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International Projects

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“ West Lothian College has developed a comprehensive programme of opportunities designed to enable learners and staff to participate in a range of learning projects within Europe and beyond. ”

“ In 2016, 72 learners, most of whom came from the most deprived SIMD data zones undertook a two week study opportunity in a range of European countries through Erasmus+. ”

### Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2021. West Lothian College aims to help close the attainment gap through its Erasmus+ projects

“ The college identified opportunities and secured funding support from a range of providers ”

*Education Scotland Review, March 2016*

### Improving Skills Through International Learning Exchanges (ISTILE) – (2015 – 2017)

An exciting and innovative project to improve outcomes for young people facing difficulty and deprivation. Linked into Europe 2020 Goals and Indicators to deliver improved results to learners and motivation to staff through increased capacity to help these learners.

72 Learners are travelling in groups of eight to nine different destinations across Europe for two week work and study experiences, which will broaden their horizons, open new networks and change their lives.

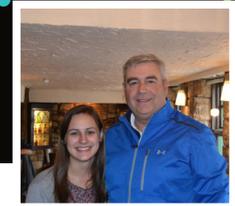


### EU Preneurs (2015-2017)

Working with with partner schools and colleges across Europe to introduce new strategies to teaching and learning, which will improve outcomes for young people considering self-employment as a positive progression from their studies.

The project will build capacity to support students into entrepreneurship and simultaneously develop the curriculum and tools trainers and lecturers can use to stimulate young minds to think on an entrepreneurial level.

The EU-Preneurs project has the potential to transform the way Entrepreneurship is fostered through the Education System.



### Voice of Young Europe (2015-2018)

Six schools from across Europe are participating with West Lothian College in the project.

The main objective of this project is to produce a transferrable learning programme for European Citizenship through cooperation between schools from geographically contrasting European member states and Turkey.

The final product: a learning programme for European Citizenship complete with resource tool-box will be disseminated to networks, teacher training colleges, on open source websites and to the European Committee of Culture and Education.

### USA Scholarship Opportunities (2015-2018)

Megan Waugh, a Business Student from West Lothian College, was awarded a scholarship to Clark College, Washington, USA in 2015.

Megan spent a year studying in the USA and has now returned to West Lothian College to complete her BA degree in Business Management. The Colleges worked together with SQA and Edinburgh Napier University to ensure that Megan could count the credits obtained at Clark College towards her Business Management Degree, which she is now completing at West Lothian College (Awarded by Edinburgh Napier University).

The scholarship is funded by the Community of Scottish Descent in Vancouver, Washington and will be offered once again in 2017.

### British Council Skills For Employability – Morocco, Indonesia, Tunisia

“Lifting Barriers” – (2014-2016) – Improving chances for young people facing difficulty in their lives in Scotland, Wales and Morocco. A pastoral care and supported placement development project. Best new International Skills Project at the British Council’s Bringing the Learning Home Awards in Hanoi, Vietnam October 2014

“ Enhancing placements and internships in the field of STEM” – (2016-2017) – Building soft skills and 21st century skills development sessions prior to placement/internships in Scotland and Indonesia. Responding to employer concerns that learners on placement lack non-technical skills impeding their life chances.

“Opening doors to low costs and fast returns” (2016 – 2017) – Developing models for Entrepreneurship in Scotland and Tunisia which support young people with limited access to funds into self-employment. Collaborative research and implementation will further build West Lothian College’s reputation to support learners into Entrepreneurship. (Winners of FE Team Enterprise at National Enterprise Educator Awards 2016).

West Lothian College is closing the attainment gap through a range of diverse international projects, which is helping to open doors to careers, life successes and skills improvement.