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Genius is delighted with the support we receive from FDF. With FDF's help we set up the Gluten Free Industry Association in partnership with other members. This group will develop best practice guidelines on ingredient sourcing and gluten-testing methodology to ensure we continue to deliver the highest quality products to our consumers.

**Lucinda Bruce-Gardyne, Product Director and Founder, Genius Foods**

## WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

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Keeping track of and influencing the changing Scottish, UK and EU food regulations are critical to protecting and growing our business. FDF Scotland provides an effective monitoring network and the collective influence of its membership helps open doors to deliver better less costly regulation.

**Dr Gary Stephenson, Global Regulatory and External Affairs Director, Devro plc**

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FDF Scotland keeps Scobie & Junor advised of all key industry developments and provides us, and other members, with a voice to positively influence the growth of Scotland's food and drink industry. FDF Scotland's professional and expert team are an invaluable extension to our company and a highly useful resource.

**Rachel Wicklow, Director, Scobie & Junor**

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With the FDF Scotland team I feel that we can punch well above our individual weight and get listened to by our elected representatives and their officers.

**Tony Dumbreck, Managing Director, Innovate Foods Ltd**

## ABOUT FDF SCOTLAND

Our Scottish board and team in Edinburgh are truly focused and dedicated to ensuring the best for members based in Scotland.

We are an independent, industry-funded trade association - representing businesses of all sizes: from Scottish family businesses through to global brands.

**Our mission is to:**

- **Lead debate on key issues for members**
- **Ensure regulation is proportionate and competitive**
- **Maintain a healthy and highly skilled workforce**
- **Improve the health of the nation**
- **Deliver a sustainable food system for Scotland**

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My mission is for FDF Scotland to provide the best support for food and drink manufacturers in Scotland.

**David Thomson, CEO, FDF Scotland**



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## FEEDING SCOTLAND'S ECONOMY: Prioritising Scotland's largest manufacturing sector

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MANUFACTURING MAKES UP  
73% OF SCOTLAND'S FOOD  
AND DRINK SUPPLY CHAIN



AND 39% OF THE NUMBER  
OF PEOPLE IT EMPLOYS

WE EMPLOY MORE THAN  
45,000 PEOPLE



25% OF THE SCOTTISH  
MANUFACTURING  
WORKFORCE

WE ARE  
SCOTLAND'S  
LARGEST  
MANUFACTURING  
SECTOR



ACCOUNTING  
FOR 30%  
OF TOTAL  
MANUFACTURING  
TURNOVER

OUR GROSS VALUE  
ADDED TO THE  
ECONOMY IS

£3.8bn

29.7%  
OF SCOTTISH  
MANUFACTURING  
VALUE ADDED

IN 2017  
FOOD &  
DRINK  
EXPORTS  
FROM  
SCOTLAND...



...HAVE  
INCREASED  
BY 11%  
TO £6bn

## ABOUT FOOD & DRINK MANUFACTURING IN SCOTLAND

Scotland has a vibrant food and drink manufacturing industry. Companies in the sector range from small family businesses through to global brands. These companies provide their local communities with a wide variety of careers in areas including science, technology, engineering and many more! They are also a vital part of the Scottish economy. Consumers across the world trust and enjoy Scotland's wide range of high quality, nutritious products. During this time of unprecedented change, we will continue to ensure our industry has the support it needs to continue to flourish.

## STANDING UP FOR THE FOOD AND DRINK INDUSTRY

As the voice of the largest manufacturing sector in Scotland our top priority is to ensure food and drink companies operate in the best business environment possible. To help achieve this we:

- › Provide a clear, strong voice arguing for the best possible outcome for food and drink manufacturing
- › Offer high quality and evidence based advice, intelligence and policy expertise to our members and politicians at Holyrood and Westminster
- › Represent a diverse range of companies from small family businesses through to global brands to Government - our members' experience
- and knowledge helps inform policy
- › Make the case for Scotland to remain a competitive place for food and drink manufacturers to compete on the global stage
- › Ensure food and drink manufacturing is prioritised by support agencies and regulators to help our sector to flourish
- › Promote our members' views and work across all media outlets

## OUR PRIORITIES

Our membership is made up of manufacturers of all sizes as well as trade associations dealing with specific sectors of the industry. In representing the interests of our members, we are focused on the following core priorities:

### EXITING THE EU

FDF is influencing negotiations and making sure food and drink - the UK's largest manufacturing sector - is viewed as an economic priority by the UK and Scottish Governments.

- › We are at the heart of the debate on the impact of Brexit on the food and drink industry
- › Our exclusive resources on Brexit offer practical help for members on preparing for Brexit
- › Our EU Exit Committee provides an opportunity for members to shape our work on Brexit and engage with senior Government officials and opinion-formers

### DIET & HEALTH

FDF and our members take the health of the Scottish people and wider population very seriously - particularly in relation to rising obesity levels.

- › We are working closely with the Scottish Government to support SMEs to reduce calories in their products and to encourage the whole supply chain to get involved
- › Our team of nutrition experts provide advice to members on nutrition, health claims and diet and health policy both at Scottish and UK levels
- › Our members have delivered significant progress in improving public health through voluntary front-of-pack nutrition labelling, community and workplace wellbeing initiatives and by removing millions of calories from products

### CAREERS IN FOOD & DRINK

Scotland's food and drink industry is a great success story but we need more talented people - especially in science, technology and engineering - to drive future innovation and growth.

- › We engage with students, educators and career influencers to ensure food and drink is seen as "a career destination of first choice"
- › We work with industry and education to develop and promote progression routes and pathways into the industry at all levels and stages
- › We are a key partner in the delivery of the Skills Investment Plan for the Scottish food and drink Industry