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First in family to study at university, Jon knows first-hand the empowerment of a good education. He is passionate about colleges as place makers, working with communities, business, alumni, college staff and students to provide life changing opportunities for individuals that strengthen and shape the places they live and work.

In 2022 Jon led the achievement of a key strategic milestone when NCG achieved taught degree awarding powers on an indefinite basis. This means Newcastle College is in the special position combining the strength of a further education college with the power to confer degree awards.

Outside of his work at Newcastle College he is the Vice Chair of Mixed Economy Group (MEG) and a member Association of Colleges (AoC) Higher Education Policy Group.