

STF

The Scottish Training Federation



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THE VOICE OF TRAINING PROVIDERS

The Scottish Training Federation (STF) represents training providers operating in the field of work based training across Scotland.

STF currently has over 140 members – from independent training providers, group training associations, colleges, employers and local authority training departments.

STF is regarded as the ‘voice of training providers’ in Scotland and is regularly consulted by all major skills stakeholders, including Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland.

The STF Chief Executive and Board Members have regular meetings with senior staff at

Skills Development Scotland and Scottish Government to lobby on behalf of members.

Free member workshops are held every month to update members on policy changes and new initiatives such as GDPR, Individual Training Accounts, MA contribution rates and the Apprenticeship Levy.

All members receive a weekly e-newsletter, access to a member section of the STF website and discounted rates for the STF Annual Conference.

Members are also able to raise operational and contractual issues with the Chief Executive in complete confidence.

STF Members delivered more than 20,000 Modern Apprenticeships in 2016-17.

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Around 75% of Modern Apprenticeship places in Scotland were delivered by STF members in 2016-17.

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And STF members also delivered more than 6,000 Employability Fund places. That’s more than 70% of the places available.
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DELIVERING FOR MEMBERS

A major element of STF activity is in helping individual members with specific issues and concerns relating to the procurement and delivery of funding contracts. Whilst the impact of this activity is largely hidden, it is nonetheless very important for the members concerned.

STF has been successful in delivering change for its members in specific areas:

- Increases in the MA Contribution Rates for Management and Childcare apprenticeships
- The introduction of a new payment for MAs delivered in a rural setting
- Increases in the number of MA places available in Childcare
- Modifications to FIPS to better suit member needs
- Continued dialogue with Skills Development Scotland and Scottish Government to promote the importance of the Employability Fund – and ensure its continuity.

STF sits on a number of influential groups, including: Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board (SAAB); Modern Apprenticeship Group (MAG); Scottish Government Devolved Employment Services Advisory Group; SFC/SDS Joint Skills Committee.

STF addresses both strategic and operational issues on behalf of members.

Ensuring that members help shape future skills and training policy is a key objective. But operational and contractual issues are also important. Through the Chief Executive and Board, members can raise day-to-day issues of concern with stakeholders and funding agencies in complete confidence.

STF PRIORITIES 2018-19

The STF Board has agreed to pursue the following priority objectives in 2018-19.

Apprenticeship Levy funds are spent primarily on apprenticeships

To influence government and its agencies to ensure that Apprenticeship Levy funds are directed primarily to the provision of apprenticeships.

Greater transparency for employability fund tendering and provision

To seek greater transparency and equality between independent providers, third sector organisations, colleges and local authorities in the tendering for and provision of employability fund activity.

Apprenticeship funding matches costs of quality delivery

To influence government and SDS and ensure that the level of public funding ascribed to individual apprenticeship frameworks is set at a level which is consistent with the cost of delivery of a quality service.

Minimum three-year contracts for provision

To promote the benefits of longer contracts for apprenticeship and employability programmes, through reducing procurement administration and providing a more favourable climate for long term investment in delivery capacity.

Marketing budget for training providers

To recognise the key role training providers have in marketing to employers a new marketing payment should be introduced.

COME AND JOIN US!

A full-year membership subscription – running from 1 January to 31 December each year – costs £370. Organisations joining part way through the year will receive a proportionate reduction.

Payment can be made in one lump sum, or via monthly standing order.

More information about the benefits of joining STF is available at:

<https://www.stf.org.uk/become-a-member/>

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