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Prof Kilpatrick returns to UTAS in brand new role

Highly-regarded academic Professor Sue Kilpatrick will return to the University of Tasmania in Launceston next year to take up an appointment as Director of the new Centre for University Pathways and Partnerships.

Professor Kilpatrick has had a Research Chair in Regional Communities at Deakin University since 2009; before that she was Director of the Department of Rural Health, University of Tasmania and Chair of the Australian Rural Health Education Network.

UTAS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) Professor David Sadler said Prof Kilpatrick brings a wealth of experience to the new role.

“Sue strongly believes in ensuring that evidence from research is translated into policy and practice,” he said.

A born-and-bred Tasmanian, Prof Kilpatrick is delighted to have an opportunity to assist in increasing higher education participation in Tasmania, particularly through partnerships with other education providers and the community.

“She looks forward to bringing back to UTAS some of her learnings, in particular from developing and implementing an associate degree program at Deakin and working with the South-West Victorian community to raise aspirations for tertiary education.”

With a PhD in the Economics of Education and a Master of Economics in Labour Economics, Prof Kilpatrick’s research interests are education and learning in rural and regional Australia, rural workforce, social capital, rural health systems, and community and regional development. She has more than 150 publications in these areas and has received numerous research grants.

Prof Kilpatrick will take up the position in late March 2012 and will be based in Launceston.

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