Professor Neva Haites

Professor Neva Haites is the first female Vice Principal to have been appointed in the history of the University. She became Vice Principal for Development and Equality & Diversity in September 2011, having previously been Head of the College of Life Sciences and Medicine.

Neva’s passion for and commitment to the principles of equality and diversity enable her to make a valuable contribution to the life and work of the University across a range of areas. She is well-respected across the University’s academic disciplines and professional services, and her provision of academic support to the work of the University’s Development Trust has been instrumental in many of its recent successful campaigns.

Neva is Professor of Medical Genetics and has had an active research career with a special interest in inherited predisposition to cancer. She is an Honorary Consultant Clinical Geneticist and has been a member of the Board of NHS Grampian, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, the Chief Scientist Committee of the Scottish Government, as well as Chair of the Biomedical and Therapeutics Research Committee.

She was born in Brisbane and studied biochemistry at the University of Queensland before moving to Aberdeen where she did her medical degree and training.