

Glasgow College Regional Newsletter

Ambitious, Regional and Collaborative
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REGIONAL NEWS

Chair's Update

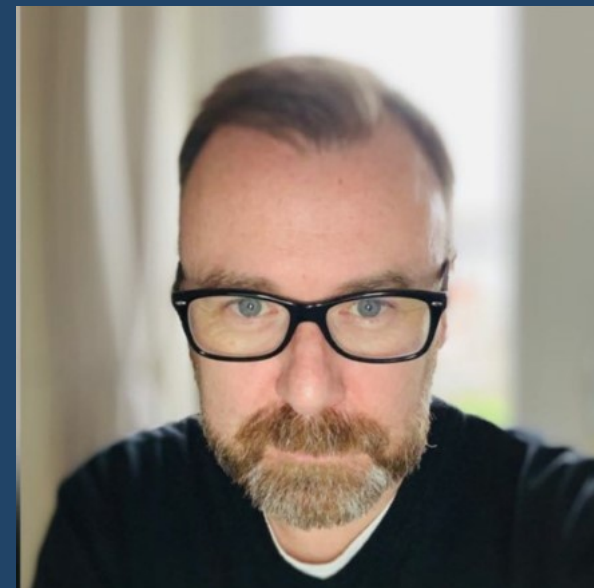
"The Glasgow college region's response to the pandemic has been truly exemplary.

"Our Board members, Principals, Chairs, Glasgow college staff, GCRB Executive Team and colleagues from across the sector have risen to the challenges of evolving circumstances, from continuation and successful delivery of teaching and services to our learners, to working collaboratively and supporting our students and wider community. I want to thank every person in our region for your hard work and commitment during this extraordinary year.

"I hope you all enjoy your festive break. We look forward to seeing you in 2021."

"Thank you to all of our Board members and to the Chairs, Principals, staff, students, stakeholders across the Glasgow college region for your continued support, hard work and resilience in this challenging year."

Janie McCusker
Chair



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GCRB Executive Director Update

"Starting the role of Executive Director at GCRB during a global pandemic has certainly been challenging but I am incredibly grateful for the support shown from Board members, colleges, stakeholders and GCRB's team during this time.

"We welcomed the positive feedback from the Scottish Funding Council review and launched our own Glasgow review, which will allow us to work together on the future of the Glasgow college region."

Martin Boyle
GCRB Executive Director

"As is the nature of all GCRB's work, there has been a collaborative approach throughout, with many achievements to celebrate in spite of the circumstances. We welcomed the positive feedback from the Scottish Funding Council review and launched our own Glasgow review, which will allow us to work together on the future of the Glasgow college region.

"I look forward to building on this work in the New Year. In the meantime, I hope you all have a very enjoyable festive break."

Regional Success

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board progressed with a number of key initiatives for the future of the Glasgow college region, including the launch of Glasgow's regional review.

The GCRB team has also worked to develop and progress our Programme of Action projects, which continue to make a significant impact in supporting students across the sector. Key projects, including ESOL, Action for Children's STAY project and Bridge2Business campaigns have continued to progress while adapting to the COVID situation.

We have made real progress around our mental health initiative with the support of Charlie Waller Memorial Trust to increase the support and capacity across the Glasgow region at a time when it was most needed. A full magazine to highlight these initiatives will be available early next year.

Recruitment for the new role of Environmental Sustainability Manager is underway (see page X for further details) and we look forward to making progress in this area next year.

GCRB continues to work to develop Curriculum Planning across the region while working closely with colleagues from each of the three colleges.

We continue to work collaboratively to achieve our ambitions.

Glasgow Review Update

Call for Evidence deadline approaching

The final date for submissions to the Glasgow region's review is 18 December 2020.

The Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability of Glasgow College Region was launched in November, following the Scottish Funding Council's Coherence and Sustainability: A review of Scotland's Colleges and Universities Phase One Report.

The regional review was launched on 10 November 2020 and there is an open call for evidence available on GCRB's website and social media channels.

Glasgow Review

The Glasgow regional review document is available to view by clicking below.



[Find out more](#)



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COVID Update for Colleges

On 8 December, the First Minister announced the latest coronavirus restriction levels across Scotland, with Glasgow moving into Level Three.

The Scottish Government has worked with colleges, students accommodation providers and trade unions to provide updated guidance around a safe, phased reopening of institutions and continued approach to blended learning.

The guidance emphasises in particular the importance of undertaking robust and ongoing risk assessments with full input from trade unions and student associations to keep all risk mitigation measures under regular review so that staff and students continue to feel, and be safe.

Guidance for students returning home for the Christmas break is also available.

[Latest guidance](#)



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Glasgow College Success

Glasgow colleges are celebrating success after the CDN Virtual College Awards on 3 December.

City of Glasgow College won the Climate Emergency Action Award and Digital Learning Award. Glasgow Clyde College was commended in the Inclusive College and Marketing and Communications Awards. City of Glasgow's Kirstie Ann Duncan was named the Student of the Year and won the Viewers' Choice Award at the CDN Awards.

GCRB Chair Janie McCusker said: "The CDN Awards demonstrate our sector's strength and and succes. We congratulate our colleagues on their achievements at the awards and throughout this year."

Further individual achievements this year include Glasgow Kelvin's Senior Curriculum Manager, Marie Woods, who received the Outstanding Contribution Award from Young Enterprise Scotland (YES), while Glasgow Clyde College graduate Dr Julie McElroy was inducted into the CDN College Hall of Fame.

[Find out more](#)



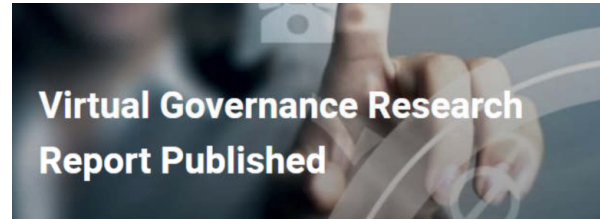
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Research Report

College Development Network has partnered with the Association of Colleges (AoC) to commission a research report exploring the ways in which college boards have adapted to the pandemic.

The Virtual Governance Research Report considers the governing of colleges during a time of lockdown arising from the Covid pandemic and seeks to provide advice for future use of virtual governing meetings.

The report was prepared by Dr Colin Forest, Leeds Trinity University, and Dr Ron Hill, Professor of Education, University of Stirling.



Virtual Governance Research Report was published on 4 December.



College Development Net

The report includes a list of recommendations.

[Read this report](#)



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Environmental Post

GCRB is recruiting for the role of Environmental Sustainability Manager, with a closing date of 5 January 2021.

This fixed term role will work closely with the three colleges in shaping the college response to the climate emergency by developing effective environmental and sustainability strategies.

Click on the link below to find out more and apply.



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