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THE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

ERDF APPROVAL

The Corporate Development Team have secured a grant of £1,277,344 to contribute to the refurbishment of the North Building of the College's Kildonan Street campus from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). This is one of only five ERDF projects which have been successful in receiving funding to date, and the first College application to have achieved success in this priority during the current programme.

The grant will be used to refurbish the College theatre, Hair and Beauty

facilities and Creative Technologies studios. Work on the project will begin in Spring 2010, with an estimated completion date of March 2012.

John Doyle, Principal and Chief Executive said, 'I would wish to pass on my sincere congratulations to Shona and her team, not just for providing all of us with the opportunity to further develop our estate and resources, but for their tenacity and continuing professionalism in overcoming what was considered impossible. Well done.'



NEW FLAGPOLE FOR ECO FRIENDLY NURSERY

The Corporate Development Team, working closely with the College Nursery staff, have forged new partnerships with important local organisations and secured funding of £600 for a flagpole for the Nursery's Eco flag. The funding was donated by three separate groups; Sunnyside Community Council, Friends of Dunbeth Park, and Coatbridge Link Organisation.

Susan Flannigan, Chair of Sunnyside Community Council and President of Friends of Dunbeth Park, said:

'The Eco and Healthy Lifestyles projects the Coatbridge College Nursery has been involved in are fantastic and we were happy to be able to support their efforts. Having managed a Nursery for 10 years myself, I have a huge appreciation for the invaluable work they do.'

All the groups involved with this funding are part of the Coatbridge Community Forum which brings everyone in the community together for the wider benefit. It has been great to work with the College since it has such an impact on the local area.'



FRENCH STUDENTS TO VISIT COLLEGE

Two French students currently studying at our French partner College, ITEC Boisfleury, will visit the College to undertake work placement activities in May and June this year.

Chloe Chiaverini and Amelyne Berrux are currently undertaking Personal Assistant qualifications and will work within various support teams throughout the College during their eight week stay, this will include Student Services, Finance, Marketing

and CMIS. The students hope to make new friends, improve their English language skills and learn more about the workplace and Scotland.

As part of our partnership arrangements, it is hoped that two Coatbridge College Business lecturers will visit ITEC Boisfleury later this year to spend some time teaching French students.



ENVIRONMENTAL KEY FUND GRANT SUCCESS



The Corporate Development Team have secured a grant of £30,000 from the North Lanarkshire Environmental Key Fund, which will contribute towards the creation of a new outdoor performance and exhibition space within the refurbished campus.

As well as being a new and innovative resource for students, the new facilities will be open to all individuals, community groups and voluntary organisations.

The Environmental Key Fund was established in 2004 to distribute Landfill

Community Fund (LCF) monies to environmental and community based projects. As the College is only 6 miles from the Greengairs Landfill site it is eligible to apply for funding from this programme.

Sarah Jane Rothwell, Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts said, 'The Environmental Key Fund has given the College a wonderful opportunity to create a state of the art outdoor performance area which will provide a hub for all to relax, perform and mingle during the more clement weather!'

LECTURERS BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS IN IRELAND

In November last year, lecturers from Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy travelled to the Cavan Institute in the Republic of Ireland as part of the Erasmus programme. Neil McMullen, Margaret Donaldson and Jacqui McGarvey visited Cavan to gather information and assess the facilities in preparation for Coatbridge College students taking up work placement opportunities there.

During their visit they gave a presentation to staff on our course provision, staff profiles, progression routes, industry level work experience, student success stories and partnerships. They were given a tour of the institute and visited potential work placement providers.

The lecturers forged many professional links and as a result of the visit, an application for Leonardo da Vinci funding has now been submitted to help support Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Dental and Performing Arts student work placements in Ireland in 2010/2011.

INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME FUNDING

The College has successfully secured the maximum available award through the Innovation Voucher Scheme from the Scottish Funding Council. This new scheme is aimed at building relationships between small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and further education colleges. To gain the award the College had to demonstrate a collaborative project with a local SME that would lead to new innovative products and processes.

Our partner in the project is Papillon Nursery, a private child care nursery that is shortly moving to the new Matrix Business Park. The project is based around innovative new ways of encouraging interactive learning between parents and children. Through this, it will address some of the barriers that prevent parents from fully engaging in their child's development.

RESILIENCE PDA

The Resilience PDA will be formally launched in the College on the 22nd March. The Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kenny MacAskill MSP will attend and will deliver a keynote speech. Senior representatives of the Police, Fire and Ambulance services have also been invited, along with the Cabinet Office, NHS and SEPA, among others. This is a huge opportunity to showcase the College to potential customers from across Scotland and we very much look forward to welcoming them.

BUSINESS TO COLLEGE AWARDS

The College has been shortlisted for a Scotland's Colleges Business to College Award. The College was Highly Commended at last year's awards for our ESOL work in partnership with TDG Logistics. This year, we have been shortlisted for the work undertaken by our colleagues in Dental Studies in partnership with All 1 Smile Orthodontics. This partnership has resulted in a brand new Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy and was a key driver behind the investment in state of the art dental training equipment at Duart House.

FEEDBACK

We would welcome any comments on how to improve the newsletter or queries you may have regarding content. Please contact Julie McShane on jmcshane@coatbridge.ac.uk with your feedback on our newsletter.

COLLEGE SECURES STUC TRAINING CONTRACTS

After many months of relationship development, the College has secured three training contracts through the STUC's Scottish Fund for Union Learning. These contracts, covering British Sign Language and First Aid, will be delivered to union members in their workplace and will result in an accredited qualification. The College continues to be invited to submit tenders to the STUC and we look forward to more successful bids in the future.

SVQ AND PDA CHILD CARE AND PLAYWORK

Late last year the College successfully tendered to deliver North Lanarkshire Council's SVQ and PDA relating to child care and playwork. This major contract will be delivered by our colleagues in Child Care and will be a major contributor to the strength of the partnership we enjoy with the Council.

Q-VALIDUS

The College welcomed its first learners onto the IT qualification developed by Q-Validus and endorsed by the SQA. The College is the first accredited provider of this qualification in Scotland and looks forward to welcoming employees from across Lanarkshire and beyond to take part in the course.

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