

South Lanarkshire College Student Report

A summary of the report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education on South Lanarkshire College.

January 2011

HMIE said the following about students at SLC:

"... learners participated in the recent National Union of Students (NUS) carbon footprint project and gained skills in reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

"Learners work well in classes and enjoy their programmes."

"The college celebrates and records learner success very effectively."

"Most learners complete their programme and attain the qualifications they set out to achieve."

"Recent successes include the SQA Skills Competitor of the Year 2009, SkillBuild and the Helena Kennedy Awards 2009."

"Across the curriculum areas, learners enhance their employability and citizenship skills by participating in a range of relevant activities within the college and the local community."

"Teaching staff provide high-quality feedback on skills development and make good use of opportunities to assess and reinforce learners' knowledge and understanding."

The college will continue to listen to and consider student feedback and will let students know through the "You said ... We did" information points the actions taken in response to feedback. Two specific areas that the college is considering at the moment are how to help the Student Association raise awareness of its activities among the whole student population and how to ensure that students on all programmes have opportunities to attain certification for their development of core skills.



This report for South Lanarkshire College students consists mainly of extracts from the South Lanarkshire College HMIE report published in January 2011. The full published HMIE report is Crown copyright and the extracts contained in this report are with the full permission of HMIE. This report has been produced by South Lanarkshire College and reviewed by HMIE before publication.

South Lanarkshire College East Kilbride,
College Way, East Kilbride G75 0NE
Telephone: 01355 807780 Web: www.slc.ac.uk



Hi. I'm Katie McCall, the President of South Lanarkshire College's Student Association.

During the week of 25 October 2010, the college was reviewed by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education. They observed learning and teaching and had discussions with around 250 students and staff. They also contacted community groups, employers and other partner organisations of the college.

I was present at the feedback meeting to hear the HMIE Review Team confirm what we, the students, already know ... our college is a fantastic place to study!"

This short summary report contains some of the key things they found. Their full published report is available on the web at www.hmie.gov.uk

Jane McCartney, the Chair of the College Board of Management, is delighted that HMIE has endorsed the Board's view that South Lanarkshire College is delivering its vision. "It is clear that we are the leading provider of college education and training in Scotland".

The HMIE report is an outstanding report. HMIE reported "full confidence" in the college, six examples of "excellent" practice or "sector leading and innovative practice" and not a single main point for action.

No other college in Scotland has had such a good report. This is a reflection of the commitment and high quality of staff and student work.

In the HMIE report, they say: "HMIE is confident that

- learners are progressing well and achieving relevant, high quality outcomes.
- the college has in place high quality learning and teaching processes.
- learners are actively engaged in enhancing their own learning and the work and life of the college.
- the college is led well and is enhancing the quality of its services for learners and other stakeholders."

In the list of strengths, HMIE describe leadership across the college as "clear . . . very effective . . . outstanding"

HMIE reported lots of strengths that directly affect students:

"In planning for effective teaching and learning, teaching staff take very good account of the important college aim to prepare learners for employment."

"Attainment rates for FE level programmes with a national qualification aim are consistently very high over the previous three-year period and well above sector average values."

"Course teams take very good account of the views of learners, employers, statutory bodies and other stakeholders on a range of programme issues."

"An important feature of many full-time programmes is a period of very useful work experience for learners."

"Sustainability is embedded in much of the college's provision."

"Teaching staff and guidance tutors provide very effective on-course guidance and support."

"The college prepares learners very well for employment and further study."

