

UNIQUE GOVERNMENT PILOT PROJECT EARNS EDUCATION AWARD



Pictured, S3/S4 Pupils from Brechin High School holding certificates of achievement with representatives from Angus College, Brechin High School and Forster holding Angus Partnership Excellence Awards.

Training and the forward thinking partnership with Brechin High School and Angus College was an excellent way of engaging with the Scottish Governments objectives, demonstrating the opportunity to evolve apprenticeships within our industry” explained Human Resources Manager, Maureen Douglas. “I hope to get a trade and really enjoyed the course” explained Scott Ross a pupil on the course, “We used the classroom for theory and real roof rigs for practice” he added. “The Training Centre offered a great opportunity to link learning with employment and provided an interesting and dynamic method of delivering vocational training” explained Angus College Lecturer Gary Gordon. Forster have agreed to facilitate a further two classes in 2008/2009.

FORSTER WERE AWARDED THE ‘ANGUS PARTNERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD’ IN JUNE FOR THEIR PIONEERING APPROACH TO DELIVERING A PILOT SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ‘SKILLS FOR WORK’ PROGRAMME.

‘Skills for Work’ is a unique series of training courses developed to inspire innovative ways of teaching young people about broad vocational areas like Construction and Financial Services. The courses can be selected by S3/S4 pupils as an alternative and provide an equivalent qualification to optional standard grades. The Construction Crafts course covers a number of trades including plumbing, carpentry, employability skills and roof tiling/slating.

Forster hosted seventeen S3/S4 Brechin High School pupils at their custom built Training centre over the 12 week roof tiling/slating module delivered by Angus College lecturers. “We are keen to see innovation in the delivery of Construction Skills