

Student accommodation project seeks innovative partner

Landmark development promises to transform international student living

A groundbreaking student accommodation project is looking for a strategic partner to develop up to 200 purpose-built apartments.

The Scottish Institute (The SI), Scotland's only theatre school accredited by the Council of Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre (CDDT), is spearheading the landmark project in Livingston.

Following the opening of its new campus in September 2023, The SI is now inviting specialised accommodation providers to join in developing a transformative student living environment.

A prime location will be carefully selected for the new development and will be designed to create purpose-built living spaces that will support students from across the world, promising to revolutionise international student living in Scotland's educational landscape.

"We're dedicated to creating an environment where students can thrive academically and socially," said Andy Egan, President and CEO of The Scottish Institute.

"This project represents a unique opportunity for a strategic partner to play a pivotal role in supporting the next generation of performing talent.

Recognising the growing demand for high-quality student

housing, the institute is now actively seeking partners to develop and deliver student apartments that will welcome up to 200 new students from 2026.

With established partnerships with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and the Imperial Society for the Teachers of Dance (ISTD), the development promises to provide world-class facilities that support artistic education and international student experiences.

The chosen partner will be responsible for the full design, development, and management of the apartments, while The SI focuses on educational excellence and student support. This collaborative approach ensures a holistic approach to student living that goes beyond traditional accommodation models.

Andy added: “This is more than a construction project. It’s an opportunity to create a living and learning environment that supports artistic growth and international collaboration.”

The new project will leverage Livingston’s strategic location near Edinburgh and Glasgow, offering international students a modern, supportive living experience.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Andy Egan for further information on how to participate in this landmark project: a chair@thesi.co.uk

