



A Future in Food

Bringing Scotland's schools and food & drink manufacturers together

A Future in Food is an innovative national programme, established and run by the Scottish Food & Drink Federation. It helps teachers and school pupils better understand Scotland's food and drink manufacturing sector, highlights the many exciting career opportunities on offer and the various routes to access them.

A Future in Food is a collective approach that contributes to the future of Scotland's young people, the food and drink industry and the wider economy.

A World of Opportunities

Food Science, Marketing, IT, Engineering, New Product Development, Research, Analysis, Operational Efficiency, Microbiology, Sustainability, Procurement, Law, PR, Logistics ... plus many more careers are all on offer within Scotland's food and drink industry.

A Career in Food & Drink?

Scotland produces some of the finest quality food and drink in the world and boasts many global brands.

The continuing success of the industry is testament to the dynamism and innovation displayed by Scottish food and drink manufacturers. Companies who are also committed to food safety, the environment and the communities in which they operate.

A Future in Food has been established to encourage young people to think about the food on their plates...

How is it produced? Where did the ingredients come from? How does it get to consumers? What type of skills are required? ... and, in doing so, raise awareness of the many career opportunities on offer.

Food & Drink industry in Scotland

- Nation's largest manufacturing sector
- Employs 50,000 people
- Generates sales of £7.57bn
- A global operator (exporting £3.57bn of product)

How does *A Future in Food* work?

Working with schools and food manufacturers, *A Future in Food* facilitates the creation and development of valuable educational partnerships that support Curriculum for Excellence.

In bringing food companies together with schools, pupils will not only gain a better understanding of the production and processing of food but, crucially, will gain practical skills via real life experiences and active engagement with industry.

Supporting Curriculum for Excellence

A Future in Food is well placed to address all 8 curriculum areas, in particular Health and Wellbeing, Mathematics, Sciences and Technologies.

Due to the diverse nature of the food and drink industry, there are opportunities for engagement with many subjects including maths, sciences, IT, technology and Home Economics. There are also exciting possibilities for cross curricular activities.

A Future in Food, also works closely with further and higher education providers to ensure there are clear connections between skills gained and available courses and career pathways.

How do I get involved?

Simply contact the programme's national co-ordinator, at schools@sdfd.org.uk, who will be happy to answer any queries you may have and explore how *A Future in Food* could be tailored to best fit your needs and areas of interest.

A Future in Food will then broker an industry/school partnership that best matches the interests of individual schools and food companies.

Ongoing support will also be provided.

More information?

Further information on *A Future in Food* can be found on www.sdfd.org.uk.

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“ As employers, we have an obligation not just to do our best for the employees of the future but an obligation to stimulate young people to come into the food industry. *A Future in Food* has come along just at the right time. ”

Ewan Reid, Technical Director, Matthew Algie, Glasgow

“ If we can work with schools, we can show young people how an interest in business studies, marketing, engineering or IT, for example, can be linked in with the food and drink industry. This, in turn, supports teachers because what we are able to provide fits with the Curriculum for Excellence. ”

Alastair Macphie, Chief Executive, Macphie



“ Skills Development Scotland is delighted to be working in partnership with the Scottish Food & Drink Federation to support *A Future in Food*. The food and drink industry is a priority sector for Scotland, with diverse and rewarding career options for young people. This project will involve a range of partners and is one of the steps being taken to challenge skills gaps and labour shortages in key areas. ”

Gerry McBride, Strategic Relations Manager, Skills Development Scotland

“ Our involvement with SFDF spans a number of years and this particular project is an extremely forward-thinking one. Not only does *A Future in Food* showcase careers in the food and drink industry, it creates a more collective approach to tackling the problem of recruitment and harnesses the experience of a broad range of manufacturers who can share best practice. ”

Alan Halliday, Regional Director Scotland, Coca Cola Enterprises



“ We're an exciting business that relies on technology for our growth and future development. All of this means that we need a stream of good people coming into the company so from our perspective, *A Future in Food* is something that we wholeheartedly welcome. ”

Alan Kilpatrick, Managing Director, Devro (Scotland) Ltd

“ Interdisciplinary working is the way I would like to work all the time. *A Future in Food* requires a little effort but provides a lot of impact due to the support from industry. ”

Anne McGivern, Principal Teacher HE and Health Promotion, Coatbridge High School

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The Scottish Food & Drink Federation is an independent, industry funded trade organisation, universally recognised as the “voice” of food and drink manufacturers in Scotland.

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