

Thursday, 11 March 2021

Comment on the Digital Strategy for Scotland

The Digital Strategy for Scotland, published today (Thursday, 11 March 2021), sets out how Scotland will fulfil its potential in the digital world and keep pace with an ever-changing digital environment.

As part of this, the college sector will support upskilling and reskilling opportunities for learners across Scotland to aid the development of the skilled digital workforce. This sits alongside increasing diversity in the digital skills pool – colleges will ensure those opportunities are available to learners, both young and old, from the most deprived communities served by the college sector.

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

“The Digital Strategy for Scotland is a key development in Scotland’s ambition to thrive in a digital world. Colleges will work closely with other sectors to develop the right blend of classroom-based learning, work-based opportunities and professional development that will keep Scotland at the cutting edge of skills development in new digital technologies, and rapidly increase the number of digitally skilled individuals progressing from our colleges into work or university each year.

“We know that the role of the college sector in supporting this partnership working will be vital in truly ensuring that businesses, people and places benefit from digital technology and in guaranteeing that no one is left behind through the delivery of the strategy and as part of the wider sustainable and inclusive recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.”

ENDS

For further information, please contact:

Joanne Buchan, Communications and Public Affairs Officer:

Tel: 01786 892012

Mobile: 07590 229 707

Email: joanne.buchan@collegesscotland.ac.uk

Notes to Editor: A copy of the plan can be found at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/a-changing-nation-how-scotland-will-thrive-in-a-digital-world/>