

## FETI Project Update July 2021

The FETI project looks to see if a model can be designed which leads to better integration of refugees, as well as increasing their digital, linguistic, language and, where needed, vocational skills. This transnational project beings together a Consortium composed of partners from both private and public bodies in Norway, Italy, Turkey and Scotland, including higher education institutions, adult education providers and non-profit organizations.

SWAPWest was responsible for delivery of the local needs study in Stage 1 of this project and this has been successfully completed. As part of Stages 2 and 3 of the project SWAPWest conducted a series of initial Skills and Competency Evaluation Workshops with 20 refugee students from across our colleges to help further develop the FETI model. 'Follow Up' Skills and Competency Workshop sessions are currently being undertaken with students. Feedback from these sessions has been extremely positive and the students continue to work on their action plans to ensure continual skills development for Higher Education and future careers.





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SWAPWest has also been working to develop and strengthen links with refugee networks and organisations. We were delighted to be invited to present at the launch of the College of Sanctuary (Scotland) launch in conjunction with City of Sanctuary. As part of this presentation, Osman Abbas, a refugee student on our Access to STEM programme at Glasgow Kelvin College gave an inspiring insight into his journey and the opportunities provided by SWAP. He also discussed his experiences of study and his plans for the future.

SWAPWest, through our work on FETI, has established firm links with Safer in Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council. It is planned that SWAPWest will work with both of these organisations in the coming months. We have been invited to deliver workshops to both organisations which will introduce our programmes and progression routes as well as incorporating elements of our Skills and Competency Workshop. We were also delighted to see our Skills and Competency Workshop showcased during this year's Refugee Festival Week.

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