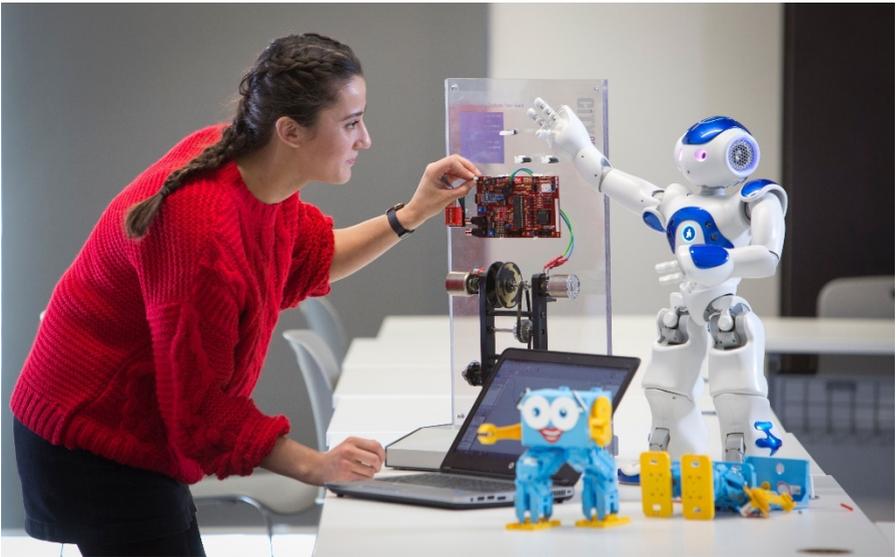


# Parliamentary Reception 2019

## College Showcases



**#celebratecolleges**



The Colleges Scotland Parliamentary Reception 2019 aims to showcase the college sector and provide opportunities to network and learn more about how colleges support people through their learning and skills journeys and into successful careers.

## Inspirational Student – Kevin Neary

Kevin Neary is a leading figure in the adverse childhood experiences movement in Scotland. He spent many years in the criminal justice system due to addictions to drink and drugs and felt there was no way out. He saw first-hand the effects of people trapped in the same self-destructive cycle, including returns to prison, homelessness and premature death.

He managed to turn his life around and is now co-founder, core group member and mentor at Aid & Abet, working with Police Scotland. He uses his experiences, past and present, to help those leaving prison to turn their lives around.



Kevin, who is in his early 50s, graduated in June 2019 from West Lothian College with an SVQ Level 7 in Social Services – achieving his first and only (so far) qualification ever.

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# Transition to Social Work Degree Programme

A new articulation pathway from HNC Social Services to the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) qualification has been developed in partnership with the Open University and Ayrshire College.



On successful completion, students will be prepared for continuing to study with the Open University towards the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) degree as an independent student.

This Transition programme offers HNC Social Services students at Ayrshire College with a unique, flexible and supportive pathway to the OU degree and provides an alternative route into gaining a professional Social Work qualification, leading to enhanced employment opportunities.

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The South of Scotland's two regional colleges – Borders College and Dumfries & Galloway College – will demonstrate how investment from the South of Scotland Digital Skills and Learning Network (SoSEP) is enabling enhanced delivery of the digitisation of learning through the creation of three STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Hubs, two Care Hubs and a regional digital spoke infrastructure (initially in schools, then in the community).

Digital connectivity between the Hubs and spokes overcomes access problems and widens choice to individuals, communities and businesses.

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# Oxygen Depletion in Enclosed Spaces

Every year dozens of seafarers lose their life when entering into oxygen depleted enclosed spaces. These deaths are entirely preventable although remain common in spite of robust training and safety practices.



City of Glasgow College has embarked upon a programme of research to improve understanding of why these incidents occur. Our findings have demonstrated how fast an oxygen depleted atmosphere can be created that is deadly within minutes of entering.

This research brings industry partners and academics together to redefine the way in which maritime safety training is co-designed and co-delivered.

## City of Glasgow College

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## Lions and Tigers and Bears ... Oh My!

Dundee & Angus College launched a new Zoo Animal Behaviour and Welfare course which started in January 2019.

The course, which is the only course of its kind in Scotland, teaches learners about the behaviour of wild animals, how animal welfare is protected in modern zoos and how to tell if an animal is being well looked after.



In partnership with Camperdown Zoo, the course is delivered in a number of innovative ways, culminating in the learners creating a video documentary of their experience.

Come along and speak to our learners who, in partnership with our staff and Camperdown Zoo partners, will talk you through their experience.

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## First Chances Fife

School pupils from throughout Fife are benefiting from exciting learning opportunities at Fife College and the University of St Andrews thanks to new funding from The Robertson Trust.



# Fife College

The college and the university have been granted funding for a further three-years to extend and develop their successful partnership access programme, First Chances Fife, to help break down barriers to learning for pupils from the area.

The First Chances Fife programme plays an important part in widening access as outlined in the recent 'Widening Access 2017-18 Report' by the Scottish Funding Council.

This commitment to fair access and social inclusion by the sector is also helping to reduce poverty and increase inclusive economic growth.

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# Apprenticeships Expansion Across Forth Valley

Forth Valley College has seen a meteoric rise in the number of Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) places and frameworks across the region over the last three years.



In 2017-18, the college recruited 40 students to three Foundation Apprenticeship programmes – Engineering, Social Services Children & Young People, and Social Services and Healthcare. In 2018/19, this expanded to 175 new FA starts across nine frameworks, and we are currently projecting to recruit 425 for one- and two-year options across ten FA frameworks.

Forth Valley College also runs a pre-apprenticeship programme which was set up to accommodate the demand for engineering apprenticeships. Since its inception in 2016, the pre-apprenticeship programme has helped over 90% of students to enter full-time employment.

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## Cothroman Dreuchdail le Gàidhlig – Opportunities with Gaelic

Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) is showcasing the range of opportunities it offers to prepare learners for a career in Gaelic. This includes areas such as early learning and childcare, the media (including television and radio), as well as primary and secondary teaching in Gaelic.



There will be an opportunity to listen to Gaelic music and song and to find out more about SMO's Traditional Music programme.

There will also be the chance to speak to SMO staff who are involved in the delivery of some of these programmes, and to meet with learners and graduates who have gone into Gaelic-related careers.

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# Energy Efficiency – Meeting the Demands of Industry

South Lanarkshire College has for many years been engaged in partnership working with local and national employers and manufacturers in the energy efficiency industry.



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This allows our students to be kept up-to-date with the most recent technology and be work ready for immediate employment.

Over the last 12 years the college has changed its curriculum portfolio to meet the demands of industry and the recruitment gap within construction. Developing a programme model that when successful, all candidates are guaranteed work whether it be direct into apprenticeships or self-employment.

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## Connecting Working, Living and Learning

The collaboration between West College Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council facilitates adults' participation in the first steps of learning and provides them with clear pathways, guidance and support to positive destinations.



Learning is provided flexibly and locally, improving accessibility and engaging learners who otherwise would be unable to access learning. Existing funding is used in a joined up/flexible way in response to adults needs in their own community.

In 2019, 648 learners accessed 51 classes across 17 subject specialisms at 13 local venues. We also showcased at the National Adult Learning Conference and were identified as best practice by Education Scotland.

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## Hospitality and Filming

The students on Edinburgh College's school-college partnership programme will be serving guests with canapés during the Parliamentary Reception.



Edinburgh College's Broadcast Media students will be filming the Parliamentary Reception and will produce a short film of the event. The students have undertaken work experience with organisations such as Scottish Rugby Union, Scottish Gymnastics, Scottish Motorsports and the NHS.

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# Photography



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Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd  
agus nan Eilean  
Colaiste na Gàidhealtachd an Iar

West Highland College UHI's second year students will be providing the official photography for the Parliamentary Reception.

The students have progressed from Higher Photography into a part-time HNC, being studied one-day per week on the Isle of Skye.

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