

## Girls in Energy course powers ahead

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Pupils from Peterhead Academy, enrolled in the Shell sponsored Girls in Energy course, were recently presented with Net books by Steve Anderson, WPSE Team Lead from Shell U.K. Limited. The course, delivered by North East Scotland College (NESCol), is designed to encourage more girls to consider a Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related career.

Duncan Abernethy, Head of Business and Community Development for NESCol comments, "We are delighted that Shell have continued their sponsorship of this vocational based course. The provision of Net books is one of the many ways that Shell assist the students throughout the year, helping to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the opportunities available in the energy sector. Peterhead Academy is one of six schools that are currently sponsored by Shell."

The course is a mix of classroom study, industry visits and workshops and leads to a National 5 qualification in Energy.

John Raine, Social Investment for Shell, said "Shell has a vital role to play in inspiring the next generation of engineers and scientists. We need to develop and recruit the right people to meet one of the biggest challenges facing the world right now: Delivering affordable and sustainable energy, while reducing carbon emissions.

"We know the UK is facing a major shortage of STEM skills. Research tells us that we need to double the number of people going into engineering and critically we need to encourage more women – who are traditionally are under-represented in the sector – to consider a career in the energy industry.

"So, Shell and NESCol have developed a Skills for Work programme called "Girls in Energy" where working in collaboration with our industry partners, we hope to open the students eyes to the wealth of careers available to them in the energy industry."



*Steve Anderson (Shell U.K.) with Head Teacher Shona Sellers and the pupils at Peterhead Academy*

This Skills for Work course is open to pupils aged 14 to 17 at participating schools which include: Banff; The Gordon Schools - Huntly; Meldrum; Mintlaw; Peterhead and Turriff. Previous pupils have progressed onto engineering related courses at the College including the fast track Shell Engineering Scheme.

Head teacher at Peterhead Academy Shona Sellers adds, "This course is a valuable addition to the school's curriculum. The girls not only gain a further National 5 Qualification, but they experience a wide range of skills that prepares them for the world of work and helps them make informed choices about a future career in the energy sector. We are always interested in working with both NESCol and industry partners to help develop Scotland's young workforce."

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