

STF NEWS

GDPR for Training Providers

Two member workshop sessions on GDPR have been arranged for early June 2018.

The sessions will provide a broad overview of the new GDPR requirements and how they will impact on organisations with SDS contracts. The first session will be held on 6 June and repeated on 11 June. [Click here for more details.](#)

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Minister to speak at STF Annual Conference

Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training, will be a keynote speaker at the STF Annual Conference and Awards on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 September 2018. [More details.](#)

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FA Workshop postponed

The STF Member workshop on Foundation Apprenticeships has been postponed as it is due to be held just prior to SDS announcing its commissioning strategy for Foundation Apprenticeship procurement 2019-21. [More details.](#)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members

STF is delighted to welcome two new members:

- [Sixth Sense Training](#)
- [FISSS](#)

STF membership currently stands at 131.

MEMBER NEWS

COLLEGEEXPO18

The programme for [COLLEGEEXPO18](#) has been published. Are you going?

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

SDS Letter of Guidance

Scottish Government has published its annual Letter of Guidance to Skills Development Scotland (SDS), outlining the strategic priorities the agency should pursue in 2018-19.

The SDS budget has increased from £179.6M in 2017-18 to £193.3M in 2018-19. Some of the main priorities identified are:

- 28,000 new Modern Apprenticeships, including 887 Graduate Apprenticeships
- Consideration to be given to 'how the MA contracting process could be adapted to facilitate the development of a stronger and higher quality training provider supply chain'
- 2,600 Foundation Apprenticeships to be supported in 2018-19, with a target of 5,000 by 2019-20
- 9,000 Employability Fund places
- SERI – offering support for up to 550 individuals
- ITAs – up to 18,500 new training places.

The Letter – and a summary of key points for STF members - is available on the [STF web site.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

15-24 Learner Journey Review report published

A report presenting the findings of the Scottish Government's 15-24 Learner Journey review has been published. The report acknowledges the strengths of the Scottish education and skills system and sets out priorities for further improvements to ensure all young people to get as much as possible from that system. [Click here for more details.](#)

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Review of Employability Landscape and Services

The Scottish Government is currently undertaking a review of the employability landscape and engaging in a discussion on the future of the employability system in Scotland to explore how to create a more joined up system that is focussed on progressing people into the jobs and careers they choose.

Scottish Government is keen that training providers have the opportunity to contribute to this discussion. A paper outlining the key aspects of the review is available [on the STF web site.](#)

Members are encouraged to send submissions with views and ideas to: NEETpolicy@gov.scot by 29 June 2018.

Separately, STF has set up a short life working group to feed in the collective views of members to this review. More information about this group – and notes from its first meeting - will be published shortly.

Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

22 May 2018

[SQA/STF Focus Group](#)
SQA, Glasgow

31 May 2018 **POSTPONED**

Workshop: [Foundation Apprenticeship Procurement](#)
SCQF, Glasgow

1 June 2018

Workshop: [Dealing with disability in the workplace](#)
SCQF, Glasgow

6 June 2018

Workshop: [Scottish Apprenticeship Awards & GDPR](#)
City & Guilds, Glasgow

8 June 2018

Workshop: [Scottish Apprenticeship Awards/SDS Marketing](#)
Premier Inn, Edinburgh

11 June 2018

Workshop: [GDPR & SAAB Apprenticeship Consultation](#)
Novotel, Glasgow

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND Online QA support

A range of resources are available to support Training Providers in understanding the new Quality Assurance and Improvement Framework.

These include webinars and a video where a Training Provider shares its view on the benefits of self-assessment to support continuous improvement. [More details.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT Stakeholder disability events

The Scottish Government is holding events with stakeholders to discuss how to increase the employment rates of disabled people in the public sector. The events will be held in Glasgow, Dundee, Edinburgh, Perth and Aberdeen. [Click here for more details.](#)

APPRENTICESHIPS

Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2018

Applications are now welcomed for the Scottish Apprenticeship Awards 2018. There are three new categories this year, including Apprentice Instructor of the Year. STF is hosting two workshops (see left column) with top tips to write an award-winning entry and more information on the new categories. The deadline for entries is 27 June 2018. [More details.](#)

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Talented trio celebrates 10 years at SCQF

In 2008 the small team that comprised the SCQF Partnership (SCQFP) Executive Team doubled in size! Three became six, and of the six, ten years later in 2018, three members of the team are still working for the SCQFP, helping to promote the benefits of the SCQF to learners, employers, parents, teachers, lecturers, careers guidance staff and policymakers. [Click here for more details.](#)

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Job vacancy – Limelight Careers

Limelight Careers is looking to recruit a Scottish Vocational Qualifications Assessor for Business Administration, Customer Service and/or Financial Services.

The post is based in Edinburgh. The closing date for applications is 31 May 2018. Interested parties should send a current CV to Caroline McFarlane on email: caroline@limelightcareers.co.uk

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Job vacancy – Training for Care

Training for Care is a well-established specialist training provider for the childcare and social care sectors in the Lothians.

We are looking for a qualified and experienced SVQ childcare assessor (Social Services Children and Young People SVQ3) to join our team of self-employed professional associates. This will be a part-time role and may include some tutoring as well as assessment of students.

We have attractive terms and conditions which will be discussed on application.

Please send your CV to Helen.Moffit@tfcscotland.org.uk

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