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Prior to relocating to Manchester, Neil worked for Glasgow City Libraries from 1985 working in community libraries, The Mitchell Reference Library, Social Policy, lifelong learning and latterly leading on Service Development and the library capital building programme.

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