

20 October 2017

## STF MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome to new member

STF is delighted to welcome two new members to the federation:

- Skills for Scotland Ltd
- [Ident Training Ltd](#)

Membership of STF has grown significantly this year and now stands at 142.

## STF NEWS

### Ignore the SPAM!

Several members have received SPAM email from a company seeking to sell a list of STF Conference Delegates. We have asked the company to desist, but members are encouraged to block these emails.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Conference pics on Facebook

Pictures from the STF Annual Conference and Award Ceremony are now available to view on the [STF Facebook page](#).

Videos produced for the finalists in some of the award categories will be posted to the STF You Tube channel in the coming weeks.

## STF NEWS

### STF AGM 2017

The STF AGM 2017 will be held in Glasgow on 22 November 2017. More details will be published shortly.

## ENGINEERING

### Semta Skills Awards 2018

Applications for the Semta Skills Awards 2018 are now welcomed. [More details.](#)

## MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

### SAW dates 2018

The dates for the 2018 Scottish Apprenticeship Week are: 5 – 9 March 2018. [More details.](#)

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

### Scottish employment rates higher than the UK

Scotland's employment rate grew to 75.3% over the last quarter (June to August 2017) according to figures published by the ONS last week.

Over the quarter Scotland's female employment rate increased to 72.0%, higher than the UK rate of 70.7%. And over the year, youth unemployment decreased by 1.6 percentage points to 10.6%, lower than the UK at 13.3%.

[Click here for more details.](#)

## STF NEWS

### Become a Board Member of STF

One STF Director will retire at the forthcoming AGM on 22 November 2017 and this will create a vacancy for a new Director to be elected. Any STF member organisation can put forward a candidate for election to the STF Board, provided that (1) they have been a member for at least three months, and (2) their subscription is up to date. [Click here for more details.](#)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

### New SDS Equalities module – can you help?

Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is developing a new module - *Engaging Ethnic Minority Communities in work based and employability provision* – which is designed to give candidates the knowledge and skills to engage individuals from ethnic minority communities in relation to work based learning and employability.

The module has been specifically designed for SDS contracted training providers who wish to take proactive measures to improve the diversity of participation in their SDS funded training provision - but it may be suitable for other audiences including SDS staff, school staff, education managers, DWP staff.

SDS is seeking STF member assistance in two ways: (1) to comment on the content and approach taken in the draft module; (2) to volunteer to participate in piloting the module in early 2018. For more details, please contact: [Stuart McKenna](#)

## 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.](#)

## Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

26 October 2017

[STF Workshop: Assistive Technology Awareness \(Glasgow\)](#)  
SCQF, Glasgow

1 November 2017

[STF Workshop: Beyond Religion and Belief \(Glasgow\)](#)  
SCQF, Glasgow

7 November 2017

[SQA/STF Forum](#)  
SQA, Glasgow

9 November 2017

[STF Workshop: Assistive Technology Awareness \(East Kilbride\)](#)  
Concept Northern, East Kilbride

22 November 2017

[STF Annual General Meeting](#)  
Tbc, Glasgow

## MEMBER NEWS

### SCQF Conference 2018

The SCQF Partnership has announced that registration for its 2018 Conference is now open. The conference, entitled, The SCQF: Linking the Learning Journey, takes place on Thursday 22 February 2018 in Glasgow. [More details.](#)

## SCQF PARTNERSHIP

### RPL focus for NHS staff

NHS Scotland staff will benefit from an innovative project led by NHS Education for Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership. *'Getting it Right'* aims to develop and roll out Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) processes to help NHS staff to make the most of the informal learning which occurs in the workplace. [Click here for more details about the project.](#)

## MEMBER NEWS

### Free Caring for Vulnerable Children course

Members may be interested in registering for a 'Caring for Vulnerable Children' course. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about those children who are care experienced and the barriers to learning that they face. It is also good preparation if you are thinking about becoming a mentor for pupils who are still or have been in care.

The Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS) are delivering this short through FutureLearn. The course is free, lasts 6 weeks and will take around 4 hours per week of your time. [Click here for more details.](#)

## EVENTS

### The Circular Economy and Valuing Resources

Semta and Zero Waste Scotland are offering a CPD opportunity for all MA Centre staff, Apprentices and employer partners in engineering and related disciplines on Tuesday 14 November 2017 in East Kilbride.

As sustainability and waste reduction becomes increasingly important for business to remain competitive the event will provide an understanding of circular economy and valuing resources and how Employers, Employees and Training providers can contribute to this important topic. [Click here for more details.](#)

## EMPLOYABILITY

### SUSE Annual Conference 2017

The SUSE Annual Conference will take place in Edinburgh on 5 December 2017. [Click her for more details and to book tickets.](#)

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