

20 November 2017

STF NEWS

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.

Any member organisation that has not already confirmed their attendance should contact [Stuart McKenna](#) as soon as possible.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2017

The winners of the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2017 were announced last week at a ceremony in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

Photographs from the event are available on [Flickr](#)

More information about the winners in each category is available on the [Skills Development Scotland web site](#).

MEMBER NEWS

SCQF Conference 2018

The SCQF Partnership Conference 2018 takes place on Thursday 22 February 2018 in Glasgow. [More details.](#)

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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.

SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIPS

Defining an Apprenticeship Consultation

The Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board's (SAAB) Defining an Apprenticeship Consultation has been launched in order to provide a clear and agreed definition of what an apprenticeship is in Scotland's skills system.

The consultation sets out the key principles which SAAB views as critical to the integrity of apprenticeships in Scotland and the development of a system that works for employers and apprentices.

The consultation is open until midnight on **20 December 2017**, and feedback will be used to inform SAAB policy recommendations to Scottish Government.

STF will submit a response to the consultation on behalf of members. However, all members are encouraged to submit an individual response which reflects their own individual circumstances.

[Click here for links to the survey and supporting information.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Leaders of interim body announced

The chair and lead officer for the new South of Scotland interim Economic Partnership have been announced. Professor Russel Griggs OBE will be the private sector chair of the interim body, while Rob Dickson will co-ordinate the partnership's day to day work.

The Economic Partnership will be in place by the end of 2017. It will bring together public and private sector partners to deliver economic development in the South of Scotland and will help prepare the ground for the establishment of the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency.

[Click here for more details.](#)

EMPLOYABILITY FUND

Information on extended Child Benefit for EF Participants

Skills Development Scotland has published information for training providers highlighting that the parent/guardian of EF participants may be eligible for Child Benefit payments.

The document states that a parent/guardian can still get Child Benefit after their child turns 16 if their child is enrolled or accepted onto relevant education or training before their 19th birthday. The Employability Fund is classed as relevant training.

[Click here for more details.](#)

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.

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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