

Professor Dame Joan K Stringer

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Prof Stringer became the Principal and VC Edinburgh Napier University in January 2003 having previously served as Principal and Vice Patron of Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh. Besides, she holds a number of other positions currently including Convenor, Universities Scotland International Committee, Board member of the UK HE Student Mobility Joint Working Group, Member of the Scottish Committee, British Council among others.

Beginning her career in 1980, her past appointments include Commissioner with the Equal Opportunities Commission for Great Britain; Member of the Secretary of State's Consultative Steering Group on the Scottish Parliament; Auditor with the Higher Education Quality Council 1992-1997 and others.

Professor Stringer has contributed to a number of policy initiatives through external organisations, committees and working groups, which included membership of the Scottish Committee of Dearing.

She was recognised as the Public Sector Leader of the Year (2011) at the Scottish Leadership Awards. In 2009 she was awarded a DBE for services to Local and National Higher Education