

South Lanarkshire College Win Green Gown Award 2016

South Lanarkshire College is the proud winner of the UK Green Gown award for Built Environment 2016.

The award recognises the College's impressively constructed new teaching accommodation, the first building in the UK to be accredited as "Outstanding" BREEAM (2014) for design and construction.

Stewart McKillop, South Lanarkshire College's Principal said: *"Winning a Green Gown Award is a tremendous accolade and the ultimate external endorsement of a project of this nature. We're delighted to receive this award in recognition of the innovative approaches that engage students to participate in building a more sustainable future."*

The building which is a fully operational teaching block has inspired students and other users to adopt more sustainable behaviours and approaches, reflecting the College's philosophy to mainstream sustainability".

Innovative features of the building include: Solar PVs, an energy-efficient external envelope, a ground source heat pump, solar chimneys, re-used cycle racks from the Commonwealth Games and an integrated bicycle repair station.

Angus Allan, College Depute Principal *continued* "This is a step change in design to produce a low-energy, low-carbon, low-resource building, informed by helpful lessons learned from our award-winning, low-energy, low-carbon house initiative. The project reflects the College's key strategic aim to Promote Sustainable Behaviours in every aspect of its curriculum and operations".

The Green Gown Award judges enthused that the building was *"a clear winner. There was good clarity of design approach to ensure sustainability actually happened"*. The judges also remarked that they *"liked the lack of technology and keeping it simple"*.

The Green Gown award ceremony is described by the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges as a fitting celebration to *"recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges across the UK"*. With sustainability moving up the global agenda, the awards have become established as the most prestigious recognition of best practice within the tertiary education sector.

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