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STF NEWS

STF Annual General Meeting

The STF Annual General Meeting 2017 was held on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

Louise Finlay, Regional Operations Director, YouTrain, was elected to the Board of Directors.

Two long-standing Board Members stood down – Bryan Woodrow, XL Training Ltd, and Duncan Macleod, YouTrain. They have more than 20 years' service to the Board between them. [Click here for more details.](#)

MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS

Extra Apprenticeship funding via Open Doors

The Open Doors In-Work Support Package aims to support people with disabilities, mental health problems and other barriers such as care leavers, ex-offenders and young carers into work and over a duration enable them to sustain employment on a long-term basis.

This year, an Enhanced Support Modern Apprenticeship package is being offered which includes additional resources for training providers, including:

- Help with recruitment
- Support to make reasonable adjustments at recruitment process
- FREE bespoke awareness training for training providers
- Ongoing support from a qualified Supported Employment Coordinator
- Support to make reasonable adjustments training material
- £1000.00 to cover the costs of any adaptations and support to apply for any adaptive materials/equipment

More details are available on a Fact Sheet on the [STF Web Site](#) or from Lucy Pearson at Enable Scotland on: lucy.pearson@enable.org.uk

SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIPS

Defining an Apprenticeship Consultation

The Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board's (SAAB) Defining an Apprenticeship Consultation has received over 100 responses in its first week. 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.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New Vocational Pathway Fund

STF members may be interested in a new fund aimed at promoting vocational training in the Scottish Museum sector. The *Vocational Pathway Fund* – run by Museums Galleries Scotland – will fund projects in two main areas: (1) Building the infrastructure of the sector to increase its capacity to facilitate work-based learning; (2) Pilot ways of addressing gaps in current provision.

Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) is the national development body for the Museums Galleries sector. It supports more than 400 museums and galleries from the third sector with funding applications, collections advice, advocacy and skills development.

Funding of up to £20,000 for each project is available. The closing date for applications is Monday 19 February 2018. Detailed information about the fund is available at: [Museums Galleries Scotland web site.](#)

In the first instance, STF members are asked to contact MGS to indicate the geographical areas they are interested in. MGS will then seek to link them to Museums and Galleries in these areas who have expressed an interest in working with training providers to access the fund.

Key contacts are: John Campbell: johnc@museumsgalleriescotland.org.uk (0131 550 4131); Jason Finch: jasonf@museumsgalleriescotland.org.uk (0131 550 4113 or 07841 022964)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Enterprise and Skills Board revealed

The advisory panel of business and economic representatives tasked with creating a fresh strategy for enterprise and skills support in Scotland has been unveiled. The Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board includes Wendy Alexander, University of Dundee, and John McClelland, Skills Development Scotland. [Click here for 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.

MEMBER NEWS

Sibbald is sustainability champion

Sibbald Training has been declared as champions of sustainability at the VIBES Scottish Environmental Business Awards 2017.

The VIBES – Scottish Environmental Business Awards encourages businesses across Scotland to increase their sustainability and reduce impact on the environment. Sibbald was appointed as winners of the Transport category for their considerable efforts in reducing transportation related carbon emissions.

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