

4.3.3 - Does your university as an educational body host events at university that are open to the general public: executive education programmes (this refers to short courses for people who are not attending the university; this specifically excludes courses like MBA) and/or vocational training?

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) plays an active role in providing executive education programmes and vocational training opportunities to professionals, graduates, and members of the wider community who are not enrolled as full-time students.

In accordance with SDG 4 (Quality Education) and the principles of lifelong learning, these programmes are designed to enhance practical competencies, industry knowledge, and employability across multiple sectors of the economy.

ASOIU's approach ensures that advanced education and professional skill development are accessible beyond the traditional student body, helping individuals and enterprises to upgrade their qualifications, adapt to new technologies, and contribute to national innovation.

1. Executive Education Programmes

ASOIU regularly delivers short-term executive courses tailored to professionals working in oil, gas, energy, information technology, and industrial management. These programmes are open to employees of companies, government institutions, and private enterprises who seek to enhance their leadership, technical, and strategic management skills. Examples include:

- **Specialized Training Sessions** on *Oilfield Operations Management, Occupational Safety, and Risk Control* coordinated with SOCAR Training Department and industry partners.



The design of these courses combines theory with applied learning, aligning with international professional standards while remaining accessible to non-degree participants.

- **Executive Development Courses** on “*Limitations to stimulate creativity, promote innovative solutions*” organized by the Continuing Education Center;



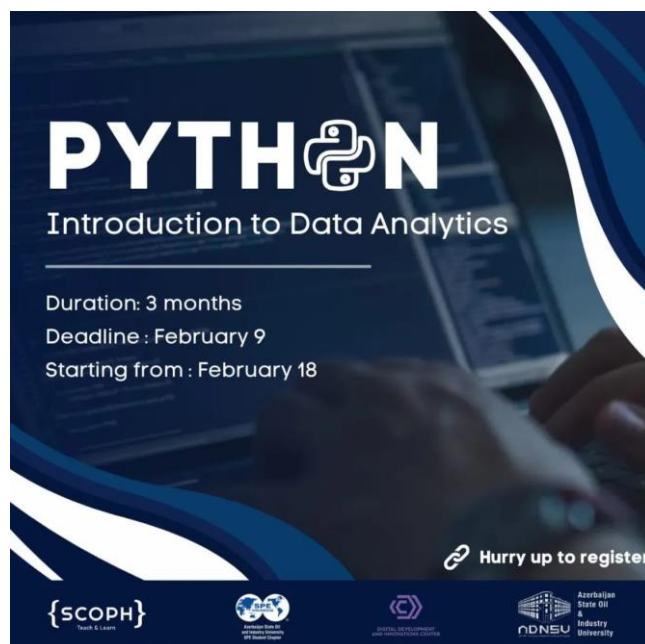
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2. Vocational and Technical Training for the Community

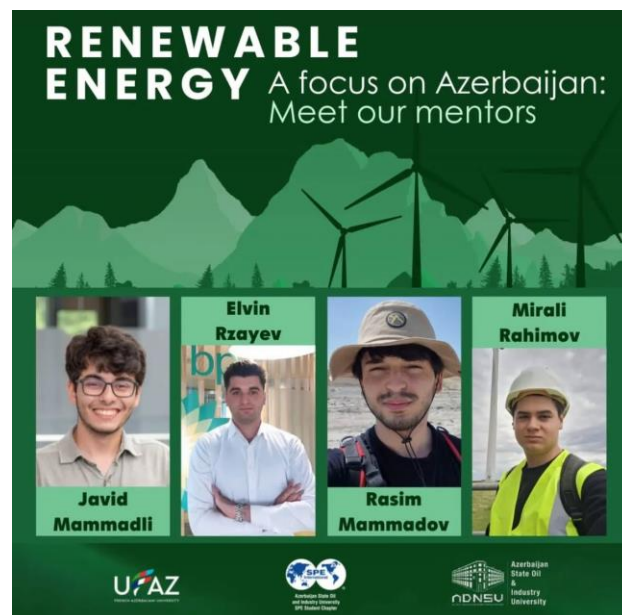
ASOIU's **vocational education activities** aim to provide practical, employability-oriented training for young people and adults who wish to acquire or improve technical skills relevant to the labor market.

Main initiatives include:

- **IT and Digital Skills Bootcamps**, developed by the Faculty of Computer Technologies and Informatics to train the community in *basic programming, networking, and cyber security*;



- **Energy and Environment Courses** for local community members focused on *energy efficiency, renewable technologies, and sustainable resource management*;



All these training sessions are open to external participants, require no university enrollment, and are often provided free or at minimal cost.

3. Partnerships and Public Access

To expand the social reach of its educational activities, ASOIU maintains strong partnerships with **industry**, governmental agencies, and NGOs. Training programs are frequently organized in collaboration with:

- SOCAR and BP Azerbaijan (for industrial and safety training),
- UNDP Azerbaijan (for sustainability-related community capacity building),
- The State Committee for Family, Women, and Children's Issues (for gender-inclusive vocational education).

These partnerships enable ASOIU to continuously adapt its courses to labor-market needs while ensuring public accessibility.

Courses are promoted through ASOIU's website, social networks, and local community organizations to attract a broad range of participants.

4. Impact and Outcomes

- Each year, hundreds of individuals who are *not ASOIU students* participate in vocational and executive education programmes.
- Many training modules include certificates of completion, recognized by employers and professional bodies.
- The majority of the courses are practice-oriented, conducted in ASOIU's specialized laboratories, innovation hubs, and training workshops.
- Participants report improved employability, increased career mobility, and enhanced understanding of modern technologies.