

Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - November 2025 Update

It's been a steady month at FIDA, with our pupils making excellent progress on the International Sustainability Diploma and the building continuing to take shape. With the end of the first term just around the corner, here's a quick snapshot of what's been happening over the last few weeks.

As always, we welcome any questions or feedback. Please feel free to [contact us](#) at any time.

Showcasing FIDA



"It's been so exciting to be on the building site and seeing behind the scenes, but my main takeaway from today has been to hear about the fantastic work the educational programme is doing, I had no idea it was doing so well!"

We were delighted to welcome and host a group of supporters to Dollar this month. Held in the Captain's Room with a fantastic birdseye view of the construction site, the purpose of the event was twofold. First to celebrate the support of one of our new major donor families, but also to showcase the project to a group of their friends and colleagues. Guests were treated to a glass of fizz followed by a presentation by our Director of FIDA about the educational offering, the event concluded with an exclusive tour of the construction site led by the fantastic team at Robertson. We hope to be showing more of our supporters around the site over the coming months.

International Sustainability Diploma



Our Diploma schools across the country are progressing through the course, and we've just launched the six Global Challenge Projects for this year.

Students might choose to design a solar energy hub, a video game to combat climate anxiety or multi-generational playground equipment to help older people keep fit, active and socially connected. Every project involves developing a solution to a real-life problem of sustainable development and builds important research, problem-solving, collaboration and communication skills.

SCQF



FIDA's Director Jacqueline Smith spoke at an SCQF Conference last week, attended by teachers and pupils from the Glasgow area.

Interest in the Diploma is continuing to increase, and it was also inspiring to hear from the creators of other accredited qualifications who are 'breaking the mould' and engaging young people with learning in new ways.

Support Our Vision



Whether you're an individual or a corporate partner, there are meaningful ways to support FIDA's vision. Your contribution toward the innovative Futures Institute could be recognised on our donor wall, or you can support our expanding educational programme, now reaching students across Scotland.

Any level of support helps us create transformational learning opportunities for young people.

To explore how you can be part of this journey, please [get in touch](#) or click below.

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UNSDG Goal of the Month: 13 - Climate Action

The pace of the climate crisis is accelerating. 2024 was the warmest year in the 175-year observational record, surpassing the previous warmest year, 2023.

The last decade (2015-2024) was the warmest on record, and each of the last four decades has been warmer than any previous decade since 1850. With every fraction of a degree of warming, extreme weather events become more frequent and more intense.

More investment is needed in resilient infrastructure, sustainable agriculture, nature and other ways of strengthening communities against the impacts of climate change.

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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."

Former Pupil,
Class of '93

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