The Alliance aims to:

• position SSCs collectively to act as a catalyst for change within the skills and employment system.

• enable SSCs collectively to deliver their unique role in ensuring that standards and qualifications meet employers’ needs.

• position SSCs collectively as the authoritative voice on sectoral Labour Market Intelligence (LMI).

• be a catalyst, leader and co-ordinator for raising skills in priority cross-sector areas.

What are Sector Skills Councils?

• SSCs are employer-owned organisations that aim to establish, advance and maintain the education, skills and training of people employed in business and industry, including the public sector.

• SSCs collectively represent over 1.7m UK enterprises and 90% of the UK workforce.

• SSCs set and raise workplace standards in the UK, approve qualifications in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, provide Labour Market Intelligence and identify skills gaps.

Why are Sector Skills Councils important?

• SSCs ensure that employers have the qualifications and the skills necessary for success, and that both employers and Government are aware of skills shortages and employment needs.

• working across sectors and regions, SSCs articulate the voice of employers on skills issues.

• SSCs seek to ensure the continued improvement of skills in their sectors with the goal of ensuring a productive and competitive workforce.

The Alliance of Sector Skills Councils, is the collective voice of the 25 Sector Skills Councils (SSCs), and has offices in London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.
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