



News Release

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YOUNGSTERS SHARE THEIR VISION OF SCOTLAND'S FUTURE

School pupils and college students from across Scotland gathered at the Glasgow Science Centre for a prize giving ceremony as part of a national creative competition highlighting young people's hopes and aspirations for Scotland's future.

The Scotland 2050 Competition, supported by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and Scottish Business in the Community, encouraged pupils to submit scientific projects, art-work, posters and multi-media displays illustrating their visions for Scotland in the year 2050.

Among the winners were a group of drama students from Carnegie College in Dunfermline who came first in the Further Education College category with their video which highlighted their hopes for equality and diversity in education in the future.

Also topping her category was Sarah Ali from Stonelaw High School in Rutherglen who won the Secondary School category with her depiction of transport, particularly the M8 between Glasgow and Edinburgh, in the year 2050. Talking about her idea, Sarah said: "I've designed solar-powered cars which will run on a magnetic track, meaning they do not produce any harmful emissions. I also wanted to include trees and other greenery around the new motorway which shows that our transport in the future won't harm the environment."

Pupils from Pitlochry School scooped the top prizes for both the P1-P4 and P5-P7 categories.

Ciaran Ferns topped the P5-P7 category with his short story about the discovery of new animal species while Lauren Pirie came first in the P1-P4 category with her poster showing shops on a future high street selling clothes and gardening equipment and other goods made using renewable technology.

Also collecting a prize were pupils from the Rathbone centre in Dundee who drew their inspiration for their predictions for 2050 by looking back at the fashions, technology and lifestyles of the 1970s. Their video showed how Scotland's past compares with its present and predicts how our leisure activities and lifestyles will change in the future.

Dr Janet Brown, SQA chief executive, said: "We're an ambitious country with a rich heritage in cultural and scientific innovation and this competition asked young people to think about where they see Scotland in 2050. These young people will be the catalysts for change and success in Scotland over the coming years. I sincerely hope that they seize the opportunities available to them in school and college in order to realise just some of the ambitions they've displayed in their entries."

Jane Wood, chief executive of Scottish Business in the Community, said: "We all have our ideas of Scotland in 2050 and Scottish Business in the Community and our member organisations work to build a positive, sustainable future for our economy and environment. This competition has allowed young people to think creatively about what life will be like in the near future and consider innovations and their impacts on all aspects of life in Scotland. The standard of work is excellent, and provides a real insight into how young people see Scotland, the challenges and opportunities that we will all face as we move towards a low carbon economy."

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Notes to editors - Full list of Scotland 2050 competition winners:

Primary 1-4

1 st	Pitlochry School
2 nd	Pitlochry School
3 rd	St Mark's R.C. Primary School, Edinburgh

Primary 5-7

1 st	Pitlochry School
Joint 2 nd	Pittencrieff Primary School
Joint 2 nd	Eigg Primary School
3 rd	Pitlochry School

Secondary

1 st	Stonelaw High School, Rutherglen
2 nd	Kirkwall Grammar School, Orkney
3 rd	Abercorn Secondary School, Glasgow

FE Colleges

1st

Carnegie College, Dunfermline

2nd

Anniesland College, Glasgow

3rd

Motherwell College

Special Schools

Special Commendation

Rathbone, Dundee

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