

Currie Community High School win final of energy competition

SCHOOL's EnergyPROJECT is a winner at the Glasgow City Chambers

Currie Community High School won the Go4SET national final which was held at the Glasgow City Chambers on May 15 and hosted by Glasgow City Council.

The teams of six second year pupils worked with their teacher and mentors from industry on the challenging 10-week project where they were tasked to research and consider how the school could reduce their energy usage and save money. Glasgow City schools worked on the project – how your school can reduce waste, the impact on the environment and save or make money. All teams provide recommendations, submit a written report and build an appropriate model.

The schools competing for the Go4SET National Award had already won their regional finals in Scotland The schools were Calderglen High School, Craigie High School, Currie Community High School, Girvan Academy, Glasgow Gaelic Secondary School, Hazlehead Academy, Larbert High School and Lossiemouth High School.

All of the teams competing received a cheque for £100 and Currie Community High School team were presented with the Go4SET Scotland trophy and a cheque for £500 by Martin Grey, Communications Manager at Viridor who sponsored the event and

the awards.

Martin Grey, Scottish Communications Manager commented “how we create a sustainable Scotland is rightly the subject of intense debate. As Scotland’s leading recycling, renewable energy and sustainable waste partner working with 96% of local authorities that is a debate we are keen to encourage. We are delighted to support the Go4SET programme across Scotland, challenging young people to think about their environment and future. “The standard of entries was again very high and with talented young people like those who took part today, Scotland’s future is sure to be bright.”

Currie Community High School were supported by Heineken and their mentor Angus Reid commented. “The team showed tremendous organisation and creativity in successful completion of the project. Heineken is proud to support the Go4SET programme”.

Gordon Macdonald MSP for Edinburgh Pentlands, whose constituency includes Currie Community high School said:

“This is a wonderful achievement for the six S2 pupils who took part from Currie Community High School especially as they had to compete with 92 other schools from across Scotland to win the competition. Practical problem solving competitions like this are a fantastic way to encourage youngsters to take up studying for the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects.”

Duncan McSporrán, Director EDT Scotland commented “Go4SET is an exciting and innovative project which raises awareness in schools about engineering, science and industry, allowing

pupils to make informed career choices. The National Final demonstrated the excellent projects from all over Scotland and this made it difficult for the judges to come to a decision on the winning teams. The Go4SET programme which is part of the EDT continuum provides a live STEM project which we hope will empower young people to make informed decisions about future career opportunities in science, engineering and technology”.