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Futures Institute at Dollar Academy - March 2026 Update

Here's a brief round-up of FIDA activity during March. As always, we welcome any questions or feedback. Please feel free to [contact us](#) at any time.

Futures Institute progress



Over recent weeks, progress on site has accelerated at pace, and the distinctive dome structure is now clearly visible from across the school grounds. The striking timber framework is starting to define the building's unique design, offering a first glimpse of what will soon become a landmark space at the heart of the school. We look forward to sharing further images, including our timelapse video, as construction continues over the coming months.

ISD nears the end of its second year



It has been a busy month for our International Sustainability Diploma. Participating schools have submitted samples of assessed student work in Unit 2 for the Dollar team to appraise, and we have again been running our joint Sustainable Enterprise sessions with the University of Stirling to kick-start Unit 3.

As this year's cohort nears the end of the course, we wish them well for the conclusion of the Diploma and the other qualifications they are taking this year!

Teacher Support for the International Sustainability Diploma

"The ISD has offered our students a unique platform to engage with global sustainability challenges through hands-on project-based learning... It has encouraged them to think like engineers and innovators, bridging the gap between classroom theory and real-world situations. It integrates scientific inquiry and technological design with social subjects, economics and entrepreneurship, and the interdisciplinary approach better prepares our students for the challenges they will face in their future careers. It has [also] facilitated meaningful links with the local community and businesses. These employer-led experiences help bridge the gap between education and the workplace."

R Macaskill, Deputy Head Teacher
Kingussie

Kingussie High School is one of our new 2025/26 ISD schools. Its Deputy Head Teacher explains above about how the school have embraced the Diploma and how much the pupils have benefitted as a result. She followed up the above quote with:

"It is a pleasure working with the team at FIDA, who cordially support and guide us throughout the delivery of this course. We would welcome further opportunities to collaborate with FIDA and are eager to help expand this network of schools across the Highlands. Building a community of practice in this region is essential for improving access to high-quality learning."

We are delighted to continue to hear such positive feedback from those at the coalface of delivering the Diploma. It strengthens our confidence that we are moving in the right direction. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the schools involved in the Diploma for their continued support of FIDA.

Grant funding – new course



We are delighted to have been selected for a Scottish Government grant to support the development of a new course of study at SCQF Level 4 – Foundations in Sustainable Futures.

This will meet a nationally recognised need for purposeful interdisciplinary learning programmes in earlier secondary years, and will provide a pathway into the Diploma course offered in S5-S6.

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 Futures Institute could be recognised on our donor wall, or we would welcome support of our expanding educational programme.

Any level of support helps us create transformational learning opportunities for young people. To explore how you can be part of the future, please [get in touch](#) or click below.

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UNSDG Goal of the Month: 5 - Gender Equality

Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls is not just the right thing to do, it's essential for sustainable development. Goal 5 focuses on closing the gender gap and ensuring equal opportunities for all. Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. There has been progress over the last decades, but the world is not on track to achieve gender equality by 2030.

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Donor
DA Staff Member

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