

4 August 2017

STF NEWS

Welcome to new members

STF is delighted to welcome the following new members who have joined the federation in the last week:

- [Glasgow City Council](#)
- [Barnardo's Scotland](#)

STF membership currently stands at 134. Fourteen new members have joined STF this year.

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS Foundation Apprenticeships Procurement Workshop

A member workshop on Foundation Apprenticeship Procurement will be held in Glasgow on **Monday 14 August**, from 10.00-12.00.

The workshop will be led by Diane Greenlees from SDS. Procurement for FAs in 2018-20 is expected to be published on PCS week commencing 14 August 2017. [Click here for more details.](#)

EMPLOYABILITY EF for 2018-19?

Several members have asked if the current EF programme will continue beyond this year. In short, discussions between SDS and Scottish Government about this – and other funded programmes – are ongoing and no decisions have been made.

STF will raise the issue again with SDS at the next scheduled joint meeting on 18 August.

STF NEWS STF Awards 2017

Thanks to those members who submitted applications for the STF Awards 2017.

The Judging Panel will review all applications and finalists in each of the categories will be announced on Friday 18 August 2017.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Seven things about Scottish Apprenticeships

The Scottish Government has published a new leaflet 'Seven things you need to know about Scottish Apprenticeships' which provides information about Apprenticeships and the Apprenticeship Levy in Scotland.

The two-page document will be helpful to training providers in explaining the apprenticeship system to their employers. [Click here for more details.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Workforce Development Fund launch

The Scottish Government is expected to release details about the new Workforce Development Fund in early September. The £10 million skills fund, first announced in [December 2016](#), is aimed at bringing the college sector together with industry to better support in-work training.

The Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board – set up by the Scottish Government to give employers a stronger voice in the development and delivery of apprenticeships in Scotland – has recommended that the fund should not be restricted to colleges, but should be made available to employers and training providers also. It is not clear at this stage if the Scottish Government has adopted this recommendation.

APPRENTICESHIPS

SAAB Apprenticeship Consultation

The Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board (SAAB) will launch its consultation on the key principles which should underpin Apprenticeships in Scotland in the future in early September.

Within the consultation will be proposals which will have a significant impact on training providers if implemented, including:

- A mandatory minimum duration for all Apprenticeships
- Mandatory 'off the job' training for all Apprenticeships
- Introduction of 'end point assessment'.

The consultation will seek responses from all stakeholders involved in the Scottish Apprenticeship programme – and will be made available online. Following an analysis of the responses, SAAB will discuss the issues raised and make recommendations to Scottish Government.

To ensure that STF members are aware of the potential changes, [three workshops](#) have been arranged this month to provide more information and to seek member views on the potential changes.

STF will submit a formal response to the consultation on behalf of members – but it is also very important that members submit individual responses. More information about this consultation will be published in future issues of STF Update.

STF CONFERENCE 2017
Online Booking available

Details of the delegate packages available for the STF Annual Conference are now available on the [STF web site](#). For the first time, members are now able to book online.

Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

8 August 2017

[STF Workshop: FIPS Survey outcomes](#)

Mercure Hotel, Glasgow

9 August 2017

[STF Workshop: Key Principles of Apprenticeships: SAAB Consultation](#)

SCQF, Glasgow

10 August 2017

[STF Workshop: Key Principles of Apprenticeships: SAAB Consultation](#)

Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue, Edinburgh

14 August 2017

[STF Workshop: Foundation Apprenticeships Procurement](#)

SCQF, Glasgow

24 August 2017

[STF Workshop: Key Principles of Apprenticeships: SAAB Consultation](#)

Mercure Hotel, Glasgow

26 & 27 September 2017

[STF Annual Conference 2017](#)

Crieff Hydro

EUROPEAN FUNDING

ECVET workshop in Glasgow

The ECVET (European Credit transfer system for Vocational Education and Training) Expert team is holding a workshop in Glasgow on 7 September 2017 providing an introduction to ECVET and an opportunity to hear from experienced Erasmus+ mobility practitioners who will share their experiences. [Click here for more details.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

SCQF links with Hong Kong Framework

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership and the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China have recently published a report on the referencing of the SCQF against the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework. [Click here for more details.](#)

MEMBER VACANCY

Job Vacancy – Employment & Training Co-ordinators – Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council Employment and Training Unit is looking to recruit experienced and motivated individuals to join its existing team to co-ordinate, develop and deliver a range of employment and training activities supporting the Council's priority of increasing skills and employability amongst those most excluded from the labour market.

[Click here for more details on MyJobScotland web site](#)

[Click here for more information on the Falkirk Council Employment & Training Unit Facebook Page](#)

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