



South East Forum

widening access to
college and university



“ helping deliver on national
priorities locally ”

The South East Forum (SEF) is a partnership of 18 colleges and universities in the South East of Scotland. It is one of four wider access regional forums established in 1999 by the Scottish Funding Council and aims to help the SFC deliver on priorities in 'Learning For All' (2005).

Partners

- Borders College
- Cumbernauld College
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Forth Valley College
- Jewel and Esk College
- Oatridge College
- Queen Margaret University
- Stevenson College Edinburgh
- University of Stirling
- Carnegie College
- Edinburgh College of Art
- Edinburgh's Telford College
- Heriot-Watt University
- Newbattle Abbey College
- Open University in Scotland
- Scottish Agricultural College
- University of Edinburgh
- West Lothian College

The South East Forum also works with a broad range of local and national stakeholders to deliver on its strategic and operational plans.

South East Forum's vision

Improve the life-chances of disadvantaged groups for a more successful and inclusive Scotland; placing learners at the centre of our thinking and adding value to the good work of others in the spirit of collaboration and partnership.

“ Placing the learner at the
centre of our thinking ”



“ Supporting more coherent and seamless transitions for learners; promoting the framework of the SCQF ”

What the South East Forum wants to achieve...

Widen access to opportunities provided by further and higher education:

- Raise aspirations for learning
- Promote progression (community/college/university transitions) and FE/HE articulation
- Promote retention (supporting learners 'at risk'/at times of risk such as transition)
- Increase attainment
- Empower learners (providing information, advice and guidance)

South East Forum's target groups

- Young people from deprived areas with low participation rates in FE and HE
- Adults people from deprived areas with low participation rates in FE and HE
- Boys and men in the above groups

Funding

SEF receives funding from the Scottish Funding Council and has an annual budget of £648,000 to deliver on its 5-Year Strategic Plan 2008-13 and 2-Year Operational, 2008-10. Given the move to more secure open-ended funding (with a two year notice in any cessation of funding) the Forum has moved away from project funding to develop two sustainable programmes of work. These are targeted at young people and communities and adults and communities from deprived areas with low participation rates in further and higher education.



“ Building on good practice and developing new innovative approaches ”

“ Promoting a learning culture: building new capacity, knowledge and understanding ”