

# Skills Development Scotland announce new services for employers



*Businesses in Edinburgh to benefit from new employer services team*

Sam Kemp and Vicki MacLean on board to identify and advise on recruitment and skills needs

Employers in the Edinburgh area can now benefit from more direct support and advice to help them recruit and develop the skills they require in today's competitive environment.

Operating on a regional basis across local authority areas, Skills Development Scotland (SDS) has announced the introduction of a new employer services team that will be on hand to offer advice as and when required.

The announcement follows the recent launch of Our Skillsforce, a comprehensive new employer web service which provides easy access to a range of public sector information and support services to help employers meet their future skills needs.

In Edinburgh, Employer Engagement Adviser, Sam Kemp and Relationship Account Executive Vicki MacLean will engage with local and regional stakeholders including Scottish Enterprise, Business Gateway, City of Edinburgh Council and the local employability partnership. They will also work closely with organisations which represent businesses and employees, including the Federation of Small Businesses, Scottish Chambers of Commerce and the STUC.

Commenting on his new appointment, Sam said: "I am particularly keen to support employers and partner organisations in the Edinburgh area, in order to promote skills and learning."

Vicki added: "Our roles will be an exciting challenge, bringing together all the key partners at a local level in order to ensure that employers in Edinburgh are fully informed of the support available for workforce development."

Gordon McGuinness, Head of Industry and Enterprise Networks at SDS, said: "Continuing to support employers remains a top priority and the restructure and expansion of the team demonstrates our ongoing commitment to support employers across the country."

"We are thrilled with the calibre of excellence in the team, who will bring together support from appropriate public sector bodies to help make sure the right support is available to employers, regardless of size or location."

For further information on the support available from the team, please call the SDS Employer Helpline on 0808 100 1090 or visit [www.ourskillsforce.co.uk](http://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk)