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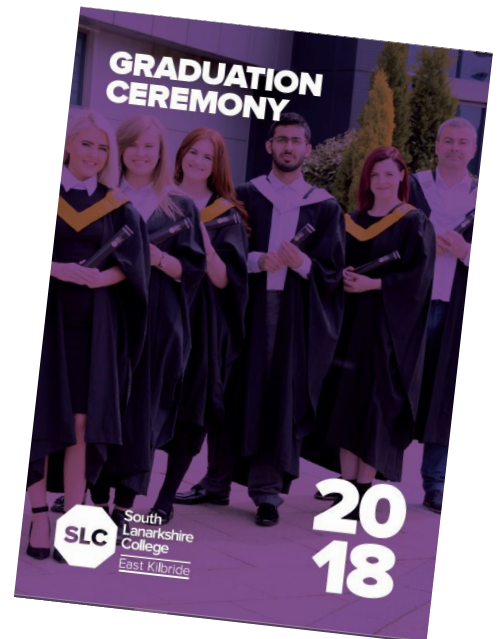
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GRADUATION 2018

Congratulations to all our students who graduated at our two Graduation Ceremonies in Hamilton Town House on 22 and 23 October and came along to the Graduation dinner on 25 October.

This year we had over 300 attendees at the Graduation and over 150 celebrating their success at the dinner.

Congratulatory messages appeared on billboards in East Kilbride and on banners outside the College and the Town House and all across social media.



Well done to all our
2018 GRADUATES



#SLCgraduation



Graduation 2018



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Graduation Dinner 2018



GRADUATION DINNER



South Lanarkshire College
East Kilbride



Graduation Dinner 2018



Construction Awards 18

This year's Annual Construction Awards took place in the grandeur of the Hamilton Town House on Monday September 17. Guests were met on arrival by a Piper and escorted through to a reception area where they could meet other award winners and their guests. There were 65 students who collected awards on the night and they were well supported by family, friends and employers. The Student Association President, College and faculty staff were also present to applaud the award winners. Amongst the staff members were a number of retired lecturers who, as James Martin reminded us were the early pioneers of the faculty whose high standards we still aspire to achieve.

There was hardly a spare seat on the night with an estimated 220 guests, which included representatives from a wide array of trade associations, sponsors, guest presenters and stakeholders such as CITB, employers and Local Authorities.

The event was opened by the Principal with words of welcome and an outline of the continuing success of the College and the important role the faculty plays of delivering qualifications and training required by industry. The Principal introduced the first guest speaker of the evening, William McNaughton. William is an adult apprentice who is in the last year of his apprenticeship and was in line to receive a couple of awards on the night. His well delivered and highly engaging speech was focused on the hard work and dedication that it takes to become a success, and how important it is to make the best of the opportunities you create.

Associate Principal James Martin was next to the podium to invite the presenters of the awards to the stage before announcing the names of the award winners from the following categories: Endeavour Awards, Pre-Apprenticeship, Painting and Decorating, Plastering, Bricklaying, Roof Slating and Tiling, Carpentry and Joinery, Plumbing, Gas and Sustainability, HNC and HND Construction Management, Surveying and Quantity Surveying. This concluded the first part of the evening and guests enjoyed the opportunity during the interval to share success stories and some light refreshments.

The second part of the evening was commenced by the Principal who introduced Guest Speaker, Iona Oliver. Iona is a lecturer in the Construction Faculty and she delivered a serious message of achieving greater gender balance in the Construction Industry which is something that the faculty share her passion for and commitment to.

The success of all our student competitors who have represented the college at local, regional and national was celebrated at the night and it was noted that two of the recipients are going on to represent the College at the UK National Skillbuild finals in November. The audience showed their appreciation of these students with a resounding round of applause and before they left the stage James Martin wished them all continued success, especially our two UK Skillbuild Finalists Jed Smith (Bricklaying) and James Westland (Carpentry and Joinery).



Construction Awards 18

The climax of the awards night is the selection from over 2000 students of the 'Best of the Best'. This award is presented to the best overall Faculty of Construction student from all disciplines and across all programmes of study.

The recipient will have demonstrated outstanding commitment to learning their craft skills and knowledge, as well as contributing to the learning of others and enhancing the reputation of the College. Tension filled the room as the names of the three shortlisted nominees and the testimony from their lecturers was read out and you could have heard a pin drop in that moment of suspense before Dylan McLauchlan's name was announced. Dylan made his way to the stage to collect his award with his family and employer's standing ovation adding to the applause of the audience. Presenting Dylan was the Sponsor of this award Alec Douglas, Managing Director of South Lanarkshire Building Supplies.

Closing remarks and the vote of thanks were provided by the Chair of the College Board of Management, Andy Kerr. As Chair he paid tribute to the success of the students, the support they receive from family, employers and their lecturers and all of the hard work that had went into organising the event.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE
**CONSTRUCTION
AWARDS**
2018



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Construction Awards



Around The College

It's a Knockout!

Check out our Faculty of Business staff and their friends and family taking part in 'It's a Knockout'.

Loads of fun challenges and obstacles. Freezing cold water and lots of bubbles!

A good day was had by all.



It's a Knockout!

HND Event students had an excellent visit at the BAad (Barras Art and Design) <https://baadglasgow.com/>

They enjoyed an excellent tour and informative presentation about this exciting venue.



Theatre

HND Make-up artistry students were once again asked to work with Pantheon Theatre group to provide hair and makeup for their production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the King's Theatre in Glasgow.

The 8-performance run of the show ran from October 8th -13th and saw more than 25 students involved in the hair and makeup for a cast of more than 30 actors.



Dementia Awareness

Our first year Business students were delighted to take part in the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Awareness Workshop.

The students found it rewarding and made them aware of many of the factors around this area.



Around The College

Company Ethos

The founder of Scottish skin care company Live Native provided a seminar to best inform the HND beauty therapy and HND complementary therapy students of her company's ethos, the reasons behind the brand and the potential dangers of the use of some of the ingredients being used within our daily products. This activity has increased the students knowledge and understanding in preparation for their product knowledge assignment. and awareness of ingredients and how to make your own products.

Live Native skin products are Fair Trade, cruelty free, toxin free, raw vegan organic - free from chemical fertilisers, pesticides, herbicide and insecticides. We will never add colourings, preservatives, parabens or phthalates, petroleum by-products, synthetic fragrance, alcohol, unnatural stabilisers - in fact, any of the usual skincare 'nasties'. (Livenative.com, 2018)

Student Talk

Our first year Human Resource Management students were delighted to take part in a discussion with Linda Whitla of EDF Energy.

Linda is Head of HR within Nuclear Generation and the students found it rewarding to hear how a large international company operates.



Business Gateway

Mario Alonzi from Business gateway visited our HNC Accounting students to talk to them about their business planning unit.

Information included relevant points about funding; current tax and insurance legislation; confidence building exercises and how to receive a support system from Business Gateway.

The workshop was delivered in a very positive manner and students felt confident about taking the presented ideas forward and presenting them in a formal business plan.



Site Visit

Students from our HND Construction Management visited a Springfield Homes construction site in Airbles Road Motherwell.

The visit showcased modern forms of construction techniques and methods.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Around The College

Student Poultry Challenge

SVQ Level 6 Professional Cookery students Alex McNally and James White recently participated in a new competition format designed by 'Major' foodservice brand.

They had only 50 minutes to prepare, cook and serve 2 portions of a chicken dish using one or more of the 'Major' brand stock and sauce enhancers.

Alex produced a dish of Roast Crown of Poussin with a Wild Mushroom Risotto, Roast Shallots and Asparagus.

James produced a dish of Breast of Chicken with Haggis wrapped in Parma Ham accompanied with Rumbledethumps, Roast Shallots and a Whisky Sauce.

This was their first competition and they only had one practice session 4 days before the competition. Chef Lecturer, David Auchie, was delighted that they both were awarded Bronze medals.



'College to Uni' Taster

Our second year HND Business Students went along to a "College to Uni" taster afternoon at the new UWS Hamilton Campus. It was very informative and the afternoon was broken down into different workshops including UCAS applications and finished off with a guided tour. The students were all very impressed.



Crossbasket Visit

Our HNC Events and HND Tourism students were fortunate enough to have a tour of the stunning luxury Crossbasket Castle Hotel

They even got to visit the honeymoon suite which sits over 3 floors within the castle tower dating back to the 1700's. The tour gave them insight into organising weddings and corporate conferences which is linked to many of their units. They also learned about green tourism practices such as using renewable energy and the challenges of operating out of a listed building.

It was great to see this wonderful location right on our doorstep.



Great Scottish Run

A massive well done to all 11 members of staff who were part of team "Pace Cadets" participating in the Great Scottish Run 10k and Half Marathon events on Sunday 30th of September.



Around The College

Skillbuild Finals 2018

Good luck to our construction students who are participating in this year's Skillbuild finals.

The finals are a culmination of regional heats with the highest point scores going to the national final held at WorldSkills UK LIVE at the NECC Birmingham. It's a demanding and highly competitive competition and to get to this stage is a fantastic achievement on its own.

Well done and good luck #itscominghome

Plastering: Lewis Smith

Bricklaying: Jed Smith

Carpentry & Joinery: James Westland



Restaurant Visit

Some of our part time Life Options students had a wonderful time in the training restaurant. Many thanks to the restaurant staff that day for all their patience and support.



UCAS presentations are now running on a Monday and Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30-1pm in room 104. Providing helpful hints and information to help with UCAS applications. No need to book, just come along at 12.30.

ESOL drop in workshop from 9-1pm in room 102 every Friday. Focus on academic speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for students whose first language is not English.

Around The College

Scottish Tourism Conference

Our HND Travel and Tourism students attended the Scottish Tourism Alliance conference at the EICC, Edinburgh with lecturer Joan Bell. The visit went extremely well as the students were able to network with representatives from many companies within the hospitality and tourism sectors as well being able to listen to various guest speakers.

The students are currently working on 'The Influences on the Travel and Tourism Industry' unit as part of their course and this conference gave many insights into what is impacting many areas. The guest speakers gave insightful knowledge into the positive and negative impacts on the Scottish Tourism. The students were set a task to detail Political, Economical, Social, Technological, Environmental and Legal issues affecting the Travel and Tourism Industry in Scotland discussed by each speaker. These notes will act as excellent primary and secondary research which will assist them with content for 2 reports that must be completed as part of the unit.

They had an excellent opportunity to hear Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister for Scotland discuss issues such as Brexit, how it will impact Scottish Tourism, WiFi Connectivity in rural parts of Scotland, the Transport Infrastructure, areas for improvement e.g. ferry network to the Western Isles, Tourism Tax, the First Minister committed to enter into consultation with COSLA and the STA over this hot topic. This certainly gave the students plenty of material.

Networking opportunities are excellent at these events and I have secured a class visit surrounding sustainability with the Fisher Group, who provide laundry services for most of the hotels in Scotland. They pride themselves in sustainable practices in their factory in Coatbridge. This visit will act as a direct link for the HND students studying Planning and Sustainable Development in Tourism.

Overall, the STA Conference was an excellent learning opportunity for the students and assisted me with my learning and teaching of the above unit.



Dulux Academy

Our Painting and Decorating Department are proud to announce that we're now a Dulux Academy, in fact, we're the only one in Scotland.

The aim of the academy is to revive, protect and promote the painting and decorating industry, using a team of industry leading experts to support training. Partnerships with several leading suppliers and manufacturers from the industry allows this training to take place, using the most advanced materials and equipment that the industry has to offer.

We'll be one of only 5 satellite academies across the UK, with the others being based in Leeds, Bolton, Walsall and Lincoln. Dulux also have 2 main academies, one is based at their head quarters in Slough, and the other is at the new state of the art production facility in Ashington.

Our staff and students will benefit greatly from having the Dulux Academy on site, with CPD events, not only from Dulux experts, but from partners such as Tesa, Mirka and Graham and Brown. Staff and students will also attend training events at the main academy in Ashington, take part in guided tours of the paint production plant and have access to the nearby Graham and Brown wallpaper factory.

We'll be holding an event to celebrate the opening of our academy, and will no doubt have some Dulux experts and staff in attendance, we're very excited to say that the guest of honour that day will be the Dulux Dog!



Around The College

Tesa Tapes

Tesa Tapes visited the College as part of our partnership with the Dulux Academy. They're a leading manufacturer of tapes and adhesives and are especially recognised throughout the painting and decorating sector for the quality of their precision range of masking tapes, and the training programme they have rolled out designed for professional decorators of the future.

Jonathan Snow, a representative from Tesa, spent the day in college training staff and students on the various types of tapes and their uses. Students were given the opportunity to try the tapes in practical situations and were also given free samples. Jonathan commented "we continue to recognise the importance of supporting the painting & decorating workforce of the future, and believe that sharing our expertise will provide these students with the additional knowledge to contribute to a successful career"

Tesa have also developed a Professional Decorator app which will be a great asset to the students, giving them access to advice on which tapes to use for a particular job.

Movember

It's the month of "Movember" and South Lanarkshire College will be supporting the campaign to tackle prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Please look out for the information stand which will be displayed in the Atrium and our toilet door campaign. We also have 14 staff members representing South Lanarkshire College in the MoRun 5k and 10k events on Sunday 11th of November. Good luck to all "Moving for Movember", "Growing a Mo" or hosting their own "Mo-ment" event.

Please visit the Movember website to find out more information.



SEC Tour

Our HNC Events and Tourism classes were extremely fortunate to receive various talks and a tour of the newly branded SEC, Scottish Event Campus comprising of the SEC, Hydro and Armadillo. We're the only college to receive this tour as they normally only work with students from Strathclyde University.

The Head of International Conferences spoke about the bids process and how they reach their £6 million annual target. She also spoke about the importance of working with other organisations such as Visit Scotland and the Glasgow Convention Bureau to sell not only the venue space but Glasgow and Scotland as a whole.

The Head of Exhibitions spoke about the 50+ exhibitions they deliver annually which fall into different sectors such as trade, consumers and how they approach their tenders.

The Head of Security went into great detail of the significant change in public safety after the Manchester Arena attack and all the new risk profiling they now have in place. They work closely with all emergency services and have various strategies in place to make sure they're prepared for any eventuality. She also briefly spoke about their sustainable policies, such as, their Gold Green Tourism Business Scheme Award, planting 160,000 trees a year and working with the community on various recycling and food composting initiatives.

All in all, it was an extremely insightful tour with the most up to date industry information shared with the students.

Hopefully this can become an annual visit for the students as it links into many of their assessments and provides them with essential information for their research projects.

The HR manager said she would email all the powerpoints so we can use them in class to share with the students.



All Staff Conference 2018

YOU ROCK

The theme this year for our All Staff Conference “You Rock”.

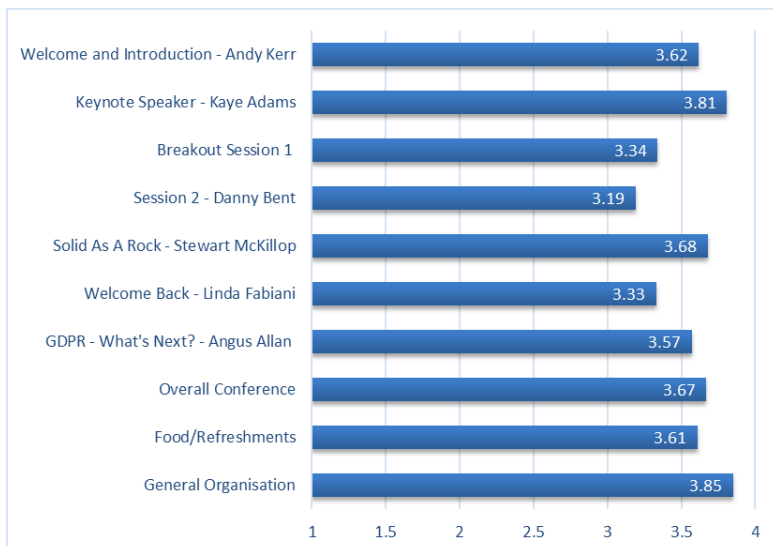
We were welcomed and introduced to our new chair Andy Kerr.

Kaye Adams joined as our Keynote speaker and delivered a positive, inspiring message.

We also had Danny Bent, a motivational external speaker and Linda Fabiani, the MSP for East Kilbride and a Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament.

The breakout session was designed to be fun, informative and enhanced our cross-college collaboration.

All sessions were extremely well received and staff feedback was very positive with a range of comments on feedback forms which can be seen in our word cloud.








YOU ROCK



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Around The College

	Circuit Training Personal trainer led circuits	Contact Human Resources to book a place	Tuesday 4:35 – 5:30pm (Staff Room)
	Scottish Slimmers The College provides a weekly Scottish Slimmers Class which is free to all staff	Contact Human Resources to book a place	Wednesday 7:30am – 9:00am (Room 328)
	Sing – Sing / Staff Choir All staff are welcome to attend regardless of ability, there are no auditions. Please come along and take your vocal skill to a new level.	Contact Human Resources to book a place	Wednesday 12:00am – 1:00pm (Room A103 – Annex)
	Running/Walking Group Various levels of intensity and distances, personal trainer led.	Contact Human Resources to book a place	Wednesday 4:35pm – 5:30pm (Meet in the Atrium)
	Mindfulness We offer weekly Mindfulness classes	Contact Advice Centre for more info	Thursday 12:15pm – 1:00pm (LG72) & 4:45pm – 5:30pm (Library Group Study Room)

World Mental Health Day

The theme of this year’s World Mental Health day was ‘young people and mental health in a changing world’.

The College’s Mental Health working group in conjunction with Hospitality students and staff hosted a Positvi-Tea event in the Bistro encouraging everyone to take a break and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee, juice, and cakes.

Lanarkshire Action for Mental Health (LAMH), the Student Association and Christine Bush (from the Chaplaincy team) hosted information stands.

Marianne Murphy and Nikki Smith (Health and Social Care Lecturers) encouraged people to take time out to for a lunchtime reducing stress, relaxation technique workshop and Beauty students provided mini manicures on the second floor.

A massive thank you to everyone who got involved.



Around The College

Pride Glasgow

To celebrate and show support for LGBT+ equality, Students and Staff were proud to join 5000 people marching in the colourful Pride Glasgow parade.

We also hosted an information stand in the Community Expo at the Kelvingrove Park festival which as well as being a fun and a safe environment for LGBT+ people to relax and be themselves is also about messages and education - a great opportunity for the College to showcase what we do. The sun shone and the rain stayed away.

It was a fantastic day!



Leaders in Diversity

We achieved Leaders in Diversity status for the second time in September 2016.

This highly prized quality mark recognises an effective, all-encompassing approach to managing equality, diversity and inclusion within the College. It focuses on our approach to Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement (FREDIE for short).

The College is about to undertake a review with the National Centre of Diversity to ensure inclusive values continue to be embedded and advanced and we need you to help us understand where we are now.

The link to the staff survey was sent to all staff by internal mail and the student link is on the College portal.

Please allow yourself 15-20 minutes to let us know your views by completing the survey:

This is a chance for you to express your honest opinion regarding your experience and knowledge of our College in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion.

Survey responses are anonymous and directed straight to the National Centre for Diversity.

All feedback will form part of the College's equality, diversity and inclusion action plan.

The survey opens on Monday 29th October and closes on Friday 16th November.

Please get in touch if you would like an alternative format or have any questions.

For further information on the survey please get in touch with:
humanresources@slc.ac.uk



Leaders in Diversity

Around The College

Health & Wellbeing Event

Our Health & Wellbeing Event had lots going on to promote the importance of looking after yourself including:

An EXPO in the Atrium with a diverse range of organisations hosting information stands.

The Lifesavers Scotland Motorbike had pride of place in the Atrium thanks to Fraser McCormick who was delighted that 12 people were interested in volunteering and one started that week fantastic result! <http://www.lifesaversscotland.org/>

Scotblood brought the donation pods to the College and collected 38 donations thus helping to save and improve the lives of people across Scotland.

Staff were offered a winter flu vaccination.

HNC Care and Administrative Practice students provided Health MOT's.

Staff with caring responsibilities met up at lunchtime on Friday.

Hair and Beauty students provided complimentary treatments.

The Healthy N Happy Shake Machine was here with a fun way to exercise and make a smoothie at the same time.

Lots of people joined the Student Association walking a mile with a smile at lunchtime.

Everyone got the chance to enjoy a complimentary porridge for breakfast and soup and fruit for lunch.

And to finish the week off the HNC Events students hosted a fantastic Pink Friday in aid of Breast Cancer Care.

A massive thanks to everyone who got involved.

Feedback: It's hoped these events are useful and enjoyable for everyone and feedback is welcome: humanresources@slc.ac.uk



Around The College



SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE

As a result of the generosity shown by everyone during our recent donating session, we welcomed **47** volunteers and collected **38** units of blood.

Your donations are already benefiting those patients in urgent need of blood or blood products in our hospitals.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

We look forward to welcoming you when we next visit.



Edward Ford
Head of Donor Services, West

0345 90 90 999



www.scotblood.co.uk

Freshers

Freshers' week 2018 went off with a bang as we welcomed a wide range of organisations to provide students with guidance and advice in everything from volunteering, fitness and personal finance.

There was a lot of activity in the main atrium during the five day event with plenty of freebies up for grabs. Clyde 1 kept us tuned in with music and laughter throughout.

A huge thank you to all the organisations and staff involved for helping make Freshers' week successful.



TOP REASONS TO USE YOUR LIBRARY

- Core text books
- eBooks
- Study space
- Printing & photocopying
- Bookable group study room
- PCs
- Borrow a laptop
- Book your own PC
- Fiction

For more information on how we can help you with your studies visit the Library or email library@slc.ac.uk

SLC South Lanarkshire College East Kilbride

Staff Development Day

Monday 3rd December

Around The College

Need advice with **YOUR CAREER?**



To book any of the careers services please visit Student Services in the Advice Centre or contact Susan Westland.

Appointments are available from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Tel: 01698 477120 or email: susan.westland@slc.ac.uk

2018 DATES

5th September • 3rd October • 24th October • 7th November • 21st November • 5th December • 19th December

2019 DATES

9th January • 23rd January • 6th February • 20th February • 6th March • 20th March • 3rd April • 24th April
8th May • 22nd May • 5th June • 19th June



For further information visit www.myworldofwork.co.uk



COMMUNITY PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM



They can provide help and assistance with:

- Bereavement support
- Relationship issues
- Discussions on faith and belief
- Emotional support when life gets difficult
- Spiritual Support
- How to get involved in your local community

For an informal chat then visit the Pastoral Support Team every Tuesday on the Second Floor Food Court between 12noon and 1pm.

Our College Chaplains are:

Gordon Palmer
Minister, Clermont Parish Church
minister@clermontparishchurch.co.uk
01754 817922

Anne Paton
East Kilbride Old Parish Church
apaton@churchofscotland.org.uk
01355 220732

Deacon John McGarry
St Brides Church
jamcgarry50@btinternet.com
01771 753849

Christine Bush, Humanist
(Contactable by phone or email only)
Christine.bush@humanists.scot
Tel: 01752 473582

For further assistance contacting one of the Chaplains then please visit the Advice Centre.



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MINDFULNESS CLASSES

FREE drop-in classes



Classes are held every Thursday

- Room LG72, 12.15pm
- Library Group Study Room, 16.45pm

For more Information visit the Advice Centre



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 5th December

Festive Cakes & Bakes - Craft Stall on 2nd floor
Mini File & Polish



STAFF & STUDENTS

Look out your Christmas jumper!

Donation up to £1 in aid of Who Cares Scotland



#YourCollegeYourWay



Inspire Catering Event 13 November

Action Against Gender Based Violence Event 27 November

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Courses starting January & August 2019

