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## **STF members delivered more than 20,000 Modern Apprenticeships in 2016-17.**

Around 75% of Modern Apprenticeship places in Scotland were delivered by STF members last year. That equates to more than 20,000 opportunities for people to earn while they learn.

## **STF members delivered more than 6,000 Employability Fund places in 2016-17.**

Around 70% of Employability Fund places in Scotland were delivered by STF members last year – that's more than 6,000 places.

## **STF addresses both strategic and operational issues on behalf of members.**

Ensuring that members have the opportunity to shape future skills and training policy – such as the SAAB review of Apprenticeships - is a key objective of STF.

Operational and contractual issues are also important – and through the Chief Executive and Board, members are able to raise day-to-day issues of concern with stakeholders and funding agencies, in complete confidence.

## **Become a member of STF**

Information on how to join STF is available on the [STF web site](#)

## **About STF**

- The Scottish Training Federation (STF) represents training providers operating in the field of work based training across Scotland.
- STF currently has over 140 members – from independent training providers, group training associations, colleges, employers and councils
- STF is regarded as the 'voice of training providers in Scotland' and is consulted by all major skills stakeholders, including Scottish Government, Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council.

## **What we do**

- STF promotes the interests of its members by seeking to influence government policy and priorities in the area of work based training.
- Meet with MSPs, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Government and other stakeholders to articulate the views of members.
- Keep members informed about developments in the skills scene in Scotland via newsletters and free workshops.
- Provide members with private and confidential advice and guidance on contractual matters.

## **Our Priorities for 2018/2019**

- **Apprenticeship Levy funds are spent primarily on apprenticeships**  
*To influence government and its agencies to ensure that Apprenticeship Levy funds are directed primarily to the provision of apprenticeships.*
- **Greater transparency for employability fund tendering and provision**  
*To seek greater transparency and equality between independent providers, third sector organisations, colleges and local authorities in the tendering for and provision of employability fund activity.*
- **Apprenticeship funding matches costs of quality delivery**  
*To influence government and SDS and ensure that the level of public funding ascribed to individual apprenticeship frameworks is set at a level which is consistent with the cost of delivery of a quality service.*
- **Minimum three-year contracts for provision**  
*To promote the benefits of longer contracts for apprenticeship and employability programmes, through reducing procurement administration and providing a more favourable climate for long term investment in delivery capacity.*
- **Marketing budget for training providers**  
*To recognise the key role training providers have in marketing to employers a new marketing payment should be introduced.*