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Dear Colleague

Opportunities to serve on GTC Scotland Appointments Committee

The General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTC Scotland) will, in April 2012, become the world's first independent self-regulating professional body for teaching. This statutory change will allow GTC Scotland to consolidate the strong reputation it has gained since its inception in 1965, while allowing greater flexibility in the way it operates.

As a result, we are looking for 10 talented individuals with the experience and skills to join our independent Appointments Committee. The Appointments Committee will be responsible for the selection and appointment of 7 Lay Council members and a pool of around 50 appointed panel members and 7 Appeals Board members (comprising registered teachers and lay members chosen to represent the public interest.)

We are keen to attract applications from registered teachers and also from lay individuals with an interest in the Scottish education system who can bring their own ideas, expertise and talent to our work as a professional body.

This will be a unique opportunity to participate in the first ever appointments process carried out by GTC Scotland. It will also offer an excellent opportunity to gain experience in a public appointments process, as well as a wider understanding of the work which GTC Scotland and other regulatory bodies do.

We hope that you will draw the opportunities that we have on offer to the attention of your staff and colleagues and post the attached advert on any of your intranet sites, magazines or notice boards. Further information about us and the Appointments Committee positions is available from our website www.gtcs.org.uk/appointments or by contacting Lisa Dobie, Council Administrator (via the contact details below).

We would offer our sincere thanks to you in anticipation of you helping to encourage people with the relevant skills and qualities to apply to serve on our Appointments Committee (**by the closing date of Sunday 8 May 2011**) and make a real and meaningful contribution to our organisation as we move forward.

Yours sincerely



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