

## STF NEWS STF AGM 2018

The [STF Annual General Meeting 2018](#) will be held on **Wednesday 21 November 2018** at Novotel, 181 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4DT.

The meeting will commence at 1.00pm and will be followed by a Members' Meeting which will finish no later than 3.00pm. The Member's Meeting will feature an update on National Training Programmes from Fiona Stewart, Skills Development Scotland.

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 19 November 2018**.

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](#).

## STF NEWS SQA honours Lorna Trainer with Fellowship

The Scottish Qualifications Authority has presented its highest accolade, the SQA Fellowship, to Lorna Trainer, Director of I&g learning, at its annual Star Awards ceremony.

The SQA Fellowship is SQA's premier award and is presented to individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to learning and training in Scotland over the course of their career. [More details.](#)

## FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS SDS launches FA marketing campaign

Skills Development Scotland has launched a marketing campaign to raise the profile of Foundation Apprenticeships in support of the Scottish Government's commitment to creating 5,000 FA opportunities across Scotland. [More details.](#)

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### Foundation Apprenticeship Information Sessions

With procurement for the next round of Foundation Apprenticeships now underway, Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and STF are joining forces to offer members information sessions aimed at highlighting the opportunities available specifically to training providers.

The sessions will be short and focused with a maximum of eight delegates. SDS will provide an overview of the FA programme – and answer specific questions from training providers on how they can become more involved.

The main sectoral areas being promoted are Business & Administration, Childcare, IT and Engineering – but members seeking to deliver in other areas are also welcome to attend a session.

The Information Sessions will be held at City & Guilds Scotland, 144 West George Street, Glasgow on the following dates:

- Friday 23 November, 1.00-2.30
- Monday 26 November, 1.00-2.30.

To reserve a place, contact Stuart McKenna on email: [stuart.mckenna@stf.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mckenna@stf.org.uk)

Procurement details for FAs are available on the [PCS web site](#).

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### STF members shine at SQA Star Awards 2018

Many STF Members were rewarded for their hard work at the SQA Star Awards held at Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum on 9 November. [More details.](#)

Category winners were: Centre of the Year in the wider UK: Thermal Insulation Contractors Association; Lifelong Learning: Candidate of the Year: Sharon Logan, Childcare Management Company; Partnership of the Year: Digital Mile at Dundee & Angus College; Lifelong Learning: Centre of the Year: Community Learning and Development at Glasgow Clyde College. [More details.](#)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### Scotland's Apprentice of the Year

Fraser Wallace -a teenage aviation engineer - has been named Scotland's Apprentice of the Year after at the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards, organised by Skills Development Scotland. The 18-year-old was one of the first young people in the country to complete a Foundation Apprenticeship before starting a Modern Apprenticeship job.

The Scottish Apprenticeship Awards ceremony took place at Perth Concert Hall on Thursday 15 November with more than 300 guests in attendance. [More details.](#)

## Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

21 November 2018

[STF AGM and Members' Meeting](#)  
Novotel, Glasgow

23 November 2018

[Foundation Apprenticeship Information Session](#)  
City & Guilds, Glasgow

26 November 2018

[Foundation Apprenticeship Information Session](#)  
City & Guilds, Glasgow

13 December 2018

[STF Care Forum](#)  
City & Guilds, Glasgow

Tbc January 2019

SQA/STF Focus Group  
SQA, Glasgow

## MEMBER NEWS

### **Semta Skills Awards 2019 – Open For Entries**

The sixth Semta Skills Awards are now open for entries. The Awards celebrate the talented individuals and companies that make the advanced manufacturing and engineering sector one of the highest skilled sectors in the UK.

There are eight award categories, including two new Apprentice of the Year awards, as well as Graduate or Degree Apprentice of the Year, Training Partner and SME Investment in Skills, Skills Innovation of the Year, Skills Champion and Diversity in Engineering. [More details.](#)

## JOB VACANCY

### **Job vacancy – Non Technical Skills Coach – Skillnet**

Skillnet is looking to recruit a Non-Technical Skills Coach based in Scotland. [More details.](#)

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### **QA and Improvement Framework RAG Ratings**

The new SDS Quality Assurance and Improvement Framework was introduced in April 2018 – and around 30 training providers have now been audited. One feature of the new Framework is the RAG rating given to each provider following an audit – and SDS is keen to get feedback from providers on the usefulness of this rating.

Accordingly, a two-hour focus group will be held in Glasgow in late November/early December to discuss the RAG Ratings. STF Members who have already been audited are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide feedback.

In addition, the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the effectiveness of the Individual Training Plan and Learner Progress Review documents – specifically, how useful they are in helping with apprentice and participant development.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact [stuart.mckenna@stf.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mckenna@stf.org.uk) for more details.

## MEMBER NEWS

### **Job vacancies – SECTT**

Scottish Electrical Charitable Training Trust (SECTT) manages the Electrical Installation programmes on behalf of the Scottish Joint Industry Board (SJIB). SECTT has two opportunities to join an expanding team. The first is for a Finance/Office Manager – and the second is for a Personal Assistant/ Administrator. [More details.](#)

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### **Job vacancies – Training Matters**

Training Matters is recruiting a Coach/Assessor and Admin Coordinator. The Coach/Assessor role is a maternity placement with the possibility of a permanent role. The Admin role will focus on qualification accreditation requirements and SDS funding compliance. [More details.](#)

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### **Job vacancy – Coach Employability Fund – PeoplePlus**

PeoplePlus is looking for a Coach to join our team on a fixed term basis for a period of 12 months. The successful applicant will be responsible for all aspects of programme delivery, delivering pre-employment training programmes at Stages 3 and 4 of the Employability Fund. [More details.](#)

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