

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 at Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, 30 George Square, 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:

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STF NEWS

Workforce Development Fund

STF has written to Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training, seeking more information about the new £10 million Workforce Development Fund which will be introduced in the Autumn.

The Scottish Government has signaled that the fund will be restricted to colleges. STF has asked for the rationale behind this move.

Members will be kept up to date with developments as they emerge.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

Tender for Standards and Frameworks

Skills Development Scotland has published tender details for the procurement of a Delivery Partner for Standards and Frameworks – on the PCS web site. [Click here for more details.](#)

STF NEWS

STF Membership 2017

Thanks to all those members who have paid their subscription for 2017. The deadline to qualify for the reduced payment of £350 is 10 February 2017.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

2018 Employment support contracts announced

Contracts worth up to £96 million will be put out to tender to deliver Scotland's full programme of employment services from 2018. Employability Minister, Jamie Hepburn, has confirmed that nine contract areas will deliver employment support across Scotland next year, with one of the contracts set to be reserved for a supported business. The contracting process will commence in March.

The 2018 service follows the transitional services Work First Scotland and Work Able Scotland, which will start in April 2017, in one of the first exercises of devolved powers under the 2016 Scotland Act. [Click here for Scottish Government press release.](#)

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](#). Members wishing to reserve a place should email Lynsay.Bryce@xtra-mile.com and confirm their choice of workshops (A, B, C or D).

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

SDS Annual Report published

The Skills Development Scotland Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2016 has been published on the company's web site. The report notes that £75.3 million was spent on Modern Apprenticeships in 2015-16, compared to £73.7 million in 2014-15. The spend for the Employability Fund was £33.8 million in 2015-16, compared to £33.5 million in 2014-15. The full report can be viewed on the [STF web site](#).

STF NEWS

STF Office Bearers elected

The STF Board of Directors has elected its Office Bearers for the next 12 months: Chair: Stuart Leitch; Vice Chair (UK Skills): Jim Murphy; Vice Chair (Employability); Lorna Trainer; Vice Chair (Political Engagement); Ian McCulloch; Vice Chair (Events): Duncan Macleod. The position of Vice Chair (Apprenticeships) will be shared by two directors, Jennifer McEwan and Peter Leitch, reflecting the size and significance of the apprenticeship agenda at present. [Click here for a full list of board members.](#)

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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

Apprenticeship Levy in England – An Opportunity for Scottish training providers?

A free member workshop focussing on the implementation of the Apprenticeship Levy in England – and the opportunities for Scottish training providers to become involved – will be held in Glasgow in **late February 2017**. The workshop will be led by speakers from City & Guilds. More details will be available shortly.

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