

MAG Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2009
The Alliance, Edinburgh

Members

Maria Roushias (Chair)	Scottish Further Education Unit
Iain McCaskey	Alliance Scotland
Christine Doherty	Scottish Training Federation
Carole Brown	Scottish Qualifications Authority
Audrey Robertson	Scottish Government
Sylvia O'Grady	Scottish Trades Union Congress
Fiona Stewart	Skills Development Scotland
Roddy Henry	Scottish Further Education Unit

In Attendance

Jennifer Mclean	Alliance Scotland
Willie Fergusson	Chair, The Alliance of Sector Skills Councils Qualifications and Learning Group
Rhona Martin	Alliance Scotland
Danny MacDonald	Scottish Government
Brian Hermiston	Skills Development Scotland

Apologies

Taylor Stewart	Skills Development Scotland (Marketing)
George Brown	Scottish Qualifications Authority Accreditation Unit
Abigail Kinsella	Careers Scotland

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were given. Danny MacDonald from Scottish Government and Rhona Martin from the Alliance Scotland both attended to familiarise themselves with MAG.

2. Minute from the Previous meeting

The minute from the last meeting was checked.

- The solution on item six for Core Skills was actually the solution for the NVQ Issue. The group discussed in detail the issue of separately certificating of Core Skills. This will be added to the **agenda of the next meeting** to discuss issues around mapping and signposting.
- Roddy's name should be under the apologies section for the meeting on 26th.

Next agenda – Core Skills

Constitution, Name change (SFEU) and observer status

3. Matters Arising

- Point 1 – Completed
- Point 2 – NVQ Scoping exercise ongoing
- Point 3 – Completed
- Point 4 – Completed
- Point 5 – On hold as new submissions arriving in October

Point 6 – Core Skills Mappings being uploaded onto website

4. MAG Work Plan

The group looked through the work plan.

- It was requested that “policy change” is to be changed to “MAF update” to ease any worries.
- Workshops are not available yet for Training Providers but IM is keen to visit events that STF and ASC will hold for training providers and colleges to give updates. This is to be added to the document.
- The Alliance is working on MA Online to gain the ability to register and credit & level MAs from January 2010.
- It was noted that the subgroup ends in October. The group have agreed to extend this until the conclusion of the review

Action 2 – IM to update work plan

5. Review of MAG

The group discussed the document about the review of MAG and AR explained the reasons for this.

- The group was in agreement that issues around policy/strategic work have to be looked at.
- A new subgroup has been formed to oversee the review (Audrey Robertson, Maria Roushias and Iain McCaskey)

Scottish Govt to agree to tender

6. Feedback from ICS and CfA re Core Skill levels

The group looked at the responses from ICS and CfA and discussed in detail the solution to upping Core Skill levels.

- Both frameworks were approved and new frameworks with higher levels should be submitted by 1st April 2010 due to policy change

Action 3 – IM to draft letters to both SSBs including the policy change and conditions of approval

7. Subgroup Update

IM updated the group on the work of the subgroup
Frameworks being reviewed on 6th October are;

- Lantra
- Skillsmart Retail
- Cogent

IM explained that ConstructionSkills and People1st were looking to incorporate newly approved qualifications within their existing frameworks. The group approved this.

Action 4 – JM to set up Agreeadate for a second meeting in October to review frameworks

8. ConstructionSkills MA Online Statistics

The group looked at the statistics and found these to be very useful and appreciated ConstructionSkills transparency of sharing their statistics with the group.

9. AOB

- AR noted the recent success of Scotland within the apprentices that represented the UK team at the Worldskills event in Canada.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 15th October 2009, at Skills Development Scotland, Glasgow