

Citation given for Colin Mackie.

Fellowship of the EIS

Colin started teaching History and Modern studies at Perth High School in 1970 and in 1974 became APT History. In 1984 he was appointed Principal Teacher of History at Kinross High, a post he held for eighteen years until in 2003 he was seconded full time to serve as Local Association Secretary. His teaching career has been a distinguished one marked by a wide ranging commitment to his own subject and pupils and to the whole school. A skilful classroom teacher he has over the years motivated many pupils, not only in the classroom but by regular field trips organised and led by him both at home and abroad ranging from Hadrian's Wall to the battlefields of Europe and as far afield as Russia.

Colin has served the EIS at almost every level. He was a School Rep for many years and was first elected to Perth & Kinross LA Executive in 1985 and served as President in 1989-90, and since becoming Secretary in 1991 has undoubtedly been the most authoritative and influential figure in local teacher politics. Before local government reorganization he was a member of Tayside Regional Executive from 1987-96 when he was a representative on the Tayside Joint Consultative Committee and also served as Assistant Secretary from 1988-91.

At national level he has been a member of the Council/Executive Council since 1993 and has served on the Organisation, Salaries and Education Committees. At local level he has been a Teacher Member of Perth & Kinross Education Committee since 1995 and also the leader of the Teachers' Side on Perth & Kinross Joint Negotiating Committee. Now full time Secretary he has proved himself a tireless campaigner for teachers in Perth & Kinross and a skillful negotiator who has won the great respect not only of his EIS colleagues but also of other trade unionists, councilors, local government officials and everyone concerned with education in Perth & Kinross.

Colin has always given outstanding service to the wider school and education community. In the mid 1970s - mid 1980s he was Secretary of the Scottish Association of Teachers of History, and his knowledge and skills as an historian have been recognized by his election as a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Outside his subject he has always worked unstintingly for the good of the whole school community, serving as Teacher member of Kinross High School Board and an active member of Perth High School Board and at different times its President and Secretary.

Colin has always brought to his EIS work not only a great intellectual rigour and an impressive ability to recall facts, but also a great sense of fairness and integrity. These qualities and his long, extensive and energetic service to the EIS, to education and to the wider community in Perth & Kinross have already led to his being appointed a Justice of the Peace, and they do certainly also warrant the award of FEIS.