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Success for Engineering Academy Candidates

Fife Council, Economy Planning & Employability Services have added another successful Engineering Academy for young people and adults who wish to embark on an engineering career. With our partners Fife College and local employers the candidates received training covering health and safety, an introduction to welding and fabrication to abrasive wheels. After completing an intensive two weeks at Fife College the participants were offered a ten week placement with various employers. Our participating employers included, PSI, Greenfold Systems, Brand-rex, Smith Anderson, AJS and Fife Fabrications, providing a wide and diverse insight into engineering.

As the participants worked through their placement, the employers had the opportunity to get to know these potential engineers and observe their standard of work, enthusiasm and commitment.

‘The engineering Academies are an excellent medium to use to find the best potential engineers and a placement allows the candidates to get to know us.

Taking on board young people and those with a little more life skills through the Fife Job Contract, provides a level of support for the young person and the employer. I

would recommend this approach for employers,' said John Penman, Sales and Marketing Director, Fife Fabrication; Chairman Fife Engineering Consortium.

During the Academy the participants were offered the opportunity to see one of Scotland's own extreme engineering accomplishments with a visit to Cruachan Power Station.

'It was a long run to get there but when you see for yourself the level of engineering and what has been achieved, it was really worth it, ' said Jay Tullis, apprentice with PSI, Dalgety Bay.

' The tour was really informative you can see the achievements and it blends into the environment, it's outstanding – this is why I want to be an engineer, ' stated Lewis To, apprentice with AJS.

The Fife Job Contract (January 2015 – April 2017) is funded by fife Council and is supported by the Opportunities Fife partnership.

It gives young people and adults a chance to access jobs and training including apprenticeships.

Councillor Tony Martin Fife Council's Youth Ambassador said: "In Fife we are striving to create jobs and apprentices for our young people and adults.

"Fife Council's investment of £5million pounds has already created 460 jobs in the last 12 months and will go on to create over 700 in partnership with local employers."

Depute Council Leader Lesley Laird, spokesperson for Economy and Planning added: "The Opportunities Fife Partnership is working together with local employers to help put Fife at the forefront of employability and it's wonderful to hear a local company is investing in our young people and adults.

“This project is giving young people and adults a really opportunity to find their way into the right career for them.”

For more information on Fife Youth Job Contract, news and job vacancies:

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1. Cruachan Power Station, with staff member Ishbel
2. Apprentices with employers and Fife Council, Fife Job Contract Team

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Opportunities Fife is a partnership which includes Fife Council, SDS, JCP, third sector and voluntary sector organisation and Fife College. The engineering Consortium is a consortium of businesses based I Fife who working together are seeking to support additional jobs training and apprenticeship within the engineering sector. (Consortium of 52 businesses).