



# The Scottish Technicians' Advisory Council (STAC)



## School technicians in Scotland are employees of Local Authorities, Independent schools and grant-maintained schools.

SSERC has a long-standing commitment to supporting the professional development of the technician community in Scotland. We provide this support as part of our service to our member local authorities, independent schools and grant-maintained schools.

SSERC has a dedicated technician workstream associated with Vision 2030.

### School technicians



To raise the professional status of school technicians and promote the role they play in the education community in Scotland.

This support is currently delivered through the Scottish Technicians' Advisory Council (STAC), which was established to ensure representation from all Local Authorities and the independent sector, which forms part of SSERC's governance and advisory structure ([see Appendix 1](#))

Under the auspices of STAC, we have:

- regular STAC meetings to discuss professional development needs and other relevant topics;
- developed a range of SCQF credit and levelled professional learning courses;
- developed a range of non SCQF credit and levelled professional learning courses;
- an annual technicians conference;
- developed a virtual Technicians professional network called Technē, which is accessible to all school and college technicians in Scotland.

Moving forward, we want to reinvigorate our commitment to supporting the technician profession in Scotland and propose the following:

1. continuation of regular STAC meetings with the decisions from this group shared with the wider technician community;
2. ensure representation on STAC of every Scottish Local Authority;
3. delivery of 6 twilight professional learning webinars, open to any school or college technician to attend, free of charge, which will focus on acquiring and developing new knowledge and skills appropriate to the school or college technician role;
4. continuation of an annual Technician Conference. Linked to this, we will explore opportunities to widen participation;
5. review the current Technē virtual network with a view to relaunch using a platform that promotes easy access and participation;
6. add to the range of professional learning opportunities available to the technician profession in Scotland;
7. develop a National School and College Technician Diploma comprising SCQF credit and levelled professional learning courses.

## **Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for Scottish Technician's Advisory Council**

### **Aims:**

1. To represent the Scottish School Technician professional community and advise SSERC on matters relating to:
  - professional development needs of school technicians;
  - qualification frameworks to support professional development of school technicians;
  - technician based projects and activities.
2. To receive regular reports about the progress of Technician based projects and activities including those relating to professional development and qualification frameworks.
3. To act as moderators for the Scottish School Technician Virtual Network (Techné)
4. To support and to act as advocates for:
  - the Scottish School Technician professional community;
  - the work of SSERC with particular reference to supporting the Scottish School Technician professional community.

### **Membership:**

- Each Scottish Local Authority will have one technician representative on the Council.
- SCIS will have one technician representative.
- Jordanhill College will have one technician representative.
- SSERC will have three representatives: CEO, Technician Project Officer and Technology Education Manager.
- A Chair will be appointed by the Council at its September meeting.
- The SSERC Technician Project Officer will act as secretary to the meeting.