

## Priming Glasgow's Students with LEGO® Education

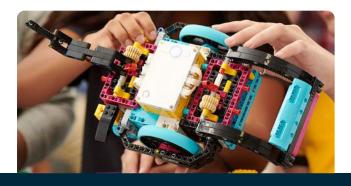


Glasgow Clyde College is one of Scotland's largest Further Education providers, offering over 500 full and part-time courses to more than 10,000 students across its three campuses throughout the city. The college is also committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students.



Jennifer Brickwood is Assistant Principal for the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Built Environment. Jennifer considered using LEGO for STEM activities after noticing students compete in the LEGO League via a LinkedIn post from Getech. Jennifer arranged a proof of concept session to see it in action at Glasgow Clyde College. Feedback from the trial was notably positive, resulting in the order of 12 LEGO Education SPIKE Prime sets to be used at Glasgow Clyde College as a bookable resource.

Jennifer said, "Watching our team of skilled lecturers enjoying the product's capabilities showed that it was a useful resource. It prompted us to find the money to buy the kits". The college achieved funding via the Young Person's Guarantee, a Scottish government initiative aiming to connect every 16 to 24-year-old in Scotland to further training and career opportunities.



Once the SPIKE Prime sets were in the college, Getech conducted four half-day sessions to introduce staff and students to the LEGO Learning System. Tutors from various disciplines attended the morning sessions to activate a STEM outreach team that could present learning with LEGO Education to local schools and give teachers the confidence to use it in their classrooms. Several college students participated in the afternoon taster sessions, which were overwhelmingly well-received.

Planning for the future, Jennifer sees SPIKE Prime used for aptitude testing for an individual's engineering abilities and prototyping other creativity-based programmes. The Schools Liaison Team will also be able to move forward with its community outreach programme throughout the area to inspire students to continue their studies in STEM courses and career opportunities.

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