

# Bright spark Jessica scoops scholarship



left to right: Jessica O'Leary (left), Bob Murphy, Sheena Stone, Edinburgh College Development Trust Manager, and Jim Rowan of Alex F Noble & Son Nissan

A 16-year-old girl studying at Edinburgh College has been awarded an electric vehicle (EV) scholarship.

Jessica O'Leary will complete a five-month scholarship designed to ensure she will leave college equipped with a greater depth of knowledge in electric vehicle technology, helping her to become an accomplished employee who can support the motor industry with future sustainable transportation developments.

Jessica is currently studying towards her IMI Level 1 Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle) Certificate at the college's Midlothian Campus and felt that applying for the EV scholarship, which involves working alongside college EV administrator, Bob Murphy, was a chance not to be missed.

The EV scholarship is run by the Edinburgh College Development Trust and is funded by Alex F Noble & Son, a Midlothian-based Nissan car dealership.

Glenrothes-born Jessica is the second student to have been selected to complete the programme having shown a real interest in EV technology during the application process.

She said: "Electric and hybrid vehicles are becoming more mainstream today because of the move to become more sustainable, so I was really keen on getting involved in something that will help to keep my learning up-to-date with what's happening across the wider world."