



## CASE STUDY

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### **Anniesland College Highly Commended for Palestinian NVQ Project At National Awards Ceremony**

Scotland's Colleges are pleased to announce Anniesland College has been Highly Commended in the International category, which is sponsored by Triple-e, at their Annual Awards 2011.

The College has been recognised for their work in developing a vocational training framework for students in Palestine.

Since 2009, Anniesland College have created the Skills for Employability Project with Palestinian Colleges in the West Bank Territory – *Hisham Hijawi Technical College* (Nablus), *UNRWA WTC* (Ramallah), the *Palestine Technical College Al-Arroub* (Hebron) and the *Palestine Technical College for Girls* (Ramallah).

Their main objective was to support a region with no economic infrastructure and limited exposure to college based vocational training. The College designed the project with the support of a grant from the British Council. It was primarily set up to assist college leaders, Deans and lecturing staff in shaping their curriculum and quality structures to better meet the employability needs of learners in the West Bank.

In the later stages of the project the focus shifted slightly, concentrating more on assisting the Palestinians to develop and consolidate their own National Vocational Qualifications framework. A huge effort was made also to engage local employers in the design and development of the curriculum.

Funding from the British Council ended in July 2011 – since this time partners have continued with the collaboration and Anniesland College is working to ensure relationships and achievements are developed on. Work has also started on translating the course materials into Arabic.

Staff in Anniesland College are now sharing their knowledge and experience with other UK institutions who wish to be involved in the Palestinian Territories.

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