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STF NEWS

STF Conference on YouTube

Promotional videos made for the finalists in some of the categories in the STF Awards 2017 are now available to view on the [STF YouTube page](#). Videos from the main speakers at the Annual Conference are also available.

FIPS

FIPS Focus Group minutes

A copy of the minutes from the FIPS Focus Group August meeting are available in member section of STF web site at:
<https://www.stf.org.uk/member-publications/>

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SQA Focus Group

A summary of the issues discussed by the SQA Focus Group in September 2017 can be viewed in the member section of the STF web site at:
<https://www.stf.org.uk/member-publications/>

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT **2018 - Year of Young People**

A major programme of events and activities to celebrate Scotland's young people will take place in 2018. [Click here for more details.](#)

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SQA Star Awards winners

'Congratulations' was the message from the STF Board of Directors to all finalists and winners in the SQA Star Awards held in Edinburgh last week.

STF was the sponsor of the Training Organisation Candidate of the Year Award – which was won by Roxanne Kerr, from APeducation Online. [Click here for more details.](#)

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STF Annual General Meeting

The STF Annual General Meeting 2017 will be held on **Wednesday 22 November 2017** at [LAGTA Ltd, Woodside, Eurocentral, ML1 4UY](#)

The meeting will commence at 1.00pm and will be followed by a Members' Meeting which will finish no later than 3.00pm. An agenda for the AGM and Members' meeting will be published shortly.

All member organisations should register a named representative for voting purposes and the named representative should be intimated to [Stuart McKenna](#) by 5.00pm on **14 November 2017**.

Members who have registered a named representative – but are unable to attend the meeting – may request a proxy vote. More details are available from [Stuart McKenna](#)

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Foundation Apprenticeship Procurement

Changes to the procurement process for Foundation Apprenticeships – aimed at encouraging greater collaboration between colleges and independent training providers – were introduced this year.

These changes have been broadly welcomed. However, a number of STF members have reported problems with the new process which have resulted in the stifling of collaboration.

STF would like to explore these issues with members and raise the key points with SDS with the aim of seeking changes to future procurement rounds. Members who would like to participate in a workshop to discuss these issues are asked to contact [Stuart McKenna](#). A date for the workshop will be set in due course.

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

Core Skills in Business & Administration MA

A change in the minimum level of core skills required in the Business & Administration Modern Apprenticeship Framework at SCQF 6 (Level 3) – introduced earlier this year – is causing concern for some STF members.

Core Skills in Communication, Numeracy and ICT – previously set at SCQF 4 – are now required at a minimum of SCQF 5. For some apprentices – particularly those in the 16-19 age group – the higher levels required do not reflect their job roles and this is making the delivery difficult.

Skills CfA undertook a consultation on these changes last November and reported that there was significant support for their implementation. However, now that the changes have taken place, STF is keen to hear from members about their experiences. Please email [Stuart McKenna](#) with your feedback.

Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

22 November 2017

[STF Annual General Meeting](#)

LAGTA Ltd, Eurocentral

4 December 2017

[STF Care Forum](#)

SCQF, Glasgow

Workshop dates to be confirmed:

- GDPR for training providers
- Foundation Apprenticeship Procurement
- Disclosure Scotland
- Definition of an Apprenticeship consultation
- SQA Verification process.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Free apprenticeship travel consultation

The Scottish Government wants to hear views on providing free bus travel to modern apprentices under 21 to support their travel costs.

The consultation is open until 17 November 2017. [Click here for more details.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

SCQF Conference 2018

Preparations for the SCQF Conference 2018, Linking the Learning Journey, continue and the Times Educational Supplement (TES) Scotland is now confirmed as the media sponsor.

The conference takes place on 22 February 2018 at the Glasgow Radisson Blu and will showcase all aspects of the Framework demonstrating its breadth and flexibility as a tool to facilitate lifelong learning in Scotland. It will also focus on how the SCQF supports Scottish Government policy such as The Learner Journey, Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) and the Commission on Widening Access.

The early bird rate applies until 15th December, so register now at <http://scqf.org.uk/scqf-2018-conference-registration-launch/>.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, but half of the packages have already been snapped up, so we would urge any partners still interested in attending the conference as a sponsor to act now!

MEMBER NEWS

Job Vacancies – learndirect

STF member, learndirect, currently has vacancies for a number of Assessors:

- Retail & Business Admin Vacancy x 3
- Social Care x 1 Vacancy
- Funeral Care x 1 Vacancy.

If you are an existing Trainer Assessor or Coach in any of the above sectors, or have experience working at a supervisory or management level, then learndirect would like to hear from you. [Click here for more details.](#)

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