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**COLLEGE
EXPO 20**

**THE FUTURE
IS NOW:
LEARNING
FROM
LOCKDOWN**

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Opening times:
Thursday 11 June
1000–1700

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WELCOME

I'm delighted to welcome you to Virtual College Expo20. We were determined not to postpone College Expo this year, so we are going ahead with a virtual version. This is a new venture for us, and we're excited to be able to bring Expo to you in this way.

College Expo is Scotland's landmark event for everyone working, studying or involved in post-16 education and training. Free to attend, it is a celebration of college excellence, and our national focus for staff development and practical innovation. Now more than ever, coming together as one community of educators and learners is so important – I am delighted that Expo can offer us that platform.



This year, the overarching theme is **'The Future is Now: Learning from Lockdown,'** which is reflected across a day-long programme of inspirational keynote speakers, seminars, and opportunities to network in our specially designed virtual event space.

Across the day you will get the chance to participate in a choice of 20 sessions, there will be an opportunity to get active and try out some fun new skills, and to interact with a wide range of organisations in our virtual Exhibition Hall.

I hope you enjoy your time at Virtual College Expo20 and look forward to e-meeting you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Metcalfe'.

Jim Metcalfe
CEO, College Development Network (CDN)

ABOUT US

College Development Network (CDN)

Virtual College Expo20 is brought to you by CDN, a skills and sector development agency. Our mission is to maximise the impact of education for learners and the wider community. We do that through three key pillars of work: for the learning workforce, strategic leaders and the skills sector, and by:

- Working to improve the quality of teaching and support for students
- Investing in the strategic vision and performance of vocational education
- Being a catalyst for innovative practice



HIGHLIGHTS

Overarching theme

**THE FUTURE
IS NOW:
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FROM
LOCKDOWN**

View the full programme on [Page 6](#)

New for Virtual College Expo20

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION AREA

[Exhibition Hall](#) ⌚ 1000–1700

Meet our exhibitors at their 'stands' in our virtual, interactive Exhibition Hall. Book one-to-one meetings with our experts or just drop in and engage with professionals from a variety of organisations.

A full list and information on our exhibitors can be found on [Page 11](#)

TASTER TALKS

[Exhibition Hall](#) ⌚ 1100–1400

Exhibitors will be delivering short, sharp, Taster Talks within the Exhibition Hall. A great way to find out more about the work of our sponsors and exhibitors and to engage with them.

Find out who you'd like to listen to by turning to the full programme of Taster Talks on [Page 7](#)

ACTIVE SESSIONS

[Main Auditorium](#) ⌚ 1100–1600

Why not try something new during your time at Virtual Expo20? Work up an appetite with one of our exercise classes and then try your hand at our cooking lesson ... just in time for lunch!

View the full programme of Active Sessions on [Page 7](#)

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PROGRAMME



Keynote

📍 Main Auditorium



Seminars

📍 Breakout Rooms

1000	<p>Welcome to Virtual College Expo20 - Richard Lochhead MSP</p> <p>Liam McCabe, President, NUS Scotland</p>			
1100		<p>SMAShtastic Opportunity to Develop Students as Partners - Sue Beckingham</p>	<p>The Role of Adult Learning in Civic Recovery - Mhairi Harrington OBE & Nicola McAndrew</p>	<p>Scotland's Student Mental Health in COVID-19 - Jessica Smith, NUS Scotland</p>
<p>Grab a coffee and have a screen break</p>				
1200	<p>Audrey Cumberford MBE, Principal & Chief Executive, Edinburgh College</p>			
1300		<p>Analysing Approaches to Student Engagement - Simon Varwell, sparqs</p>	<p>Opening New Doors for Back to Education Learners - Miriam Walsh, St. John's College</p>	<p>Mindfulness in Times of Uncertainty & Change - Michael Bready, Youth Mindfulness</p>
		<p>SQA's Next Generation Portfolio - Graeme Clark, SQA</p>	<p>Articulation: Learner Pathways - a Collaborative Project</p>	
<p>Lunch break</p>				
1400	<p>Matt Lancashire, Deputy Chief Executive, SCDI</p>			
1500		<p>Digital Ambition 2030 - Dr Ken Thomson OBE, Forth Valley College</p>	<p>Future Talent - Remote Learning in Lockdown - Sam Stirling, Dundee and Angus College</p>	<p>Learning for Sustainability - Betsy King, LfS Scotland & Matt Woodthorpe, EAUC</p>
1600		<p>Unpacking Metaskills - Greg Cassidy, Ayrshire College</p>	<p>Educating Towards a Circular Economy - Steven Kiakowski, WasteSwitch Ltd</p>	<p>Evidence-based Approaches to Financial & Operational Challenges - Philip Moseley</p>
1700	<p>Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, SQA</p> <p>Mike Cantlay OBE, Chair, SFC</p>			

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TASTER TALKS

 **Exhibition Hall**  **1100–1400**

Back for Virtual College Expo20! Get a flavour of what our exhibitors have on offer by listening to a short Taster Talk within the Exhibition Hall.

- 1100–1105** **SVQ Research Project**
SQA
- 1110–1115** **Enterprise Education for All**
Bridge 2 Business – Young Enterprise Scotland
- 1120–1125** **Discover your Online National Library**
National Library of Scotland
- 1130–1135** **Mentoring During Lockdown**
The Robertson Trust/Scottish Mentoring Network
- 1140–1145** **ILF Scotland Transition Fund**
ILF Scotland
- 1150–1155** **Employer’s Duty to Refer**
Disclosure Scotland
- 1200–1205** **Supporting students with dyslexia and reading difficulties in their exams**
Scanning Pens
- 1300–1305** **Enhancing colleges’ role in Scotland’s economic recovery post-COVID-19**
Tribal
- 1310–1314** **Supporting your Digital Ambition**
Jisc
- 1320–1325** **How the SCQF can help Scottish Colleges**
SCQF Partnership

- 1330–1335** **Aquaculture Careers**
SAIC/Lantra
- 1340–1345** **The Open University’s BA/BSc (Hons) ‘Open’ degree: a personalised qualification**
The Open University in Scotland
- 1350–1355** **Pathways from HN to Degree**
PATHWAYS

ACTIVE SESSIONS

 **Main Auditorium**  **1100–1600**

- 1100–1130** **Full Body Workout**
West Lothian College
- 1230–1300** **Make your Own Cherry Bakewell Tart**
New College Lanarkshire
- 1430–1500** **Quick and Easy Photopea Tutorial**
Argyll College UHI
- 1530–1600** **Yoga for Beginners**
Yoga with Adriene

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are delighted to welcome the following keynote speakers in the  **Main Auditorium**

Richard Lochhead MSP

**Minister for Further Education,
Higher Education and Science**

Richard was first elected as a North East MSP in 1999 before winning the Moray by-election in 2006. He was Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment in the Scottish Government between 2007 and 2016.

He was appointed Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science in September 2018. Richard was born in Paisley in 1969 and was educated at Williamwood High School, Clarkston, Glasgow. He graduated with BA Honours in Political Studies from Stirling University. Richard's first employment was with the South of Scotland Electricity Board and prior to his election to Holyrood worked for Dundee City Council. He was also employed as constituency office manager for Alex Salmond from 1994 to 1998. Richard is married with two sons and lives near Elgin.



Liam McCabe

President, NUS Scotland

Liam McCabe has been President of NUS Scotland since July 2018, having previously been Vice President of Volunteering and Development at the University of Strathclyde Students' Association.

Liam is a BA (Hons) Social Sciences graduate from Glasgow Caledonian University and is currently on a sabbatical from an MSc Public Policy at the University of Strathclyde.

Liam's focus as President has been encouraging and developing grass roots activism in the student movement, building stronger ties with the trade union movement, pursuing greater investment in college student voice and representation, supporting vulnerable and marginalised student groups to win change for their communities and fighting to address the cost of living issues students face, both due to high costs and a lack of equitable student support.

Liam is a life long trade unionist and a member of the Unite The Union Scottish Youth Committee. He is also a founding trustee of the Bringing Europeans Together Association in Scotland, the Scottish branch of an international charity which provides political education and encourages active citizenship.



KEYNOTES CONTINUED...

Audrey Cumberford MBE

**Principal and Chief Executive,
Edinburgh College**

Having graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Education, Audrey moved to Bristol University to take up a two-year graduate assistant lecturer post, undertaking research within the field of sports psychology. Following this, she left the higher education sector and moved into private industry where she held a number of roles within the pharmaceutical and product design industries, specialising in marketing.



After seven years she returned to education, where most recently she led the West Region merger as Principal of West College Scotland.

Audrey took up post as Principal and Chief Executive of Edinburgh College on 3 September 2018.

Audrey is a member of the Scottish Government's Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board, is Vice Chair of Colleges Scotland's College Principals' Group and was recently appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Matt Lancashire

**Deputy Chief Executive,
SCDI**

Matt Lancashire is Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI), the organisation which represents a cross-section of the private, public and social economy sectors, and seeks to engage Scotland and influence Government and key stakeholders to ensure sustainable inclusive economic growth and flourishing communities, everywhere in Scotland. He was appointed Deputy Chief Executive earlier this year, following three years as Director of Policy and Public Affairs. Matt is a policy specialist with a wealth of experience and background in applied policy, gained in the public and private sectors. Previously, Matt was Scotland Director for Remploy, where he led the Scottish business units operational exit from UK Government ownership, establishing it as a private sector business delivering a portfolio of contracted services worth over £25 million. He has held a number of other senior policy roles, including for Citizens Advice Scotland and the National Union of Students.



KEYNOTES CONTINUED...

Dr James Stanfield

Lecturer in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University

James is a Lecturer in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University and he leads two modules: The Future of Learning in the Digital Age and Investigating Technology Enhanced Learning. From 2013-2019 James worked alongside Sugata Mitra on the TED Prize 'School in the Cloud' project and he continues to research the impact of introducing Self Organised Learning Environments (SOLE) in different contexts around the world. James tweets @jamesstanfield1 and blogs at <https://jamesstanfield.wordpress.com>



Fiona Robertson

Chief Executive, SQA

Fiona Robertson took up post as the Chief Executive of SQA and Scotland's Chief Examining Officer in July last year. Previously Director of Learning at the Scottish Government, Fiona has a wealth of experience across government, first as an economist and latterly in education. This included responsibility for the development and delivery of Curriculum for Excellence, the Scottish Attainment Challenge and the National Improvement Framework for education.



EXHIBITORS

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Bridge 2 Business - Young Enterprise Scotland

 @bridge2business @ye_scotland

Young Enterprise Scotland's Bridge 2 Business programme has been inspiring, connecting and supporting students through enterprise since launching in 2014. Their engaging college programme has seen them engage with over 10,000 students annually. They currently deliver within nine colleges in Scotland. #enterpriseforall

CLD Standards Council

 @cldstandards

The CLD Standards Council Scotland is the professional body for people who work or volunteer in Community Learning & Development including youth work, community development and adult learning. Our mission is to drive high standards of professional practice in the CLD sector by the approval of professional learning, registration of practitioners and enabling professional development.

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College Development Network (CDN) is a skills and sector development agency. Our mission is to maximise the impact of education for learners across the vocational and college system in Scotland.

We have three aims, through which we deliver our mission:

1. We work to improve the quality of teaching and support for learners by developing the skills and expertise of our vocational workforce.
2. We invest in the strategic vision and performance of vocational education, by developing great emerging leaders and excellent governance structures in colleges and beyond.
3. We are a catalyst for sector innovation, by networking colleges and showcasing their expertise, connecting industry and education to boost economic growth, and empowering partnerships that join up the learner journey.

Colleges Scotland

 @CollegesScot

Colleges Scotland is the voice of the college sector in Scotland. 26 colleges operate in 13 regions across Scotland, allowing them to plan nationally and regionally, as well as deliver locally, and there are three regional strategic bodies co-ordinating approaches for colleges in the Highlands and Islands, Glasgow, and Lanarkshire regions.

Our primary role is to support colleges and regional strategic bodies in achieving their aims and objectives, and to cultivate the strength of the college sector in Scotland. This is achieved through policy development, advocating and campaigning on behalf of the college sector, co-ordinating sector-wide engagement on major issues, and maintaining strong and proactive relationships with government, sector agencies, and industry bodies.

Disclosure Scotland

 @DisclosureScot

Disclosure Scotland is an Executive Agency of the Scottish Government. By issuing disclosure certificates of various types it helps employers to make safer, more informed decisions when recruiting people. Furthermore, it administers the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme on behalf of Scottish Ministers to help ensure that unsuitable people do not work with children and/or protected adults.

EPALE UK

 @EPALE_UK

What is EPALE?

Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE) is the go-to site for anyone with a professional role in adult education. Funded by the European Commission, EPALE's aim is to build and support a multilingual online community around a wide range of high-quality educational resources, blog posts, news articles, events and networking tools.

ILF Scotland

 @ILFScotland

The ILF Scotland 2015 Fund is designed to support individuals who have complex disabilities to live independently. The funding makes a positive difference to the lives of recipients.

The new ILF Scotland Transition Fund provides money, for up to one year, to support young people living with disabilities (as defined in the Equality Act 2010) to improve their lives. This includes autism, learning difficulty, physical disability, mental health (e.g. anxiety or depression) or hearing or visual impairments.

The purpose of the Fund is to help young people, between the ages of 16 and 25 living with disabilities, with the transition after leaving school or children's services to be more independent and to continue spending time with other people.

Jisc

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Jisc is the UK higher, further education and skills sectors' not-for-profit organisation for digital services and solutions. They:

- Operate shared digital infrastructure and services
- Negotiate sector-wide deals with IT vendors and commercial publishers, and
- Provide trusted advice and practical assistance for universities, colleges and learning providers.

Find out more at www.jisc.ac.uk

PATHWAYS

 @fifecollege @edinburghcoll @EdinburghNapier @QMUniversity

Study pathways from HNC/D exist across many colleges and universities, but the promotion and understanding of the routes is often complex and difficult for pupils, students and advisers to find and navigate. A multi-region college and university partnership works together with students to create a web solution, launching this summer.

National Library of Scotland

 @natlibscot

The National Library is Scotland's largest reference library and is committed to working with the college sector to support learning. A range of e-resources are freely available and accessible from home for people living in Scotland. Visit our stand to learn more about what the Library can offer you and your students.

SAIC/Lantra

 @scottishaqua @LantraScotland

SAIC is one of eight innovation centres introduced by the Scottish Government. SAIC works with academia and industry focused on fish farming, shellfish and seaweed production.

Lantra supports Scotland's rural economy by increasing the number and diversity of employees in the land-based and aquaculture sector and driving their skills development.

Scanning Pens

 @scanningpens

Scanning Pens is the world's leading supplier of pen scanners. For 16 years they have promoted reading independence and confidence in those who struggle with literacy. Their pen-shaped scanners mostly have built-in screens with included earphones to discreetly support their text-to-speech functions. Those who struggle with reading difficulties, such as dyslexia, are able to develop their independent reading and learning with the support of this assistive technology.

At Bett 2019, Scanning Pens won the Exporter of the Year, and they took home Company of the Year award in 2020. Their ReaderPen and ExamReader have also won a number of awards in 2019.

SCQF Partnership

 @SCQFPartnership

The SCQF Partnership provides a range of support to all colleges in Scotland. As well as support with credit rating activities and free workshops, the SCQFP also encourages colleges to join the SCQF College Ambassador Programme. It aims to encourage colleges to engage with the SCQF in a range of different ways to raise awareness and understanding of the Framework among a wider audience. This will enable college staff to cascade their knowledge of the benefits of the Framework and credit rating across the college with the full support of the SCQF Partnership Executive Team.

Skills Development Scotland

 @skillsdevscot

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is the national skills agency providing Scotland's career services, Scottish Apprenticeships, skills planning, employability skills for individuals and employer support for workforce development.

SDS supports individuals to build their career management, work-based and employability skills, throughout their career journey, from school into further learning opportunities and employment.

SDS works with employers and employer groups on a national, sectoral, regional, local and individual basis; supporting them to recognise and articulate their current and future skills needs and to engage with the skills system to help ensure it better meets those needs in the short, medium and longer term.

SDS is at the forefront of thought leadership, policy and practice in skills planning and alignment, Skills 4.0, metaskills, work-based learning, fully committed to equalities, diversity, inclusion, fair work and well-being. This is brought together in our strategic plan 'Scotland 2035 – A Human Future'.

SQA **HeadlineSponsor** @sqanews

SQA, Scotland's national awarding and accreditation body, works throughout the UK and internationally. In Scotland they develop, maintain, and improve a framework of qualifications delivered in schools, colleges, by employers and training providers.

SQA's Higher National qualifications, vocational qualifications and National Qualifications form the majority of education provision and training in Scotland's colleges.

SQA and CDN support the development of vocational qualifications in the college sector and meet the requirements of the Developing the Young Workforce youth employment strategy. SQA also responds to college sector needs with representation on planning groups and an active involvement in the network itself.

The Open University in Scotland @OUScotland

The most popular university in Scotland for flexible, part-time study. Accessible to all, regardless of age, income, qualifications or geography.

In Scotland, their Articulation Agreements with colleges allow students to transfer credit and turn their HNC or HND into a degree.

Find out more at The Open University's stand or www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes

The Robertson Trust/Scottish Mentoring Network @RobertsonTrust

The Robertson Trust is currently the largest independent grant-making trust in Scotland and has a vision to improve the quality of life and realise the potential of people and communities in Scotland – inspired by the example of founders, the Robertson Sisters.

Scottish Mentoring Network is a membership organisation. Their strength lies in the experience and skills of their member projects who deliver mentoring services across Scotland.

Their role is to connect these members to enable the most effective sharing of good practice, no matter where they are in Scotland.

Tribal **HeadlineSponsor** @tribalgrou

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Find out more: <https://www.tribalgrou.com/software-and-services/analysis-and-benchmarking/financial-benchmarking-analysis>

WasteSwitch Ltd @waste_switch

We aim to provide students the opportunity to develop their values, attitudes and skills towards understanding their role within a circular economy, the environment and leading sustainable lives.

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