

Driving Productivity Through People Conference

28th October 2014

Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh - 80 High Street, The Royal Mile, EH1 1TH

Scotland Food and Drink Skills Academy are hosting a major conference to be held in Edinburgh in October 2014. The event which will take place at the Radisson Blu hotel, aims to attract companies from across Scotland in all food and drink manufacturing sub sectors that are looking to either start their journey or further embed lean manufacturing and operational excellence within their organisations through the development of their workforce.

Food and drink organisations are continually introducing new ideas and methodologies to achieve operational excellence. The truth is that the “journey” of continuous improvement is never ending. The best organisations believe they have a long way to go. Operational excellence is striving for greatness, using whatever methodology best fits. Operational excellence is developing, training and encouraging individuals to seek perfection within the organisation as it is the harnessing of people that delivers business benefits

No matter where companies are on the “journey” towards operational excellence this conference will help. We are bringing together an unrivalled team to explore the topic; industry experts, food and drink companies who have started their journey and support organisations. You will find all the support you need in one place.

This conference is FREE to attend and includes a buffet lunch

Places are limited to two per company

There is paid parking available at the venue and it is just 5 minutes’ walk from Edinburgh Waverley station.

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Timings	Speakers	Content
10-10.30		Registration and Coffee
10.30 – 10.35	Board Member of Scotland Food and Drink Skills Academy (SFDSA)	Welcome Introduction; the purpose of SFDSA; the aims and focus of the conference
10.35 – 10.55	Keynote speaker: James Withers ,Chief Executive of Scotland Food and Drink (SFD)	Productivity – An Industry Overview Findings of research on productivity in the food and drink industry
10.55 – 11.15	Alistair Dobson, MD, Arran Dairies, Chairman , Taste of Arran and Board Member of the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service (SMAS)	Business Excellence The importance of culture, leadership and skills in achieving business excellence and improving productivity
11.15 - 11.35	John Quirke, Managing Partner, SA Partners	Implementing Excellence. Making and sustaining improvements. Our experience of working with M & S and Plan A
11.35 – 11.50		Coffee
11.50 – 12.10	Brian McNeill , Continuous Improvement Manager, Highland Spring	Our Journey Towards Excellence Who we are; where we were; our aims for improvement; how we engaged and developed our people; benefits we have achieved; next steps on our journey
12.10 – 1.00	Workshop 1 Sam Morris , Managing Director Develop-U	Achieving Food Manufacturing Excellence through Modern Apprenticeships Think that you have to be a big company to benefit from operational excellence? Think again. Companies of all sizes can harness employee talent and benefit.
12.10 – 1.00	Workshop 2 Jerome Finlayson of SMAS with Steven Smith, Pinneys of Scotland	Achieving Operational Excellence Who SMAS are & what we do; the importance of leadership, culture and process effectiveness in achieving operational excellence.
1.00 – 1.25	Panel of speakers	Question Time
1.25 – 1.30	Board Member of Scotland Food and Drink Skills Academy (SFDSA)	Thank you Close
1.30		Coffee, Lunch and Networking

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