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Dear James.

I write in response to WQ89356: What is the Welsh Government's strategy for bringing green-tech and skills training to people in Brecon and Radnorshire?

I recently launched the net zero skills consultation (<u>Net zero sector skills | GOV.WALES</u>), which aims to capture and understand in more detail the skills that will be essential to support the immediate and future workforce needs of the sectors. The consultation will close on 31 December 2023.

We are working to grow and equip sectors with the right skilled workforce to support our transition to net zero which includes investing £28.85m over the last academic year in our Personal Learning Account Programme. We have also launched a Net Zero Partnership Project through the Flexible Skills Programme to support employers to upskill their staff on the skills required to drive this agenda forward in Wales; this will include green-tech skills.

In addition, Neath Port Talbot Group of colleges is launching a Net Zero Academy. The Academy is a collaboration between NPTC Group of Colleges, Industry Specialists, and Trade Associations to gain access to relevant training, news and legislation, and support businesses understand what net zero means for them.

Yours sincerely.

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