



Scottish Borders Construction Forum

Installers

Upskill in Heat Pump Technologies, EV Charging or Unvented Hot Water Systems at Borders College and you could be eligible for the Scottish Borders Construction Trades Subsidy Scheme

The scheme can provide loss of earnings of up to £250 per day whilst training for tradespeople registered in Scottish Borders earning less than £50,000 per year

See application details and terms and conditions inside



Limited Funds - Apply Now



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Businesses in the Scottish Borders can now benefit from **FREE Retrofit Skills Training** at Borders College thanks to funding obtained through the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund.

In collaboration with the Regional Social Landlords (RSL), the College has embarked on an exciting journey to develop and deliver Retrofit training programs. This initiative is a direct response to the pressing need for upskilling to decarbonise the housing stock within our region.

These courses are aimed at employees of social landlords and their subcontractors, as well as businesses based in the Scottish Borders. Course duration, venue and outcomes will vary depending on your needs.

Courses available:

- Air source & Ground Source Heat Pumps Installation & Servicing
- Electric Vehicle Charging
- Heat Pumps Awareness – Advanced Intro
- Heat Pumps – Basic Intro
- Introduction to Domestic Retrofit (Basic)
- Introduction to Domestic Retrofit (NOCN)
- Introduction to Renewables (Electrical)
- Introduction to Sustainable Construction
- Mechanical Ventilation & Heat Recovery
- Unvented Hot Water

To find out more and book your **FREE** course go to:

<https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/greenskills>

Are you eligible for the Scottish Borders Trades Subsidy Scheme?

To target specific skill shortages we requested and were awarded funds from UK Shared Prosperity Fund for a modest training budget to cover loss of earnings for local trades people. SBTSS is open to traders in Scottish Borders with a personal income below £50,000 per year and can cover loss of earning costs for the following courses:

- EV Charging
- Ground Source and Air Source Heat Pumps
- Unvented Hot Water Systems

First come, first served.

Only 6 grants available.

Apply now

If you are a sole trader or micro business in Scottish Borders interested in any of the upskilling courses please get in touch for an application pack by emailing bordersconstructionforum@gmail.com

ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING SOLE TRADERS & SMALL BUSINESSES

Upskill at one of the following **FREE** Green Skills Training Courses at Borders College and you could be eligible for loss of earnings whilst training through the **SBCTS Scheme**

terms and conditions apply

Eligible courses: Heat Pump Technologies, EV Charging or Unvented Hot Water Systems

Request a loss of earnings application form from bordersconstructionforum@gmail.com

Book your **FREE** Green Skills training at <https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/greenskills>



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Become a Scottish Borders Trusted Trader!



As construction regulations and guidelines change, businesses that are part of a quality assurance scheme could well be ahead of the game. Scottish Borders has just joined a growing number of Local Authorities across Scotland by endorsing a local Trusted Trader scheme.

Business that wish to be a part of the scheme go through a vetting process to ensure quality and consistency. To find out more and get your business on the list call 0333 444 1283 or email info@trustedtrader.scot

The scheme has an annual membership fee of £200 + VAT (£240). This covers the vetting process, administration and promotion of the Trusted Trader scheme.

Web links:

www.trustedtrader.scot

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20004/business/1284/scottish_borders_trusted_trader

Get MCS Certified!

Heat Pump Installers (air, ground or water source) **can apply for a 75%/£1,000 Grant** to become MCS Certified

The Scottish Government's MCS certification fund provides heating engineers with an interest in installing heat pumps (either air, ground or water source) with a grant to become MCS certified on heat pumps.

The grant will pay 75%, up to a maximum of £1,000, of the certification fees until the end of March 2024.

To see if you qualify go to:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/mcs-certification-fund/>

**energy
saving
trust**

Scottish Borders Trusted Trader

..promoting and supporting businesses like yours

Roofer



Joiner

Plumber

Gardener

Tiler

Stonemason

Plasterer

Mechanic



Builder



Electrician

Locksmith

Kitchen Designer

Handyman

www.trustedtrader.scot



Scottish Borders Construction Businesses Wanted



We are seeking construction sector businesses interested in joint tendering for domestic & public sector contracts

**LOCAL
BUSINESSES
WORKING
TOGETHER FOR
BIGGER
CONTRACTS**

We are looking for sole traders and local businesses who would like to bid for domestic and public contracts but may not have the resources to do so.

If you would like to find out about or are interested in joint tendering, collective bidding and trades consortiums please get in touch with Scottish Borders Construction Forum.

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Catchup on the SBCF Webinar Series...

We have recorded 12 webinars for you to watch on YouTube or Facebook

- Retrofitting Traditional Buildings for Energy Efficiency, Roger Curtis, Historic Environment Scotland
- Scotland's Insulation Challenge, George Donaldson and Wilson Shaw, National Insulation Association of Scotland
- Retrofit Roles, PAS 2035 - An Overview and Opportunity, Jonathon Bourke, Elmhurst Energy
- Integrating Renewable Energy into Buildings, Ranald Boydell
- Green Construction, Greg Steel, Borders College
- Funding, Training and Apprenticeship information for Sole Traders and Small Businesses, Borders College, Skills Development Scotland, Construction Industry Training Board and Energy Skills Partnership.
- Understanding EPC's (Energy Performance Certificates), Kevin Andison, Borders College
- Digital Skills for Small Construction Businesses, Saffron Grant, Digital Construction Skills.
- Air Tightness and Heat Recovery - Considerations for Domestic Ventilation Strategies in Scotland, Stefan Huber, PAUL Heat Recovery
- Borders College Apprenticeship Webinar, Richard Cook, Borders College
- Climate Literacy, Scott McAulay and Ranald Boydell
- A Practical Guide to Retrofitting, Andy Walker, SURE Insulation

Borders Construction Forum YouTube Channel

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Are you registered with Trustmark or MCS?

Sustainable Selkirk will be offering domestic EPC's and whole house assessments later this year. They wish to compile a booklet with a list of Trustmark approved and MCS certified installers to hand out on visits to homeowners.

If any local installer/trade person would like to be included, please get in touch with angela@sustainablese Kirk.org.uk

The next SBCF Newsletter is out in August.
If you have a news item you'd like to include
please email

bordersconstructionforum@gmail.com



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