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Dear

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002).

I now respond to your request as follows:

“Details of any current or previous collaborative projects between this college and institutions in India. Please could this include the type of collaboration (eg. A research project), and the name and location of the institution in India that was/ is collaborated with.”

Glasgow Kelvin College has had several collaborations with Indian institutions. The funding for these programmes has been provided by UKIERI (UK India Education and Research Initiative). Students have been at the heart of all these programmes and around fifty have visited India with many more involved in hosting return visits to Scotland.

Project Details:

UKIERI Community Colleges Partnership: Government Polytechnic for Women: Guntur - 2015

This was a fashion and textile based collaboration between Glasgow Kelvin College (GKC) and the Government Polytechnic for Women. Students worked together for a year to share knowledge and techniques and, through this learning, designed and manufactured a collection of garments that featured in a fashion show in Guntur and Paisley in Scotland. The designs were based on the mango/Paisley Pattern, a design that linked Scotland and India. This partnership introduced the college to other Indian partners including Make Love Not Scars, a support group for acid attack survivors and Project Tres, a programme in Goa to support abused women.

Skill Council for Persons with Disability and Lemon Tree Hotels: (National groups) - 2015/16 to date

A collaboration designed to share best practice in the training and employment for people with additional support needs. Lemon Tree Hotels is a global leader in this area and, in September 2022, are jointly presenting with GKC at an international conference hosted by Glasgow University around sustainability and sustainable employment practices.

Ludhiana Group of Colleges – 2016

An engineering based collaboration designed to accredit Ludhiana Group as an SQA accredited engineering centre.

Mumbai Showcase for visit of John Swinney, Deputy First Minister of Scotland – 2018



An event to showcase the GKC partnerships in India featuring Indian and Scottish students displaying the garments they produced together and involving Make Love Not Scars and Project Tres, together with Renfrewshire Council presenting the links between Scotland and Indian based on the Mango/Paisley design.

Project Tres: Goa - 2019

Jewellery students from GKC visited Project Tres in Goa and worked with women supported there, sharing knowledge and learning in jewellery design and manufacture. The group then visited Chandrans Yuva Foundation in Coimbatore and worked with the transgender community supported there, again based around jewellery design and making.

Due to COVID, this programme was interrupted and, whilst it achieved some of its objectives, some were unable to be completed.

Latterly, the college has worked with partners in India and the Scottish Government on gender-based violence programmes, bringing together learning and experience from both countries so that new initiatives can be developed.

The college is currently in discussion with one of the world's largest manufacturers of bikes and electric bikes, Hero, based in India. This collaboration is designed to share knowledge in bike and battery technology and to benefit students in both countries as they learn from GKC and Hero engineers. The collaboration is also designed to share experience in sustainable policy development relating to transport.

I trust the above response meets your request for information in full.

Should you be unhappy with the College's response, you may seek a review, by writing to Derek Smeall, Principal. Your grounds for seeking a review, should be included in your request.

I also wish to advise you that the Scottish Information Commissioner has launched an online appeals service via their website – the link is as follows:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

Other contact information for the Scottish Information Commissioner is listed below:

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Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

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