

Malcolm Wharton

Occupation: Principal and Chief Executive of Hartpury College and Assistant Vice Chancellor of the University of the West of England.

Directorships:

Director of Gloucestershire Enterprise Limited:

A private training provider whose aim is to help local businesses succeed through raising skills levels by providing local, affordable and quality training solutions for businesses of all types and sizes.

Council Member of Lantra:

Lantra is the Sector Skills council for the environmental and land-based sector, representing the interests of environmental and land-based industries in the UK, working closely with employers to boost skills, training, workforce and business development, and to highlight and address a range of industry related issues.

Director of Business Link Gloucestershire:

Providing support for new businesses and business improvement services for more established companies, Business Link provide answers to a range of issues facing businesses, including Finance, Sales and Marketing, People and Skills Development, ICT and E-Commerce.

Director of Limbury Limited.

Director of Rudgeley Services Limited.

Positions Held:

Malcolm was formerly an Executive Committee Member and Chairman of Napaeo – the Association of Land Based Colleges, which aims to support the contribution of land based colleges to post-compulsory education and training in the UK and secure the best possible opportunities for individual colleges to flourish and meet the needs of their stakeholders. He was also Board Member of the Association of Colleges.

Malcolm was educated at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, Newton Rigg, Royal Agricultural College (education and training for the agricultural, land, food business, equine and property industries) the University of Birmingham and the College of St Mark and St John.

He spent 11 years as Senior Warden and Lecturer at Bicton College, which offers over 40 full time and 100 part time courses in a range of subjects including Agriculture, Countryside Management, Equine Studies and Outdoor Leisure Management. He spent five years as Vice Principal of Duchy College 'Cornwall's College of the Countryside' which prides itself on being one of the leading land based colleges in the country.

Malcolm has been Principal/Chief Executive of Hartpury College since 1990, during which time student numbers have grown from 68 in 1991 to 2,500 full-time and 4,500 part-time today. The College provides land-based, sports and related courses delivered by qualified and experienced staff, and supported by innovative and modern equipment, facilities and buildings. It has a reputation as a local, regional, national and international provider of high quality training and education. Students are provided with the necessary skills to find employment in an increasingly competitive working environment.

His interests are rugby and fishing. He is married with twin daughters who have a keen interest in horses and a son who is an ardent rugby fan.