



The Scottish Training Federation

# UPDATE

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

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## STF ANNUAL CONFERENCE **New Sponsorship brochure**

STF has published a Sponsorship Opportunities brochure for its Annual Conference and Awards 2017.

The 12 page document details the variety of sponsorship options available for the event at Crieff Hydro on 26 & 27 September 2017. [Click here for more details.](#)

## MEMBER JOB VACANCY **BNG seeks Contracts and Compliance Officer**

BNG Training Ltd is seeking a Contracts Administration and Compliance Officer. As part of a growing team at BNG Training the post holder will play a key role in the management team working alongside Training Managers to ensure all KPIs are met. [Click here for more details.](#)

## MEMBER JOB VACANCY **Tell seeks New Business Sales Manager**

The Tell Organisation Ltd is an established training provider, skilled in delivering work based training solutions to a wide range of employers and industries across Scotland. Tell are looking to recruit a New Business Sales Manager to join their established team. [Click here for more details.](#)

## STF WORKSHOPS **Dealing with Discrimination in the Workplace**

A free member workshop focusing on dealing with discrimination in the workplace will be held in Glasgow on Thursday 20 April 2017.

The workshop will provide an overview of discrimination law and how it affects employers of all shapes and sizes. [Click here for more details.](#)

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

### **Fair Start Scotland – tenders invited**

Fair Start Scotland will be Scotland's employment support service from April 2018. The Scottish Government has published a **Contract Notice** on the Public Contracts Scotland website, inviting organisations that wish to bid to deliver Fair Start Scotland to develop their proposals in line with the requirements set out.

**Partnership Opportunities.** Several organisations are seeking partners to support the delivery of Fair Start Scotland. Click on the following links for more details. [learndirect](#) [Reed](#) [Working Links](#) [PeoplePlus](#)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### **SDS publishes Childcare Skills Plan**

SDS has published its Early Learning and Childcare Skills Investment Plan Prospectus in partnership with industry, which lays out high level targets for the sector. A detailed action plan will be published later in 2017.

The Prospectus is part of the response to the increase in Scottish Government targets for free early learning and childcare provision, [Click here for more details.](#)

## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### **Trades House of Glasgow MA Awards 2017**

The Trades House of Glasgow has launched its Modern Apprentice competition for 2017. A top prize of £1,000 is being offered for the winner with runner-up prizes of £500 and £250. The competition is open to all apprentices who are employed by an employer in Glasgow and surrounding areas.

More details are available at: [www.tradeshouse.org.uk/gmaawards](http://www.tradeshouse.org.uk/gmaawards) The closing date for entries is Friday 21 April 2017.

## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### **Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2017**

Skills Development Scotland has officially launched the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2017. The awards are now in their 16th year. The closing date for completed applications is Wednesday 28 June 2017. [Click here for more details.](#)

STF and SDS will be running two free member workshops on 4 and 11 May in Glasgow and Edinburgh to provide advice and guidance on submitting applications. More information about the workshops will be published shortly.

#### STF NEWS

### **Forthcoming meetings and events**

*29 March 2017*

STF Board  
City & Guilds, Glasgow

*20 April 2017*

STF Workshop – Workplace  
Discrimination  
SCQF, Glasgow

*4 & 11 May 2017*

STF Workshop – Apprenticeship  
Awards & SDS Marketing  
tbc, Glasgow or Edinburgh

*26 & 27 September 2017*

STF Annual Conference  
Crieff Hydro

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](#)

#### SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

### **Support for Scotland's food and drink industry**

New funding to further support Scotland's food and drink industry has been announced. The Scottish Government, its enterprise agencies, and the food and drink industry are supporting delivery of the new food and drink strategy – 'Ambition 2030' – through a new £10 million funding package.

The strategy will target key markets, boost innovation, focus on skills, and support local producers - with ambitious plans to double the value of the industry to £30 billion by 2030. [Click here for more details.](#)

#### SCQF PARTNERSHIP

### **SCQF publish Revised Employer Guide**

SCQF has revised and updated its guidance for employers. The themes of understanding how the SCQF can help with recruitment and development of the workforce from the two 'How to...' guides that were developed in 2013 have been retained, but the information has been rewritten and is provided in just one handy guide. [Click here for more details.](#)

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