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SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK SAW 2018

Scottish Apprenticeship Week runs from 5-9 March 2018. [Click here for more details.](#)

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS Latest MA statistics published

Skills Development Scotland has published statistics for the Modern Apprenticeship programme covering the period 1 April 2017 to 29 December 2017. [Click here for more details.](#)

EQUALITIES Diversity Conference 2018

The Herald and GenAnalytics Diversity Conference in association with Standard Life Aberdeen will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow. Speakers include Jamie Hepburn MSP. [Click here for more details.](#)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND Equalities Workshops for Training Providers

Skills Development Scotland is teaming up with equality groups on a series of apprenticeship workshops for training providers. The sessions aim to help providers to recruit and support apprentices from underrepresented groups. [Click here for more details.](#)

MEMBER NEWS Welcome to new members

STF is delighted to welcome two new members:

- [Scottish Bakers](#)
- [The Larder Cook School](#)

Membership of STF currently stands at 136.

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP FUNDING STF Contribution Rate Survey 2018

STF members have given a mixed response to the 2018-19 [MA Contribution Rates](#) published by Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

STF is asking all members to respond to a short survey on how the changes will affect their business. This is a repeat of the survey held in 2016 and will provide up to date data which will be used to inform discussions with SDS and Scottish Government.

The survey is for STF members only. Information supplied will be treated in strict confidence. Results will be shared with members via the Update and at a workshop being held in Glasgow in early March.

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT Workplace Equality Fund open for applications

A £500,000 fund to promote equality within the workplace has been opened by Employability Minister Jamie Hepburn. The Workplace Equality Fund offers grants to reduce employment inequalities, discrimination and barriers for minority ethnic people, women, disabled people and older workers.

The Fund will support delivery of the Scottish Government's Programme for Government; Race Equality Framework; Disability Action Plan; and Scotland's Labour Market Strategy. [Click here for more details.](#)

EQUALITIES AND APPRENTICESHIPS Race equalities training pilot

BEMIS Scotland is piloting a race equality training course aimed at Training Providers and Employers delivering Apprenticeships. The course, entitled 'Improving sustainable outcomes for ethnic minority communities', assumes no previous knowledge, and will take participants through a number of key areas related to advancing race equality:

- The legislative and policy context.
- How to 'map' the local area you work in - especially in terms of the ethnic diversity that exists within your area.
- Building an effective marketing strategy to encourage ethnic minority participation.
- The benefits of having an inclusive workforce.
- The practical application of what you have learned with reference to equality action plans.
- Measuring impact and evaluating processes – are you making a difference?

The course is made up of three 2-hour sessions which will take place in Glasgow from 11.00-1.00 on Tuesdays: 27 February, 13 March and 27 March. [Click here for more details.](#)

Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

tbc March 2018
GDPR for Training Providers
Glasgow

tbc March 2018
Foundation Apprenticeship
Procurement
Tbc, Glasgow

tbc March 2018
Apprenticeships North and South of
the Border
Tbc, Glasgow

14 March 2018
STF Board
City & Guilds, Glasgow

Several workshop dates are being finalised. All members will receive an email notification when each workshop date is confirmed.

STF ANNUAL CONFERENCE **Stephen Jardine is back!**

Top broadcaster, Stephen Jardine, has been confirmed as the host for the 2018 STF Annual Conference and Awards. [More details.](#)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

MA and EF Performance data published

Skills Development Scotland has published performance data for contractors delivering the MA and EF programmes on its main web site. Members who registered with PCS for the recent MA and EF tenders will already be familiar with the documents. [More details.](#)

PARTNER NEWS

Job vacancy – MGS – Programme Manager

Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) has been awarded a Heritage Lottery grant to develop sector capability to deliver vocational training to new and existing staff through its Skills for Success Programme. The programme will also onboard 22 new learners who will complete a variety of SVQ 3s in Museum Galleries Practice. There will be 18 entry level and 4 management level. As such the organisation needs to recruit an experienced Programme Manager who will essentially oversee both operational and strategic aspects of this programme. [Click here for more details.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

Job Vacancy – Remit Group – Development Coach

Job Vacancy – Remit Group is looking for a Development Coach (Assessor) for Retail/Management in Scotland
Click the link below for a full job description.

<https://www.remit.co.uk/development-coach-assessor-retail-management-scotland/>

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