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Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - May 2024 Update

We're delighted to bring you the latest update from FIDA. May has been eventful, highlighted by a visit from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and a number of new schools eager to pilot our Diploma programme in the upcoming school session. Please explore our highlights, and don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or thoughts.



Cabinet Secretary endorses FIDA

We were very pleased to welcome Jenny Gilruth, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, to Dollar earlier this month. Her visit was an opportunity to discuss FIDA and introduce our new Sustainability Diploma. Ms. Gilruth was thoroughly impressed with our initiatives, noting:

"The Scottish Government is committed to developing a system of qualifications and assessment that ensures pupils are well-equipped to tackle future challenges as they progress through education. Young people are facing a range of global challenges, including the climate emergency, which is why we have supported Dollar Academy to gain accreditation of its sustainability diploma, as part of the implementation of our Learning for Sustainability Action Plan. I am pleased that vitally important education resources such as these can be accessed for free by pupils across the country."

[Read more here](#)



Schools sign up to pilot the new Diploma

Inverness Royal Academy is one of the schools taking part in FIDA's Sustainability Diploma pilot in the upcoming school session. Morven Neil, Depute Rector, remarked:

"This is possibly one of the most important courses we could offer our pupils and we are delighted to be part of this pilot. The world is grappling with the urgent need for sustainable solutions and our current generation of school pupils are extremely aware of this [...] They're not just passive observers; they are seeking knowledge, solutions, and ways to reduce their ecological impact. This diploma will allow our students to be prepared for future career sectors, policy and personal challenges in a world that faces a climate crisis."

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Fundraising Update

Since our last fundraising update, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive over £130,000 in donations, ranging from £250 to an astounding £80,000. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact, and we are very grateful for the unwavering support from our school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors for their generosity and commitment.

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DAPA supporting our fundraising

We would like to give a special thank you to the Dollar Academy Parents' Association (DAPA) for their commitment to supporting our FIDA Fundraising efforts. This month they braved the heavy rain at the Dollar Pipe Band and Drum Major Contest to serve bacon rolls and hot drinks to the participants and spectators - raising over £500. They're hoping for better weather at Dollar Academy's Sports Weekend where they'll be out in force for us again.



Have you seen our latest FIDA video?

The FIDA team have produced a short video explaining the background and aspirations for the initiative, as well as providing voices from pupils who have taken part in courses so far, teachers involved in the delivery, and our industry partners. You can watch the short video by clicking below.

[Watch Here](#)

UNSDG - Goal of the Month

Goal 15 - Life on Land aims to conserve all forms of life on land, by protecting and restoring ecosystems & biodiversity, sustainably managing forests, combatting desertification and reversing land degradation.

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What our donors say...

"The FIDA building will provide great opportunities for our son and he wanted to be part of it, so he asked that we make a donation so that his name will be at the school long after he is, and we were only too happy to oblige."

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