SQA CONNECTIONS WEEK

Monday 2 – Thursday 5 October 2023

Location: MS Teams

Monday, 2 October

10am to 12pm	**SVQ Business and Administration** – opportunity to discuss the new Business and Administration Level 5 and 6 structures, led by the Senior Verifier
1pm to 2pm	**Customer Service Qualifications** – covering updates for the SVQs in Customer Service, Certificate for Customer Service in the Financial Services Sector and the NPA Customer Service.
2pm to 3pm	**Principles of Assessment Arrangements with Q&A** – An overview of the purpose of assessment arrangements for disabled learners and/or those with additional support needs. There will also be an opportunity to ask SQA about the process.
3pm to 4pm	**Digital by Design: Technology in NextGen: HN -** This interactive session will explore some of the digital developments within the NextGen: HN project including digital assessment tools, e-learning and digital publishing.
3pm to 5pm	**Quality Assurance for Schools delivering Higher National & Vocational qualifications:** An overview of qualification verification activity for schools delivering Higher National and Vocational Qualifications.
4pm to 5pm	**Skills for Work (SfW) Hospitality –** To support centres with the delivery, assessment and approval if offering the Foundation Apprenticeship.

Tuesday, 3 October

11am to 12pm	**Equalities Research: An Update**– An update on research being carried out by the Equalities Team, for learners with a range of protected characteristics, including those who need assessment arrangements.
1pm to 2pm	**Learning for Sustainability** – for colleges and ETPs on how Learning for Sustainability (LfS) is key to education and skills reform, the refreshed SG Learning for Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2030, increasing demand for green skills, jobs, and careers in Scotland, and development of resources by SQA to support learning.
2pm to 3pm	**Exploring generative AI use in qualifications & assessment**– Opportunity to discuss generative Artificial Intelligence and how it may impact qualifications and assessment in future.
3pm to 4pm	**Key principles to an anti-racist curriculum -** There are a variety of resources out there for how to build an anti-racist curriculum in both the school and FE/HE sector. How do we make sense of the information? What are the common themes? How do we reinforce these ideas across stages of education?
3pm to 5pm	**Quality Assurance for Schools delivering Higher National & Vocational qualifications:** An overview of qualification verification activity for schools delivering Higher National and Vocational Qualifications. **(Repeated session)**

10am to 11am	**New Model Apprenticeships in Engineering sectors –** an opportunity to share the 3 new qualifications in Engineering Asset Lifecycle and Maintenance, Engineering Manufacturing and Fabrication, Engineering Technical Support to delivering centres that have been developed following an industry led review.
11am to 12pm	**SOLAR Scottish OnLine Assessment Resources**- The session will provide a SOLAR activity update and a demonstration of SOLAR, followed by Q&A.
1pm to 2pm	**Management and Leadership qualifications -** the session will provide an update on SVQ's and PDA's, a summary of best practice from 2022/23 and the SQA/CMI joint awarding partnership and resources available through free studying membership.
2pm to 3pm	**Top tips to save time and stress when approaching approval applications–** this session will cover important elements of internal verification and look at the toolkits that are available. This session will also help to demonstrate the need for the process and how it will help reduce errors saving time and effort. This session is for schools.
3pm to 4pm	**National Progression Award (NPA) in Esports -** this session will provide an overview of our new NPA Esports at SCQF levels 4,5,6.
4pm to 5pm	**National Progression Awards in Performing Arts**– This session will provide an overview of delivering Performing Arts NPAs and evidence required

Thursday, 5 October

10am to 11am	**Meta-skills -** This session will showcase resources available to support the development of meta-skills in NextGen HN
11am to 12pm	**Exploring generative AI use in qualifications & assessment** - Opportunity to discuss generative Artificial Intelligence and how it may impact qualifications and assessment in future **(repeated session)**
1pm to 2pm	**Digital Marketing qualifications -** This session will provide an update on SVQ Digital Marketing at SCQF level 7.
2pm to 3pm	**Grading approaches in NextGen:HN –** A run through of new grading approaches and what they mean for college or university applications/admissions and understanding for employers in the context of job applications.
3pm to 4pm	**Competence Based Qualifications in Digital Tech** – this session will provide an update on our new Diploma in Digital Technology at SCQF levels 6&8.
4pm to 5pm	**Foundation Apprenticeship in Food and Drink**– To support centres with the delivery, assessment and approval if offering the Foundation Apprenticeship, including employer/candidate experience.