



Skills &  
Education  
Group

# 2022/23 Impact Report





## In Memory of Tom Hamilton-Dick

As Deputy Principal at North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College, and as a Trustee with Skills and Education Group, **Tom gave his all** to the further education and skills sector. His **passion, professionalism** and **commitment** to his colleagues and the learners for whom he worked tirelessly are an **inspiration to us all**. We dedicate this report to Tom: his impact continues to guide us personally and professionally, and **will not be forgotten**.

*We miss you dearly, Tom.*

**19 July 1977 – 15 September 2023**

# Welcome!



Meet Atholl Stott

“Welcome to the Skills and Education Group 2022/23 Impact Report. When I reflect on our organisation’s past year, three themes most stand out: growth, opportunity and excellence.”

– Atholl Stott, Chair of Trustees for the Skills and Education Group



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Meet Debra Gray MBE

“I’m proud to be part of a well-qualified team helping to steer the Group’s strategic direction. We have a real mission for social justice and social mobility, and the work we do outside of awarding qualifications is really quite special. I think we change lives every day.”

– Debra Gray MBE, Principal and Chief Executive of Hull College and Trustee of Skills and Education Group Access



The impact report is also musically interactive! Scan here to access the full playlist.



# Everyone Deserves to Ride High and with **Flying Colours**



Skills and Education Group is **improving the lives** of individuals by **championing** education and skills-oriented organisations, providers and learners. This past year, we continued to **support further education** and the many dedicated people who make it happen.



**Together**, our qualifications; funding opportunities; professional development programmes and initiatives in support of teaching, learning and assessment; and governance **make real change** in people's lives, **locally, nationally** and **internationally**.



Learn more.



## Our Let's Go Further Podcast

The **Let's Go Further** podcast shines a spotlight on education and the role it plays in **transforming lives**. Each episode features guests from the world of education and beyond, and delves into their journeys, achievements and **why education matters** to them.

Top 3 episodes:



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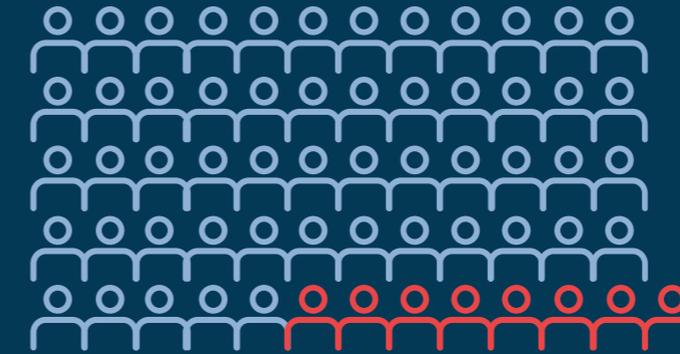


# Our Membership

We continue to offer our member organisations national awarding services that **improve the lives** of their learners, along with **high-quality services**, such as professional development, networks and conferences, which help support and **develop our members'** workforces.

PROUDLY SERVING

**61** members



 8 new members in 2022/23

**22**  
Bronze

**23**  
Silver

**9**  
Gold

**7**  
Platinum

**£89,059**

in **Foundation grants** to member staff and learners

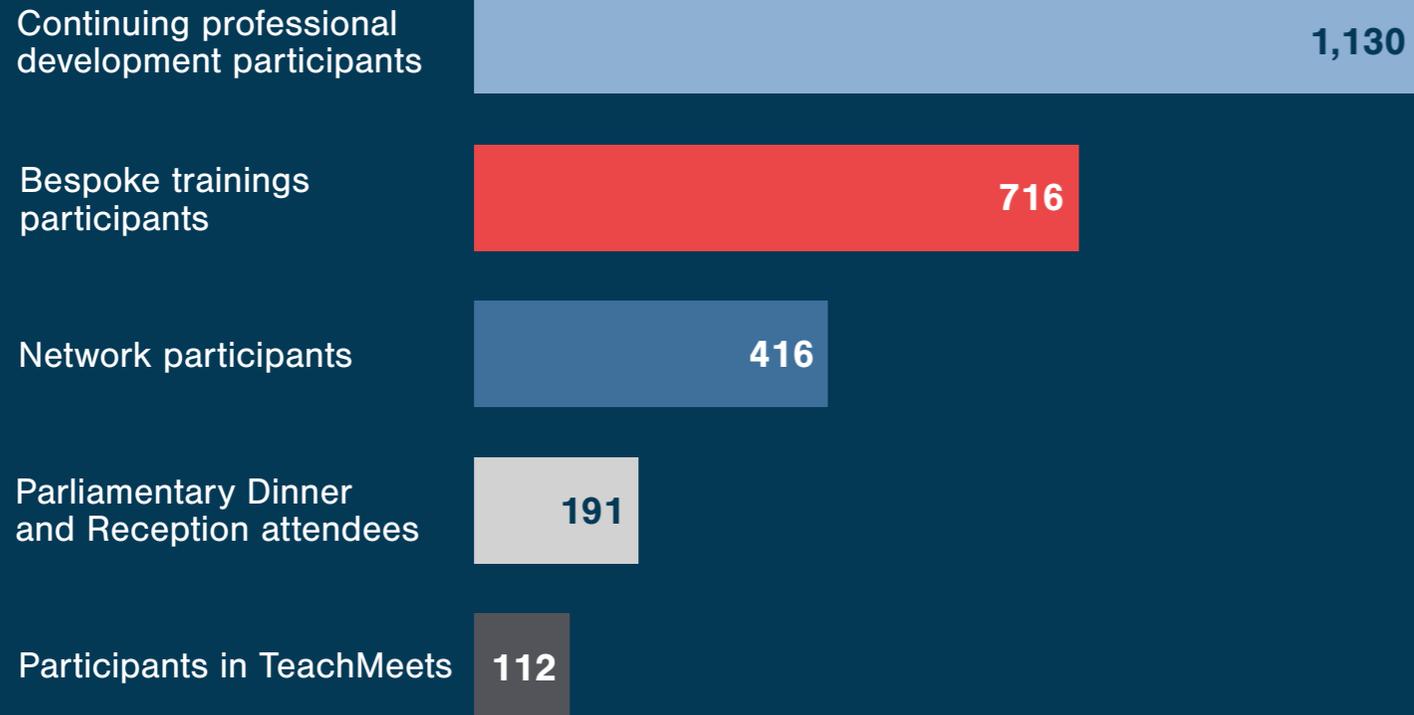
“The service and support we receive from Skills and Education Group is excellent. There is so much variety of events and opportunities for our staff to access, which adds value to our employees’ professional development.”

– Lauren Frost, RNN Group



# We Delivered Professional Development to **3,350 People**

*including:*



## Giving Back: The Skills and Education Group Foundation



Meet Baroness Morgan

### Welcoming Our First Ambassador

This past year we were delighted to welcome The Rt Hon. the Baroness Morgan of Cotes as our first Foundation Ambassador. Since becoming Ambassador, she has done much to **advance** the Foundation's work and continue to **strengthen** the further education and skills sector, including hosting events, writing op-eds and **championing our work**.



Learn more about the Baroness's work!

# Our Grants



**£89,059**

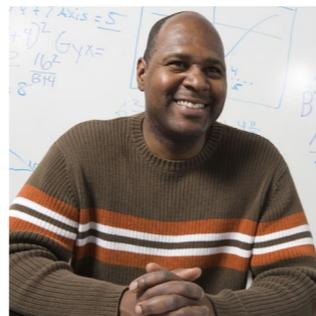
in total funding provided



Our **Learner Grants** help individuals to overcome social barriers and advance their skills and education



Our **Action Research Grants** support projects that improve practice, widen learner participation and increase social inclusion



Our **Resource and Facilities Grants** help to deliver material improvements at learning providers, improving the experience of their learners or their staff

“ I am so grateful for the childcare and financial support I received—otherwise it wasn't possible for me to study. With all the support and care I received, I am able to move on in life and progress to higher education. Thank you so much for everything. ”

– Learner Grant recipient, Leeds City College



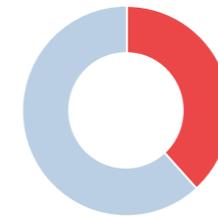
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## LEARNER GRANTS



**309**

learners benefitted



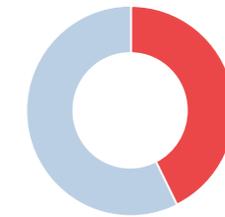
**28.3%**

of applicants declared a learning difficulty/ disability that impeded their learning



**£58,294**

in Learner Grants awarded



**42.7%**

of applicants were from BAME groups, more than twice the percentage in the general population

## 3 most popular learner needs:



**43.9%**

IT equipment



**33.2%**

transportation costs



**28.7%**

course tools and textbooks

### ACTION RESEARCH GRANTS



**£24,000**  
in Action Research  
Grants given to 8  
member organisations  
(£3,000 each)



**314**  
staff engaged



**243**  
learners engaged



**26**  
stakeholder  
organisations engaged

### RESOURCE AND FACILITIES GRANTS



**£13,000**  
in Resource and Facilities  
Grants awarded across 9  
member organisations



**102**  
staff supported



**1,704**  
learners benefitted



Scan here to see  
more outcomes  
from our grants.



“Our learner success improved significantly in the last year with more Skills and Education Group Access learners achieving their Diploma qualification than the national average—an outcome we are very proud of working with our customers to secure.”

– Yultan Mellor, Chair of Skills and Education Group Access



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**1,322**

Access to HE Diplomas awarded in 2022/23



**new Centres approved**  
(Learndirect, Stonebridge Associated College and Stoneleigh Academy), making us one of the largest providers of Access to HE

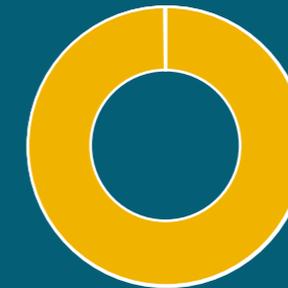


**new Diplomas created**  
(Nursing, Paramedic Science, Midwifery)



**79.5%**

full-time student achievement rate (+16% over 2021/22)



**99.8%**

full-time student pass rate



**46%**

from areas of disadvantage (+12% over 2021/22) vs. 28% national average



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“ I can say that I have found [your] team very helpful, as we are a new provider to Skills Education Group Awards and, with the system change over a few months ago, it was hard to grasp at first. Regular help from the team has helped us with the system. We look forward to dealing with you more moving forward. ”

– Russ, Apprenticeship Manager, North Lancs Training Group



**25,991**  
registrations

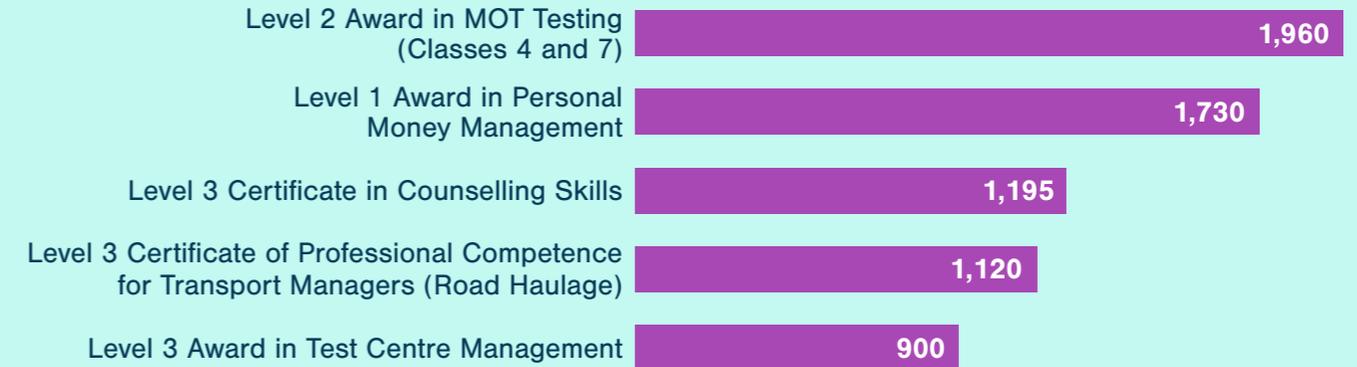


**16,535**  
qualifications awarded

**#1**

awarding organisation for fashion and textiles, MOT Testing, and Youth Work qualifications

**Top 5 qualifications (by registration):**



**End-Point Assessment**

**20**

Standards

**9**

new standards offered

**113**

apprentices trained



“BIIAB has been supportive and responsive to us as a training provider, as well as the IEPA, working closely with learners and employers to ensure a smooth EPA process.”

– Helen Sargeant, Hospitality and Catering Tutor/Assessor, Salford College



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**82,197**  
registrations



**67,885**  
qualifications awarded

**#1**

awarding organisation for APLH, Door Supervisors and SCPLH qualifications

**Top 5 qualifications (by registration):**



**End-Point Assessment**

**19**

Standards

**1**

new standards offered

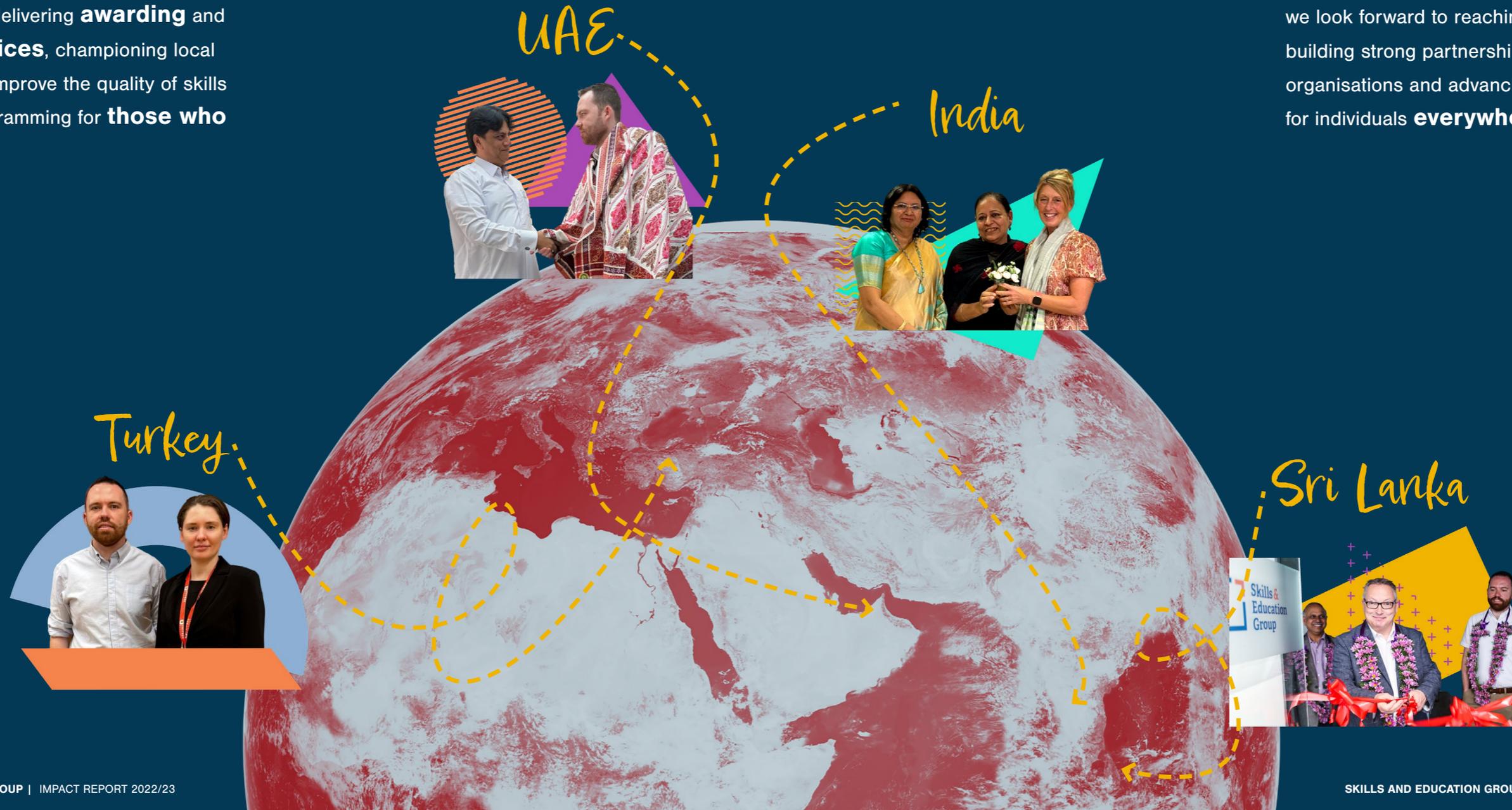
**497**

apprentices supported through Gateway

# We're Going Global

This past year Skills and Education Group went international, delivering **awarding** and **education services**, championing local skills, and helping improve the quality of skills and education programming for **those who need it most**.

**And this is just the beginning:** we look forward to reaching new markets, building strong partnerships with like-minded organisations and advancing **social mobility** for individuals **everywhere**.



## What's Next?

“In 2022/23, Skills and Education Group continued to grow from strength to strength, and we have achieved so much in which we can take great pride. We are stronger, more engaged and more committed than ever.

And, as always, our team has been strong, innovative and committed to our overall mission and purpose, grounding everything we do in an understanding of the power of education and skills development to empower individuals, build communities and realise a more inclusive and successful society.”

– Paul Eeles, Chief Executive, Skills and Education Group





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