



Futures Institute at Dollar Academy | December 2023 News



Sustainability Diploma progress

Throughout 2023 we have been developing plans for a new qualification – the FIDA Sustainability Diploma. We are delighted to share that we have recently been awarded Scottish Government funding to have this credit-rated onto the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) at Level 6 - equivalent to a Scottish Higher.

[Read more here](#)



Major Donor supports the new building

We are thrilled to announce we have received a very generous donation of £1m from a local philanthropist this month. We are hugely grateful for their support and belief in the project and this sizable donation takes us another step closer to us realising our vision and goals for the FIDA project. You can read more about our fundraising campaign by clicking the button below.

[Read more here](#)



FIDA's part in the national conversation

The team welcomed three of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skill's senior advisers to Dollar in December to learn more about FIDA. Our model of project-based learning rooted in the [UN SDGs](#) aligns strongly with the Hayward Report recommendations, as well as the Scottish Government's Learning for Sustainability Action Plan. We look forward to a further visit from the Cabinet Secretary in due course and are pleased to play a part in this important national conversation.

[Read more here](#)



Wildlife Welcome Here!

11 pupils at Dollar Academy have been busy working on their new FIDA Project: 'Wildlife Welcome Here'. They have explored the habitat around Dollar and learned about the local ecosystems. Once they had identified the various dangers posed to the local wildlife, they were tasked with creating an innovative solution to help reduce or mitigate these threats.

[Watch here](#)



FIDA in the Press

Our Rector, Ian Munro, continues to ensure FIDA's innovative approach to teaching and learning stays high on the agenda, not only in the national press but also locally. His latest interview in The Courier explored what lessons can be learned from FIDA as the reviews into the Scottish education system continue.

[Full article here](#)



Corporate sponsorship for James Bond

Tickets for our James Bond Musical Extravaganza on **Saturday 23 March 2024** are selling fast. There are a number of corporate sponsorship opportunities available from space in the concert programme to the sponsorship of the bar. You can contact our fundraising manager on fundraising@dollaracademy.org.uk for more information.

[Book your tickets here](#)

Did you know?

Dollar Academy has recently been named Scottish Independent School of the Year 2024 by the Sunday Times. This is a huge achievement for the whole school community who have all played a part in the ongoing advancement of the Academy.

[Click here to find out more](#)

What our donors say...

"I was really pleased to see the positive outreach aspects of the project and wanted to contribute to support these aims...I like the idea of trying to support more children to have access to experiences which will build their resilience and capacity for learning."

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