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Dear Friends

You will probably have heard by now that our Chief Executive of YouthLink Scotland, Jim Sweeney, has announced his intention to retire by the end of the calendar year. Although we are deeply sorry to lose Jim we cannot deny him the opportunity to spend more time with his wife Liz and his two new wee grandsons. We will have the opportunity to say more about his commitment and dedication to YouthLink Scotland at a later stage but as far as Jim is concerned it is business as usual which in Jim's own words is "full steam ahead".

As we look to the future I can assure you that the Board is committed to finding the right person to lead YouthLink Scotland forward from the solid and dynamic base that Jim has built up in his 12 plus years at the helm. Plans are already in place for the recruitment procedure which we hope will allow us to announce a new Chief Executive by the end of September, beginning of October.

Thank you for all the great work that you all do throughout the sector. You embody our belief that 'Youth Work Changes Lives'

On behalf of the YouthLink Scotland Board

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorna Hood', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood OBE
Chairperson