

All girl energy course takes off

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North East Scotland College is running an all-female Energy course at Fraserburgh Academy for the first time. The Skills for Work Energy course is designed to encourage more girls to consider a Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related career. Supported by Score Group plc, the first class of 12 pupils was recently presented with net books by company representatives Fiona Johnston and Steven Wilson. The course is a mix of classroom study, industry visits and workshops and leads to a National 5 qualification in Energy.



Fiona Johnston and Steven Wilson from Score with Ed Walton, DHT Curriculum, Fraserburgh Academy and the energy pupils

Steven Wilson, HSE & Training Manager for Score (Europe) Ltd comments, "Score are delighted to be supporting this course at Fraserburgh Academy. The company recognises the importance of ensuring that young women are fully aware the opportunities presented through STEM involvement. Score continue to offer employment to individuals displaying the necessary skill set regardless of their gender. Industry needs more female mechanical technicians to address the gender imbalance currently experienced. It is anticipated that this initiative will inspire girls to consider careers within the Engineering and Energy Sector."

The Skills for Work course is open to pupils aged 14 to 17.

Deputy Head Teacher Curriculum at the Academy Ed Walton adds, "This course is a valuable addition to the school's curriculum. The Academy are delighted to build on our strong Partnership with NESCOL, and with local employers. The students have responded well to the level of challenge offered by STEM subjects, and we believe that this course will become a gateway to the Energy sector and excellent career opportunities for these girls."

Duncan Abernethy, Head of Business and Community Development said, "I am very pleased that Score has agreed to be a key supporter of this course. This is an extension of the long relationship the College has enjoyed with Score over the years."

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