

A photograph of a man and a woman in a server room. The man, on the left, has a beard and is wearing safety glasses and a white lab coat over a blue shirt. He is smiling and looking upwards. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is also wearing safety glasses and a white lab coat. She is smiling and looking upwards. They are both wearing blue gloves. The background shows rows of server racks with blue cables. The entire image has a blue tint.

Professional Learning

Techné

The new technicians' professional network



We have just launched **Techné** for technicians in Scotland.

Within this new site, you can find out about training opportunities, download the latest STAC meeting minutes, talk with other technicians in the forum or share some resources you think will benefit the wider technician community.

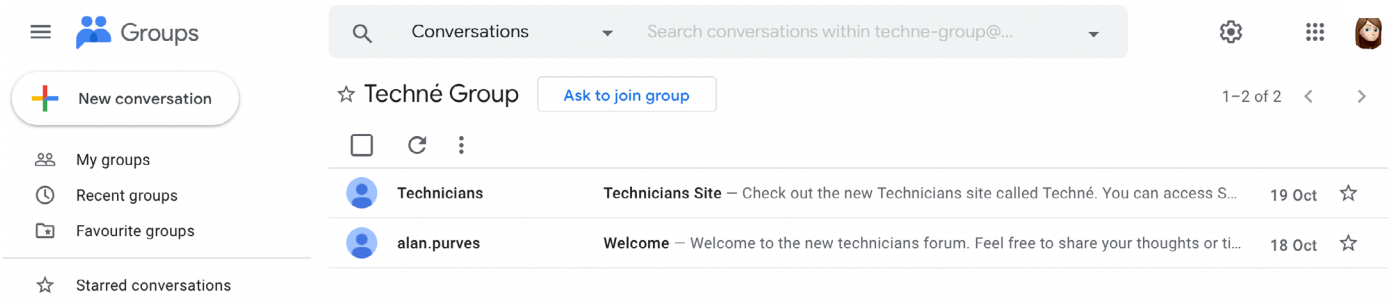
We want this resource to be for technicians by technicians.

The Home page allows you to access resources, discover the SSERC_TV YouTube channel, find your Local Authority STAC member and the STAC meeting minutes, amongst other things.



The Techné forum

Use this space to have discussions with fellow technicians. Look out for or let everyone know about new practical ideas and methods, suggest future training opportunities. The options are endless.



Resources

The level of knowledge and experience within the technician community is immense. Imagine starting your journey as a school/college technician and finding a treasure trove of information, hints and tips, sound preparation methods and other bits of wisdom that would make your beginnings as a technician a lot easier to handle.

Use this space to drop off your golden nuggets, and let's build a great resource together.

Training

Access Training information with links to the **sserc website** and details about bespoke training and information opportunities.

Tech_Meets

Why not join us for an online information session and find out about what's hot in the world of educational supplies.

We have **6** sessions in the calendar, each one about a different piece of kit that has raised a lot of enquiries with education suppliers.

Each session will be run using MS Teams with someone from the supplies company presenting live, then answering some questions that have been sent in by technicians. If we can't answer all the questions within the session, we will make sure to get an answer to you after the event.

Session no.	Date	Session
1 Watch now	28th October 2021	PCR with Lucienne from Timstar
2	25th November 2021	Visualise it with Lucienne from Timstar
3	16th December 2021	Prep room modular units from Timstar
4	27th January 2022	Sparkview from Sci Chem
5	24th February 2022	BeeSpi V light gate from Sci Chem
6	24th March 2022	TBC

As with everything that SSERC does, we are always open to suggestions. Put your ideas in an email and send them to alan.purves@sserc.scot.



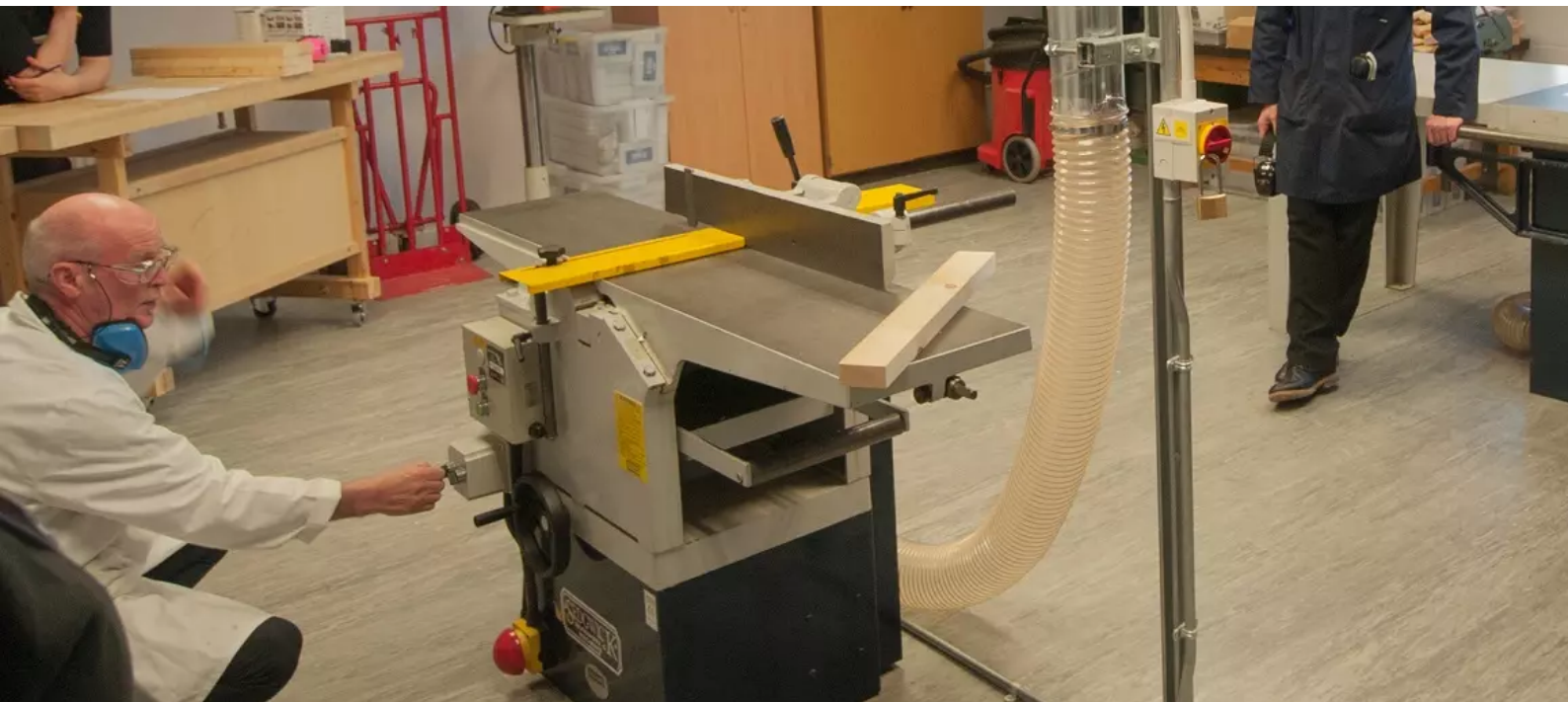
Professional Learning Courses

SSERC offers a wide variety of meaningful professional learning specifically designed for technicians. The courses opposite are still available for application on our website.

All of SSERC's technician courses are credit and levelled through the SCQF framework. For more information or to apply for a course, follow the link below.

[More info and apply](#)

NOV 9 Tue	Maintenance of Fixed Workshop Machinery Nov 9 – Nov 11 <small>all-day</small>
	Safety in Microbiology for Schools <small>Edit</small> Nov 9 – Nov 11 <small>all-day</small>
NOV 17 Wed	Intermediate Physics Nov 17 – Nov 18 <small>all-day</small>
NOV 26 Fri	Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery (Refresher) Nov 26 <small>all-day</small>
DEC 1 Wed	Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery Dec 1 – Dec 2 <small>all-day</small>
JAN 26 Wed	Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery Jan 26 – Jan 27 <small>all-day</small>
FEB 3 Thu	Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery Refresher Feb 3 <small>all-day</small>
MAR 2 Wed	Electrical Safety and PAT Mar 2 – Mar 3 <small>all-day</small>
MAR 9 Wed	Chemical Handling Mar 9 – Mar 10 <small>all-day</small>
	Safe Use of Fixed Workshop Machinery Mar 9 – Mar 10 <small>all-day</small>
MAR 29 Tue	Safety in Microbiology for Schools Mar 29 – Mar 31 <small>all-day</small>
APR 27 Wed	Safety in Microbiology for Schools Apr 27 – Apr 29 <small>all-day</small>





SSERC Technicians' Conference

Would you like to come along to SSERC in Dunfermline for a day of hands-on free professional learning specifically designed for technicians? Then the SSERC Technicians' Conference is for you.

The conference will take the same form as the previous one with a series of 1-hour long training sessions spread throughout the day. The sessions will cover aspects of the job that our other professional learning courses don't. You will also have the opportunity to network with other technicians from across the country.

Information about how to apply will be available in early 2022.

The sessions from the previous conference included -

- Soldering
- Welding
- Basic electrical theory
- Tool sharpening
- Microscale Chemistry
- Basic Glass work
- SSERC equipment safe use.

Hope to see you there!



If you have any suggestions for future training sessions, send them to alan.purves@sserc.scot.