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Gordon is a civil and structural engineer with international experience in the design and programme management of civil engineering infrastructure. He was appointed to the Chair of Future Infrastructure at the University of Edinburgh in September 2015 and delivered his Inaugural Lecture in December 2016.

Gordon was, until his first retirement in early 2015, a Vice President of Jacobs and was the UK Government's Project Representative for Crossrail (2009-13), the biggest construction project in Europe.

He is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, the Open University and Imperial College, London, and has honorary doctorates from Glasgow Caledonian University and Heriot Watt University.

He was President of the Institution of Civil Engineers (2005-06). His "President's Apprentice" concept, in which Gordon worked with several young graduate engineers through his year in office, is still thriving and has been adopted by other organisations. In 2008 he was awarded an OBE for services to civil engineering. He is Chairman of the ICE's Panel for Historical Engineering Works. He is Late Deacon of the Incorporation of Hammerman of Glasgow and a Deputy Lieutenant of Renfrewshire.

He has also served as Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, President of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland and Vice Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. He launched the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame in 2011. He chaired the ICE/IStructE/HSE Standing Committee on Structural Safety from 2009-16. He is a Trustee of the MacRobert Trust, a judge for the MacRobert Award for Engineering and a Trustee of the Society of Friends of Paisley Abbey.

As well as London, he has lived and worked in the north of England, Malaysia and Scotland. He enjoys opera, skiing, sailing and tennis, and has an understanding wife, Lynda, two children and four grandsons. He appeared in the pilot and two successive series of the History Channel's "Life After People", speculating on how long it would take our infrastructure to disintegrate if there were no people left to maintain it. One hopes that none of his predictions are likely to be put to the test.

He co-wrote "Supreme Sacrifice: A Small Village and the Great War", published by Birlinn, the story of Bridge of Weir's part in the Great War.