

Cumbernauld College

Leonardo da Vinci Workplacement Opportunities in Europe

Leonardo da Vinci is a European Community programme which aims to support national training strategies through funding a range of transnational partnership projects aimed at improving quality, fostering innovation and promoting the European dimension in vocational training.

Cumbernauld College have been successful in attracting funding from the European Community Leonardo da Vinci Mobility programme to enable college students and organisations to participate in a work experience exchange programme in a number of partner EU countries.

To date we have sent more than 300 students from the college and partner agencies to France, Germany, Ireland, Malta, Spain, Italy and Lithuania. The college students are from a number of disciplines such as Catering, Beauty Care, Hairdressing and Tourism. From partner agencies we have sent aspiring footballers to professional clubs in Europe, trainees through the Scottish Rugby Union to Ireland and disaffected young people from Street League to state-of-the-art sport facilities in Malta.

The programme involves individuals entering a work experience placement with an employer for a period from 3 weeks to 9 months to enable them to build on their academic skills, vocational or soft, and improve their employability. The project provides funding towards travel, accommodation, subsistence and language training.

The work placements are for people who need to develop work-related skills in order to become better integrated into the workforce. It also enables the individual to learn about the culture of the host country and develop their language skills. You are supported in the exchange by a mentor appointed by the host company who also organise the placement, accommodation, local transport and additional support if required.

Under a reciprocal agreement we have hosted trainees chefs from the Helene Boucher school in Lyon, France waiters and cooks from Lithuania, Electricians, IT and electronic trainees from Spain and front of house staff for Hotels from Italy.

We arrange placements with suitable providers, secure accommodation within budget, provide mentor support, deliver English as a Second Language and try to offer some various cultural activities.

International Student Activity

Cumbernauld college has also visited Turkey under the auspices of a Leonardo exchange programme and been in subsequent dialogue with a number of potential partners with the following outcomes:

- a) Preparation programmes for up to 9 months for pre-University students from Turkey who would attend Cumbernauld College studying contextualised English that would be relevant to their future course programmes.

- b) Short 6 to 9 week one way exchange programmes for Turkish students in Cumbernauld over the summer period of July and August with study based on the English language and perhaps tied to a vocational area.

The photograph below is the young aspiring footballers from Clyde football club who participated in an exchange with FC Hansa Rostock who play in the German football league. The trainees learned about the training methods delivered by the local coaches to their trainees. They are pictured with College principal, Brian Lister and Bernd Ziemer, Head of Youth Development at FC Hansa Rostock.



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