



Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - January 2024 Update



Pre-construction work starts on campus

It's an exciting time on campus at the moment. Our contractors, the [Robertson Group](#), have started to instruct some of the Futures Institute's pre-construction work, including an on-site drainage survey during January. Test digs will be happening from mid-February and there is lots going on behind the scenes too. Watch out for a more detailed update in February's newsletter.



Mass Appeal reaches £15,000

We are very pleased to report that our Futures Institute Mass Fundraising Appeal has now reached £15,000 with over 25 names on our donor wall. Our donors include Former Pupils, Current Parents, Governors and staff. You can read more about their motivations for supporting us by clicking below. We would like to reiterate our sincere thanks to all those who have donated so far.

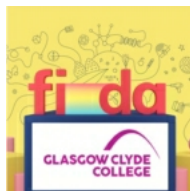
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James Bond - get your tickets here!

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, with accompanying vocalists, conducted by Davie Christie. You will be taken on a journey through the much-loved soundtrack of the James Bond films. [Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are available](#).

[Book your tickets here](#)



FIDA Sustainability Diploma Update

The development of our new qualification is progressing at pace. We are pleased to share that [Glasgow Clyde College](#) will be our credit rating body. The College is now working closely with us to ensure that our Diploma meets the criteria to be credit-rated on the [SCQF at Level 6](#), equivalent to one Higher. We plan to pilot the Diploma in a small number of schools across Scotland during the 2024/25 session.

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Wildlife Welcome in J1

The whole of Junior 1 at Dollar Academy are taking part in a FIDA project this year, Wildlife Welcome Here. This term, they are learning about local species under threat, from beetles and bats to lichens and hedgehogs. Next term, they will develop their own ideas to protect particular species, working with the wider community to put them into practice. The project will not only give them an early experience of FIDA but will also earn them a [John Muir Discovery Award](#).

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Could you be a Corporate Sponsor?

There are various corporate sponsorship opportunities available for our [James Bond event](#) in March, from space in the concert programme to the sponsorship of the bar. For full details of the opportunities available, please click below. We are operating on a first-come-first-served basis.

[Opportunities here](#)

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?

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What our donors say...

"I was really pleased to see the positive outreach aspects of the FIDA project and wanted to contribute to support these aims."

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