

Your Guide

Choose College

VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

Wednesday 26 May 2021



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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the first ever Choose College Virtual Showcase event.

The event will see colleges from across Scotland come together to showcase all that colleges have to offer and share information about college life.

Whether you are thinking of upskilling, retraining, taking the first step in your career or trying something new, you might be surprised at the opportunities available right on your doorstep.

During the Showcase you will get the chance to find out about some of the exciting opportunities colleges offer, the support services available and what college life is like at our seminar sessions. Please also browse our exhibition area and ask questions at the virtual college stands.

We hope you enjoy your time at the Choose College Virtual Showcase, and we look forward to e-meeting you!

Why Choose College?

Watch the video...

Session Times

1500–1700

1900–2100





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Programme

Afternoon 

Sessions

1500

Welcome to the Choose College Virtual Showcase

1505

Keynote Session
Jim Metcalfe, Chief Executive, CDN

1515

Edinburgh College

1530

South Lanarkshire College

1545

Dundee and Angus College

1600

Ayrshire College

1615

Young Person's Guarantee Division
Scottish Government

1630

New College Lanarkshire and
Dumfries and Galloway College

1645

West Lothian College

1700

Final comments and close
Jim Metcalfe, Chief Executive, CDN

College Life

Student Funding and Bursaries
Stay tuned for more information...**Mental Health & Wellbeing**
Topics will include: Student Counselling,
Online Support and more

Programme

Evening 



Sessions

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Welcome Back
Jim Metcalfe, Chief Executive, CDN

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Fife College.

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Forth Valley College

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Glasgow Clyde College

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West College Scotland

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Perth College UHI

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Ayrshire College

2030

West College Scotland

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Final Comments
Mike Cantlay OBE, Scottish Funding Council

2100

Closing Performance
New College Lanarkshire



College Life

Students' Association

Topics will include: Societies & Sports Clubs,
Training for Class Reps, Social Events and more

Student Support

Topics will include: Care Experienced/Young Carers,
Learning Support, Childcare Support and more.



College exhibitors

Argyll College UHI

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Argyll College UHI has 9 learning centres located across Argyll so we're never too far away. We offer a wide range of courses relevant to the local economy – things like agriculture, horticulture, hospitality and maritime, as well as business, computing, childcare and beauty. And because we are part of the University of the Highlands and Islands, you can progress seamlessly onto a degree course in your chosen subject.

We've been pioneers of digital learning and teaching since 1999. This enables us to offer you great quality learning opportunities no matter where you live.

At Argyll College you can be confident that to us, you're a name, and not just a number. We have dedicated support staff in each local learning centre who are there to help and guide you from pre-application, to graduation.

Talk to us today and let us help you to unlock your potential.

Ayrshire College

 [@AyrshireColl](#)

Based in Ayr, Kilmarnock and Kilwinning we offer hundreds of different courses including, engineering, construction, motor vehicle, science, health and social care, early years, sport and fitness, social science, arts, photography and media.

You can find a list of all these courses [here](#).

If you are already in work and would like to do some short courses to improve your skills and qualifications, have a look at our list of [training courses](#).

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provide opportunities for people of all
ages and backgrounds and put learners
at the heart of everything they do.

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Borders College

@BordersCollege

Borders College is located in the Scottish Borders and offers a wide range of courses, from introductory level through to advanced courses at Higher National level, including the full range of apprenticeships. We also provide a large number of industry-based training courses for businesses throughout Scotland.

Our modern Scottish Borders Campus at Netherdale, Galashiels, is home to the majority of our wide range of full-time and part-time courses. Our campus in Hawick and our Rural Skills campus at Newtown St Boswells, along with our Construction Hub at Tweedbank, ensure that students choosing to study with us will benefit from a first-class learning environment.

City of Glasgow College

@CofGCollege

City of Glasgow College is Scotland's largest technical and professional skills college. Its award winning twin-site super campus in the heart of Glasgow offers outstanding resources and opportunities for students to gain essential skills for their future careers.

As Scotland's Super College, it is renowned globally for its work in the maritime, food and hospitality industries and is recognised nationally for its award-winning activity in procurement and creative industries. Its ground-breaking blended learning curriculum helps address sectoral skills shortages and gender gap stereotyping across a number of areas, including early education and childcare, construction, and STEM subjects.

College Development Network (CDN)

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College Development network (CDN) is the national agency in Scotland that supports skills and sector development across colleges and vocational learning.

CDN's three-year Strategic **Framework** 2020-23, sets out five key Outcomes, through which we will realise our mission to support the college and skills system in driving success for students, their wider communities and regional economies.

We will phase our strategic planning over the coming three years to ensure our Outcomes are achieved. As we support staff and students to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, and work with colleges to play their part in Scotland's economic revival by providing people with the skills employers need, there are some objectives we have focused on through the 2020-21 academic session, including:

- Supporting the learning workforce to develop excellent digital skills
- Promoting systems leadership development opportunities across the sector
- Developing collaborative research and enquiry programmes focused on recovery and practical innovation in education and skills
- Ensuring that tackling the climate emergency and building a sustainable economy is at the heart of the post-Covid strategy

Each year we engage with thousands of members of staff working in colleges across Scotland through our training and network events. We also work with learners through our thematic projects like our governance and leadership summit, College Expo event, and College Awards programme.

Colleges Scotland

 @CollegesScot

Colleges Scotland is the collective voice for the college sector in Scotland, supporting and championing the sector by leading and influencing policy, enhancing and maintaining strong partnerships, and demonstrating the positive impacts of the sector. As the membership body, Colleges Scotland represents all 26 colleges in Scotland, which deliver both further education and around 24% of the provision of all higher education in Scotland.

Dumfries and Galloway College

 @DandGCollege

Dumfries and Galloway College is a further education institution set in South West Scotland, proud to be the UK and Ireland's Sustainability Institution of the Year for 2020, and a leading voice in green skills development to help tackle climate change.

We offer a wide range of exciting courses that meet the ever-growing demands of the region and our students.

With Campuses in Dumfries and Stranraer, you can study with us to build your future, to change your career, to learn new skills, to prepare for a better tomorrow and get one step ahead.



Going to study **HNC** **HND** at College?

You need to apply to SAAS now for your fees, loans and bursaries, if you're studying in 2021/22.

Apply Now!

Apply for everything before **30 June** to ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course.

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Dundee and Angus College

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Dundee and Angus College is proud to support the communities of the Dundee and Angus region. It has three campus sites in Dundee and Arbroath and offers a wide range of full and part-time courses to more than 12,000 students. The College provides skills and education for learners at all stages of their learning journey; if you've just left school or need to re-train or learn a new skill in later life, there are courses and services designed to support you.

Dundee and Angus College works extremely hard to ensure your experience at College is the best it can be, so you are successful in all that you do and can achieve your future goals.

Edinburgh College

[@edinburghcoll](https://twitter.com/edinburghcoll)

We are here to support all our students with achieving their career goals and ambitions. We have students from over 120 countries across the world, and from a variety of different backgrounds.

Our courses are created in collaboration with industry, giving you skills and practical experience to ensure you are ready for your next step. You can choose from over 700 courses across 25 different subject areas with full-time, part-time and evening options available that you can fit around your commitments. We also have a range of open learning courses that can be studied from the comfort of your own home. Whatever your reasons are for considering college, our courses can help you achieve your goals and the future you want.



Fife College

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Fife College offer a fantastic range of learning opportunities, from vocational training to professional qualifications. You can even start your degree qualification with us, with around 300 progression routes in place with university partners. Our first rate facilities stretch across five campuses and include a University Hub, fully kitted out construction and engineering workshops, state-of-the-art kitchens, a recording studio, radio station, theatre, computing labs, hair, beauty and make-up salons, and even an aircraft cabin. All this with expert teaching and a wide range of flexible courses suited to the needs of local and national industry.

Forth Valley College

 [@FVCollege](#)

Forth Valley College is a leading provider of further and higher education offering a wide range of courses and training opportunities. We welcome approx 14,500 students per academic session with 94% of students progressing to further studies or employment upon completion of their course.

We offer state-of-the-art campuses across the central belt in Alloa, Falkirk and Stirling. Our provision ranges from access to degree level and includes full-time and part-time courses, evening classes, flexible and online learning, vocational qualifications and business training courses – we truly believe there's something for everyone!

The College works closely with a range of partners to ensure we are delivering opportunities which meet the needs of learners, employers and national skills agendas.

Fuel Change

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The world can't wait for an answer to the carbon crisis. That's why we've acted. Through great innovation, Fuel Change will help create a carbon-free Scotland for the next generation – designed by the next generation.

Glasgow Clyde College

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Glasgow Clyde College is one of Scotland's largest colleges, with campuses in Anniesland, Cardonald and Langside, offering a range of full and part time courses to around 17,000 students each year. We believe inspirational learning can make positive changes in people's lives. Start your learning journey with us.

Glasgow Kelvin College

 [@GKCollege](#)

Transforming Lives Through Education: Glasgow Kelvin College is the key provider of accessible vocational and core-skills learning in the north and east of the city. We deliver inclusive and high-quality introductory to advanced-level programmes to around 15,000 students each year from our four campus buildings, with state-of-the-art facilities and excellent staff teams to provide the right support throughout your learner journey.

We work closely with employer partners to make sure we are delivering the skills they need for their organisation, giving you the edge in that all-important job search. Whatever your starting point, we have courses which will progress you towards the career of your choice and give you the best college experience to equip you for your future in a dynamic and changing economy. Come and be part of the Kelvin Community!

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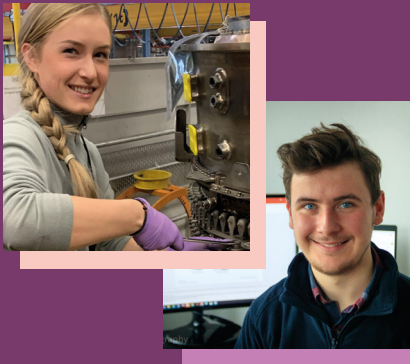
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We will help you find the course that's right for your unique learning journey, whether you are leaving school or looking to return to education.

Choose from a **range of college and university level programmes**,

- Get credit for prior learning and experience,
- Enter at a level which suits your abilities,
- Progress from one programme to the next,
- Exit with a qualification when the time is right for you.

We know things are a little different now. Students can access help from our friendly **Student Support** and **Wellbeing and Learning Support**.

APPLY NOW for places starting in August/September.

Moray College UHI

[@MorayCollege](https://twitter.com/MorayCollege)

As part of the University of the Highlands and Islands and Moray's community college, we offer a unique level of choice and flexibility so you can start your studies where you need to and progress as far as you want.

You can study flexibly with us from entry level to HNC and honours degree giving you the ability to choose the path that best suits your needs.

Our blended learning approach combines online technologies with traditional face to face teaching methods, allowing you more control of the time, place, path and pace of your studies.

Newbattle Abbey College

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Newbattle Abbey College is Scotland's national adult education college, set within an historic 16th century building and 125 acres of woodland in Midlothian.

We offer Access to Higher Education courses, in Arts & Social Sciences, Celtic Studies and Primary Education. These courses give adults the opportunity to return to learning and progress to university. Newbattle offers students a vital second chance to improve their lives.

We also offer an HNC in Social Sciences, run as an Associate Degree in partnership with Queen Margaret University, and an NC in Rural Skills, a 1-year full-time practical course in gardening and estate maintenance.

New College Lanarkshire

 [@NCLanarkshire](#)

New College Lanarkshire operates across Lanarkshire and East Dunbartonshire with campuses in Cumbernauld, Motherwell, Coatbridge, Kirkintilloch, Hamilton and Broadwood.

We offer a wide range of full-time, part-time, evening and commercial courses across six faculties.

We were named 'Best in the UK' at the WorldSkills UK trade skills competition in Birmingham in November 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2019, finishing in the top three in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

We have invested in the latest technology and facilities to ensure that students have the highest calibre of resources. Whether it's computing or digital technologies, sports or science, cars or construction, our focus is on helping students turn a passion into their career.

North East Scotland College

 [@NESCollege](#)

We're ready to help open an exciting new chapter at College – whether you are considering next steps after school, preparing to learn additional skills, embarking on a career change or simply looking to try something different.

Find out more about the engaging, supportive and friendly atmosphere at the heart of College life and about the wide range of courses, qualifications and progression routes available across our Altness, City and Fraserburgh campuses. Applications are open for courses starting in 2021 and our specialist teams are ready to guide you through the process.

Orkney College UHI

 [@OrkneyCollege](#)

Situated on the unique and enchanting Orkney islands, Orkney College UHI is one of the partner colleges that make up the University of the Highlands and Islands. We deliver a wide range of higher education, degree and postgraduate learning options in addition to the traditional base of further education.

- Over 100 courses from school leaver to university postgraduate from Administration to Viking Studies and hundreds more across the UHI partnership
- Flexible learning – part time, full time, modules or full courses – to fit into your life
- Online distance learning courses available
- Full student learning support available
- Funding available for many courses
- Enrolling now for August 2021



Perth College UHI

 @PerthCollegeUHI

It's not too late to begin something positive in 2021! With **courses starting in September**, studying at Perth College UHI gives you the perfect opportunity towards securing a successful future.

There are great progression opportunities. Students can start from entry-level programmes where no previous qualifications are required and work their way up, with many courses going right up to honours degree level. Students can also access help and support from our friendly and helpful **Student Services** and **Wellbeing and Support Service** teams.

View our **full course list** and APPLY NOW as places are filling up fast.

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)

 @SRUCStudy

Whether your passion is for business, science, food, engineering, plants, animals, the environment or just the great outdoors, you will find courses at SRUC tailored to meet the needs of a wide range of land-based industries.

Our courses support local ambitions and global issues. Environmental impact, food miles, sustainable communities, water and energy management, and climate action impact on all our lives, and are of importance whether you have ambitions to manage a golf course or a farm; run your own business or run the country.

SRUC has campuses across Scotland and offers courses at all levels from access and college courses to university degrees and postgraduate qualifications.

South Lanarkshire College

 @SLCek

South Lanarkshire College is one of Scotland's top performing colleges with a great reputation for helping students on the pathway to their chosen career.

Students just like you choose us year in, year out because our courses are developed in partnership with leading local and national employers. That means that as soon as you've completed your studies with us, you'll have exactly what you need to follow your perfect career. Our staff are award-winning, experienced in their field, and specialists in their industry. They're fully committed to helping each and every one of you, every step of the way, with all the support you'll need.

Look to your future at South Lanarkshire College.

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

 @saastweet

The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) is an Executive Agency of the Scottish Government, and we're here to help higher education students find the right information, support and funding. We provide support with tuition fees, bursaries and student loans for Higher Education courses including HNCs, HNDs and degrees.



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SQA helps people to realise their potential and to achieve their ambitions by providing a wide range of highly sought after, internationally recognised qualifications and associated services.

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

West College Scotland

 @WestCollScot

West College Scotland is a modern, ambitious and innovative college.

With over 22,000 students across our campuses in Clydebank, Greenock and Paisley, we are one of Scotland's largest colleges, allowing us to provide greater choice to students, better facilities and enhanced services.

Our 1,200 staff deliver first-class education and training to our students with over 500 courses on offer, including part-time and full-time covering a range of study levels.

Our partnerships with stakeholders from across four local authorities allow us to identify and deliver the training skills needed by a modern regional economy, creating the workforce of the future.

West Highland College UHI

 @WHC_UHI

Most colleges offer a range of courses from school leavers right through to adult learners or work-based learning at whatever stage or level is right for you. West Highland College UHI is no different.

But what makes us stand out is that we have over 10 years' experience in teaching students using a blend of live online and face to face learning. It's your time and you can be confident that we're with you every step of the way.

You can study from one of our 10 local college centres with dedicated support staff or online from home, or a combination of both. From your first enquiry to your final successful career, we're here for you @whc_uhi

West Lothian College

 @WestLoCollege

We are based in Livingston and offer a wide range of further and higher education courses to over 8,000 students each year.

There is a choice of around 80 different National or Higher National Certificate and Diploma programmes with over 2,000 full-time places and over 6,000 part-time opportunities. Our vision is to develop a highly skilled, enterprising and resilient workforce.

We aim to achieve this through high quality courses and qualifications, workplace experiences, apprenticeships, or by supporting your progression to university. We want to help you secure a positive and rewarding career.

West Lothian College is ambitious for you! We want you to be able to make a difference. We want you to progress directly in to a good job or on to university. We want you to succeed and we will do everything we can to help you do just that.



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Reimagining college learning and life**



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