

Cardonald College

Welcomes Turkish Visitors

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Cardonald College has recently been awarded a contract to deliver a short course - Certificate in Training Practice - to fourteen Turkish professionals. The visitors, who are studying at Cardonald College from 14–30 November, are all employees of IGDAS (the leading gas distribution company of Turkey).

The contract is a direct result of a Trade Mission to Turkey, organised by Scottish Development International (SDI), which enabled College Lecturer, Colin Gordon, to visit the country and learn more about the energy and engineering sector in Istanbul.

“Part of SDI’s role is to identify organisations in Scotland with significant expertise and match them with companies overseas that need to access that level of skill. Cardonald College’s capabilities in the gas and water industries were ideal to take to Turkey, which the results have shown,” said Hadi Fawzey, Senior Executive with International Operations at SDI.

It was quickly apparent from discussions with IGDAS that both organisations could benefit from partnership working; IGDAS with their technical expertise in engineering and the College with a proven track record in delivering education and training to specific industries.

IGDAS management were not only impressed by the College’s experience but also of the reputation of Scotland generally; they hold high regard for Scottish history and culture. This along with IGDAS’ policy of allowing employees to train in different countries and experience different cultural values aided discussions.

Colin Gordon said: “The trade mission to Turkey was of great interest and benefit to the College. I am very impressed by the positive contribution IGDAS makes to the air quality and environment of the city of Istanbul. During our meetings in Turkey and while attending Cardonald College we have shared expertise in the application of gas technology and shared our experience of training course design and delivery with our visitors.

This demonstrates the expertise that exists within the College, which goes beyond energy and engineering, to include textiles and fashion and creative industries. We look forward to building our partnership with IGDAS and other overseas businesses in the future.”

Notes to editors:

1. Scottish Development International works to attract inward investment and knowledge to Scotland in order to help the economy grow. SDI also works to help Scottish companies do more business overseas and to promote Scotland as a good place to live, work and do business. It is jointly operated by the Scottish Executive and Scottish Enterprise. Its work is guided by the global connections theme of the Scottish Executive's Smart Successful Scotland strategy for economic development in Scotland.
2. Scottish Enterprise is the main economic development agency for Scotland covering 93% of the population from Grampian to the Borders. The Scottish Enterprise Network consists of Scottish Enterprise and 12 Local Enterprise Companies. Working in partnership with the private and public sectors the Network aims to build more and better businesses, to develop the skills and knowledge of Scottish people, and to encourage innovation to make Scottish business internationally competitive. Further information on Scottish Enterprise is available at www.scottish-enterprise.com.

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