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SQA HOSTS ENERGY SEMINAR

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) demonstrated its continuing commitment and contribution to skills development within the energy sector by hosting a cross-agency seminar.

The seminar aimed to raise awareness of SQA's partnership approach to energy related skills development and qualifications.

Over eighty delegates including curriculum managers, business development managers and senior staff responsible for strategic planning in Scotland's further education colleges and training companies were joined by representatives from several skills bodies and energy trade federations.

Delegates attended a mixture of presentations and discussions based on SQA's current and future provision of energy related qualifications and support materials with a particular focus on the skills needed now and in the future to support the growing renewable energy sector.

Sharing the platform with SQA on the day were representatives from the Scottish Government's Renewable Energy Team, Scotland's Colleges and speakers from Sector Skills Councils, SummitSkills and Energy and Utility Skills.

Gordon Rogers, Head of Industry and Business at SQA, said: "We are providing a clear demonstration to our customers that we are working with the right industry and government stakeholders in order to take the lead in providing highly regarded and sought after qualifications in this emerging and highly competitive industry.

"SQA will utilise its comprehensive portfolio to ensure learners will have access to qualifications that will enhance their skills and allow them to make the most of current and future opportunities in the energy and renewable sectors."

Commenting on the event, Jim Brown of the Scottish Government's renewable energy team, said: "SQA has demonstrated a commitment to ensure the skills and training products it offers will give learners the best opportunity to succeed in a highly competitive and demanding industry."

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Notes to editors:

About SQA:

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) is the national accreditation and awarding body in Scotland.

SQA works in partnership with schools, colleges, universities and industry to provide high quality, flexible and relevant qualifications and assessments - embedding industry standards where appropriate. We strive to ensure that SQA qualifications are inclusive, accessible to all, that they provide clear progression pathways, facilitate lifelong learning and recognise candidate achievement.

There are approximately 1,500 centres approved to offer our range of qualifications.

Our qualifications include:

- National Qualifications (including Standard Grade, National Units and courses at Access, Intermediate, Higher and Advanced Higher levels)
- Skills for Work Courses
- Professional Development Awards
- National Progression Awards
- National Certificates
- Higher National Certificates and Diplomas (HNC/HND)
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs)
- Customised Awards

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