



Futures Institute at Dollar Academy | August Round-Up

It's been a busy summer, with plenty happening - from progress with our Public Art Installation competition to the approaching deadline to get your name inside the Futures Institute. As always, thank you for your continued interest and support. We love hearing from our supporters, so if you have any questions, comments or feedback, please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#).

Your name in the Futures Institute



As completion of the Futures Institute draws ever closer, so too does the opportunity to leave your mark on this exciting new chapter for Dollar Academy.

If you would like your name to feature in the building and have yet to make a donation, your opportunity to be included closes on **30 September 2026**. A donation of £250 or more will secure your name inside the Futures Institute - a lasting way to show your support for the future of education and the impact this pioneering building will have for generations to come.

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Public Art Competition Update



We were delighted to receive 20 creative entries to our FIDA Public Art Competition which closed at the end of last term. The competition invited any young person aged 11-18 who lives and/or goes to school in Dollar to design a piece of public art inspired by the town.

Entrants were encouraged to think about community, creativity and the stories that make Dollar unique. Their ideas could celebrate the town's history, community, learning, fairness, or the people and places that make Dollar special.

We have been hugely impressed by the range of ideas in the entries and are now carefully reviewing them as we create our shortlist. We hope to announce the winner soon - watch this space!



Glasgow Clyde College Visit

On 19 August, a team from Glasgow Clyde College visited us to conduct their annual evaluation of our International Sustainability Diploma programme and our processes for assessment, quality assurance and certification. We were delighted to receive an excellent report and, as always, some constructive input around our next developments.

We would like to congratulate Glasgow Clyde College on being recognised as **Further Educational Institution of the Year** at The Herald Education Awards 2026 – a fantastic achievement!



15 Schools across Scotland involved

We are delighted to welcome the 15 schools across Scotland that are undertaking our International Sustainability Diploma this year, with several more indicating interest for next year.

We look forward to working with them and seeing their learners' work throughout the coming year!



Pupil and Teacher session 2026

On Wednesday 9 September, teachers and students from across Scotland will attend our annual Learning Day for schools running the Diploma course in 2026-27.

We have a full programme including speakers from Education Scotland and from the University of Edinburgh's Interdisciplinary Futures MA(Hons) undergraduate programme.

We are looking forward to this major event in our FIDA calendar!



Corporate Partnerships

Partnership with industry is at the heart of what we do at FIDA, and that extends to how we are bringing the Futures Institute to life.

As we move closer to completion, we are building relationships with businesses that share our vision and want to play a part in creating an inspiring environment for learning, collaboration and innovation. These corporate partnerships are helping us to equip and fit out the building, ensuring that the spaces within the Futures Institute are as ambitious as the educational opportunities they will support.

We will be announcing our partners within the next few months, and we are hugely grateful to the businesses who have chosen to work with us. If you would like to discuss corporate partnership opportunities, please [get in touch](#).

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Be Part of the Future!

We continue to be very grateful to those who choose to support our FIDA Initiative. Whether you're an individual or a corporate partner, there are meaningful ways to get involved; your contribution towards the Futures Institute could be recognised inside the building, or you could support our expanding educational programme.

In a world changing at remarkable speed, we want to equip young people with the skills, confidence and curiosity they need to thrive. To explore how you can be part of this ambition, please [get in touch](#) or click below.

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UNSDG of the Month Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

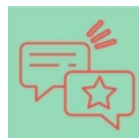


"We can – and we must – confront the injustice of inequality. It is essential for a future of dignity and sustainability for all." – António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, 24 April 2026.

Reducing inequalities remains essential for a peaceful, just, and sustainable world. Supported by the commitments in the [Pact for the Future](#), countries are advancing inclusive policies, expanding social protection, and ensuring more equitable representation of developing countries in global decision-making. Yet, economic uncertainty, conflict, climate change, and resource gaps continue to deepen disparities, especially for vulnerable populations.

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"I was at Dollar when the Maguire building was inaugurated and I remember the excitement of being part of such a momentous occasion. I am proud to see that less than two decades later we are heading for another ambitious expansion plan that involves not just a campus update, but also a substantial development for curriculars, extracurriculars, and the Dollar Academy community at large.

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