



The Scottish Training Federation

# UPDATE

UPDATE is the weekly e-newsletter for members of the Scottish Training Federation

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## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### Apprenticeship Board remit published

Skills Development Scotland has published details about the structure and remit of the recently-formed Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board.

The board comprises four groups, with STF being represented on two of these groups.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## DYW GLASGOW

### DYW Breakfast Meeting

DYW – Glasgow is holding a breakfast meeting for training providers on Tuesday 28 February 2017 from 8.30am – 10.00am. The meeting will be held in Glasgow and will provide an update on funding streams and recruitment incentives which are available. STF members who would like to attend this free event should contact Rose Coyle on email:

[rose.coyle@glasgowchamberofcommerce.com](mailto:rose.coyle@glasgowchamberofcommerce.com)

## STF NEWS

### STF Workshop programme

A new programme of free member workshops is currently being developed. Topics to be covered include Workplace Discrimination, Apprenticeship Levy, Graduate Level Apprenticeships, City Deals and Consortium bidding. Members with further suggestions should contact [Stuart McKenna](#)

## STF NEWS

### Free legal advice for members

Included with STF membership this year is a free legal referral service with HBJ Gately solicitors which entitles members to a free initial discussion on any HR or employment law issue. More details are available at: [Click here for more details.](#)

## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### STF and SDS joint equalities event

STF and SDS have joined forces to offer training providers an opportunity to attend a half-day conference focussed on equality and diversity issues. "Get Connected – Progressing Equality and Diversity in Modern Apprenticeships" will be held at the Radisson Blu, Argyle Street, Glasgow on Tuesday 7th March 2017.

Ian McCulloch, Vice Chair of STF, will host the event, which will include keynote addresses from leading equality and diversity practitioners and participation in two workshop sessions. An agenda and workshop details are available on the [STF web site.](#)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### Transition Training Fund

A further five training providers are offering 425 opportunities to individuals thanks to the Transition Training Fund – the fund established by the Scottish Government to support people affected by redundancies in oil and gas.

The second round of funding for training providers follows an initial round last year, which saw five providers offering more than 330 places. A wide range of courses will offer people the chance to move into a number of industries such as renewables, construction, decommissioning, road haulage, smart meter insulation and rail. [Click here for more details.](#)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### SDS research on learning disability and core skills

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is undertaking research to clarify what the challenges are in relation to Modern Apprentices with learning disabilities/difficulties and the Core Skills element of apprenticeship programmes. SDS aims to report on the findings of the research to by the middle of the year, and take joint measures to address any issues found.

Training providers will be contacted this week and asked to complete a survey monkey questionnaire and to indicate if they would like to participate in focus groups or telephone interviews. FMT Consulting has been commissioned to undertake the research.

## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2017

Scottish Apprenticeship Week – from 6 to 10 March – is the annual campaign to show that apprenticeships work for businesses, individuals and the economy. The campaign theme for 2017 is 'Apprenticeships are Changing'. More details about this year's campaign – including a Digital Toolkit and Events Listing – are available at: [SAW 2017 Campaign Homepage](#)

#### STF NEWS

### **Forthcoming meetings and events**

*28 February 2017*

DYW Glasgow breakfast  
Clydesdale Bank, Glasgow

*7 March 2017*

STF/SDS Equalities Conference  
Radisson Blu, Glasgow

*29 March 2017*

STF Board  
City & Guilds, Glasgow

*4 April 2017*

STF Workshop – Workplace  
Discrimination  
SCQF, Glasgow

A full Calendar of Events is  
available on the STF web site at:  
[www.stf.org.uk](http://www.stf.org.uk)

#### STF UPDATE

### **What's the story?**

If you have any news articles or job  
vacancies that you would like  
included in next week's issue of  
STF Update, please contact [Stuart  
McKenna](#)

#### MEMBER NEWS

### **SCQFP seeks Development Officer**

The SCQF Partnership is currently looking to recruit a Development Officer. The post-holder will support the SCQFP in a range of activities related to engaging and working with Partners and delivering training and support. In particular this role will also involve supporting schools in understanding and engaging with the SCQF through recruiting them to the SCQF School Ambassador programme.

Details including full job description and application form can be found at:  
<http://scqf.org.uk/about-us/current-vacancies>

The closing date for applications is Monday 27 February.

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### **Apprenticeship Family features in YouTube video**

A video explaining the key features of Foundation, Modern and Graduate Level Apprenticeships is available to view on YouTube. The two-minute video has already attracted more than 5,000 views. [Click here to view.](#)

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