



SCOTLAND'S COLLEGES

REVIEW OF SCOTLAND'S COLLEGES – “UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY” - OCTOBER 2006.

What the Report concludes?

- > Scotland's Colleges make a key contribution to economic prosperity
- > Scotland's Colleges make a key contribution to tackling poverty and disadvantage
- > Scotland's Colleges help narrow the gap in employment and reduce economic inactivity
- > Scotland's Colleges enrich the cultural fabric of the nation
- > Scotland's Colleges help Scotland connect globally
- > Scotland's Colleges increase confidence and personal fulfilment

What is our economic impact?

- > "For every £1 invested in Scotland's Colleges, Scotland's economy benefits by at least £3.20."
- > "This represents an excellent return on investment."
- > "Scotland's Colleges contribute at least £1.3bn to the economy through improving qualifications."

What the students say?

- > "If there was no college, I'd have been forced into a dead-end job."
- > "College is the reason why I get up in the morning."

- > "Without College, boredom would have resulted in me returning to drugs."
- > "For many students the prospect of going straight to university is simply too overwhelming and beginning at college seems a more comfortable option."

What the media says?

- > "The number of enrolments in FE also shows healthy activity – up from 234,000 in 1994/95 to 394,000 in 2004/05 on vocational programmes, an increase of around 70%."
- > "In terms of bangs for the buck, Colleges deliver magnificently for society, particularly in deprived areas."

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What is important to a Future Scotland?

- > Sustainable economic growth
- > Highly skilled and adaptable workforce
- > Quality physical infrastructure
- > Social justice for all
- > Connectivity to the rest of the world
- > Valuing all in our society
- > Healthy, safe and caring communities

Where can Scotland's College make a bigger difference?

- > Addressing Scotland's NEET problem
- > Enhancing vocational education for Scotland's school pupils
- > Improving the flow of knowledge between colleges and business
- > Building Scotland's skill base
- > Developing Scotland's Care and Health sector workforce
- > Addressing disadvantage in Scotland's most deprived communities

- > Developing and sustaining Scotland's remote and rural communities
- > Delivering English language training for Scotland's inward migrants
- > Addressing low levels of adult literacy and numeracy in Scotland
- > Nourishing Scotland's culture of enterprise and entrepreneurship
- > Developing community hubs across Scotland
- > Promoting volunteering activities in Scotland