh Children and Families working groups including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term financial planning • Exclusion from school • Adult class provision in community schools
RECENT PRESENTATIONS	<p>Towards the Inclusive School (2011) Poverty, Class and Education (2011) Behaviour Management (2010)</p>
OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS	<p>Columnist, Times Educational Supplement Scotland, 2006-date Columnist and member of Editorial Advisory Board, SecEd Education Columnist, Holyrood Magazine Occasional contributor on education issues: Scottish Review, The Herald, The Scotsman Occasional contributor and reviewer on Scottish social, political and literary issues: Scottish Review, The Herald, The Caledonian Mercury, Lothian Life Genealogy teacher, researcher and writer Councillor, Pilton Ward, City of Edinburgh Council, 1980-1987 Chairperson, Policy and Resources Committee, City of Edinburgh Council, 1984-1986</p>