

Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - November 2023 Newsletter

It's been a busy few months for the FIDA initiative and the Futures Institute fundraising campaign. Below are some of the highlights...



Memorandum of Understanding signed with the University of Stirling

Dollar Academy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement with the University of Stirling to formalise our shared commitment to furthering the vision and objectives of FIDA and Scotland's International Environment Centre (SIEC).



Fundraising Success!

Following its official launch in October, we are very pleased to report that our Futures Institute Mass Fundraising Appeal has reached £12,000 already! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have generously donated to the appeal so far - your support is hugely appreciated.



FIDA Home Transformers Project

In September, 34 pupils from four schools across Clacks & Stirling participated in our FIDA Home Transformers project, co-designed with Barratt Developments. Working with experts from Barratt, Edinburgh Napier University and Staran Architects, the pupils developed a plan to transform a damp and draughty 1860s cottage and achieve 'net zero' carbon use through the latest materials and technologies.

Our latest FIDA competition



We're delighted to be be running our latest competition with Clackmannanshire Council to design an outdoor space for the new Wellbeing Hub & Lochies School complex. It's a fantastic opportunity for local young people to contribute their ideas for this major new centre offering sport, health and leisure facilities to people across Clackmannanshire.



A date for your diary

Our inaugural fundraising event for the Futures Institute will be held on Saturday 23 March 2024. The James Bond Musical Extravaganza will be a fantastic evening of music from the professional Scottish Pops Orchestra, conducted by our very own Davie Christie, who will take us on a journey through the much-loved soundtrack of the James Bond films.

FIDA in the Press



"Taking a new approach in Scottish education" FIDA is not short of supporters and the project team continues to work hard to build relationships across the education sector. Earlier in November, Dollar Academy's Rector, Ian Munro, shared his thoughts in The Herald on how FIDA is helping to drive innovation and change in education.

Did you know?

Each of the FIDA projects is rooted in one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. But how much do you know about the SDGs?

What our donors say...

"I decided to donate because I really like the scope and focus of the FIDA initiative and in particular its offering to school students across Scotland."





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