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Chris Banks, FRSA, joined Aberdeen as University Librarian and Director, Library Special Collections and Museums in October 2007 as the University embarked on one of the biggest and most important cultural projects undertaken in Scotland in recent years: the creation of a new £57million Library and Special Collections Centre. The first phase of the new building opened in September 2011. With over twenty years' experience at the British Library, Chris is Chair of the Scottish Confederation of University Research Libraries (SCURL), a Board member of Research Libraries UK (RLUK), and a member of the LIBER steering committee on Heritage Collections and Preservation. She remains active in the national and international arms of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML). Chris is a Trustee of the Britten-Pears Foundation and a Trustee of the New Berlioz Edition.



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