

STF NEWS

Meeting with Training Minister

The Chief Executive and Members of the STF Board will meet with Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training, on 17 April. The meeting will focus on cuts to MA Contribution Rates, procurement arrangements for the Flexible Workforce Development Fund / Foundation Apprenticeships and the future of the Employability Fund. Members with any specific questions they would like raised should contact [Stuart McKenna](#)

EVENTS

BEMIS careers event

The Scottish Apprenticeships, Careers and Volunteering event – organised by BEMIS - will take place Monday 16 April in Glasgow and is an opportunity for pupils to informally chat to over 40 employers, training providers and support agencies to gain knowledge and information about future careers. [More details.](#)

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SDS and STF Board minutes

Members are reminded that minutes of past meetings of the STF Board are available in the Member Section of the web site.

In addition, minutes of past SDS/STF Quarterly Meetings are also available in the Member section.

Members who have lost or forgotten their login details should contact [Stuart McKenna](#)

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Compliance issues workshop

A member workshop on SDS Compliance issues will be run in the next few months. Members are asked to contact [Stuart McKenna](#) with any specific issues that they would like to see covered.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

SG plan for future of employability

The Scottish Government has published a plan – ‘No One Left Behind – Next steps for the Integration and Alignment of Employability Support in Scotland’ – which sets out the next steps it will take to deliver more effective and joined-up employability support across Scotland.

It starts a wider discussion with partners on how it continues to build a more straightforward and person-centered system of support.

Jamie Hepburn MSP has written to the STF Chief Executive to invite the federation to contribute to the debate and members will be kept informed with developments. [Click here for more details.](#)

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Expansion in college childcare training

A large increase in childcare training places has been announced to help deliver the additional workforce required for the transformation of early learning and childcare in Scotland. The new training places are being made available in colleges and universities across Scotland in 2018/19.

The expansion will see an additional 1,813 new starts for HNC college and university (through UHI) courses to train at practitioner level in the sector – and an additional 490 places at managerial level. [More details.](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Museums Galleries Scotland – SVQ3 tender

Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) is the National Development Body for museums and galleries in Scotland. MGS also promote the sector's work to the Scottish Government, stakeholders and the public, and advocate the public value and contribution of museums and galleries to society.

MGS is currently inviting tenders from suitably experienced and qualified people and organisations to work with it and host museum staff to support the delivery of the SVQ3 Museums and Galleries Practice to learners across Scotland. The deadline for completed tenders is 25 April 2018.

[Click here for more details on the MGS web site.](#)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND

SDS published inclusive recruitment guides

Skills Development Scotland – in partnership with the Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board – has developed and published new guides for employers which promote inclusive recruitment.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Forthcoming workshops, meetings and events

12 April 2018

[STF Care Forum](#)

Novotel, Glasgow

tbc April 2018

Workshop: GDPR for Training Providers
Glasgow

22 May 2018

[SQA/STF Focus Group](#)

SQA, Glasgow

31 May 2018

Workshop: [Foundation Apprenticeship Procurement](#)

SCQF, Glasgow

1 June 2018

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

SCQF, Glasgow

EDUCATION SCOTLAND

Job vacancies

Education Scotland is currently advertising a range of vacancies, including Attainment Advisors, HM Inspectors of Education and Education Officers. [More details.](#)

MEMBER EVENTS

City & Guilds Networking Events

City and Guilds is hosting a series of free network events to support delivery of Modern Apprenticeships in Scotland. These events will showcase its qualifications, its delivery resources and e-portfolio options. Delegates do not have to be a City and Guilds customer to attend these events but places will be on a first come first served basis.

If you are offering apprenticeships in the following areas then please come along and meet the City & Guilds team: Automotive – 17th April; Construction – 1st May; Hospitality – 9th May. [More details.](#)

MEMBER NEWS

Semta Apprenticeship Levy survey

Semta is seeking the views of employers in the Scottish engineering and advanced manufacturing sector on the apprenticeship levy, including how it has affected recruitment, how it has impacted on other training, and the use of apprenticeships funding by the Scottish Government. The data collected through this survey will be the basis for a report to be shared to all Scotland key stakeholder organisations including Scottish Government.

The survey is for Semta in-scope employers. STF members are asked to forward the questionnaire to engineering employers that they deal with. More details at: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=152171632459>

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