

STF CONFERENCE 2026 – TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026**VENUE: Qualifications Scotland, Robertson Street, Glasgow****OUTLINE AGENDA – 28 September 2026**

From 9.15	Registration
10.00	Welcome Caroline McFarlane , Chair, STF, and Kevin Briggs , Vice Chair, STF
10.10	Welcome from Qualifications Scotland John Booth , Chief Strategy Officer, Qualifications Scotland
10.30	Skills Development Scotland & Scottish Funding Council update Diane Greenlees , Director of National Training Programmes, Skills Development Scotland and Paul Devoy , Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council. <i>Followed by Q&A, facilitated by Caroline McFarlane.</i>
11.15	Workshops – session 1 1. Qualifications Scotland 2. Scottish Funding Council & Skills Development Scotland 3. PeoplePlus
12.00	Lunch
12.40	Update on HMIE inspection of MA programmes Gill Ritchie , Strategic Director, HMIE
1.00	Apprenticeship funding model in Wales Angharad Beynon , Head of Policy, VTCT
1.20	Comfort break
1.30	The Apprentice Voice – Shaping the Future, not just experiencing it SAAB Apprentice Engagement Group Panel
1.50	STF Member Survey 2026 Lisa Cahill , Director, STF
2.00	Keynote presentation Alyn Smith MSP , Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education <i>Followed by Q&A, facilitated by Caroline McFarlane.</i>
2.45	Workshops – session 2 1. Qualifications Scotland 2. Scottish Funding Council & Skills Development Scotland (Repeat) 3. PeoplePlus
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