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 his 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**

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 ts membership helps open doors to deliver better less costly regulation. Dr Gary Stephenson, Global Regulatory

and External Affairs Director, Devro plc

FDF Scotland keeps Scobie & Junor advised of all kev 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.



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

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

David Thomson, CEO, FDF Scotland



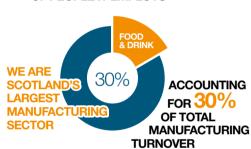
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ABOUT FOOD & DRINK MANUFACTURING IN SCOTLAND

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.

25% OF THE SCOTTISH

MANUFACTURING

WORKFORCE

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 Make the case for Scotland and drink manufacturing
- Offer high quality and evidence based advise, 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
- 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
- Our exclusive resources on Brexit offer for Brexit
- Our EU Exit Committee provides an

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 calories in their products and to encourage the whole supply chain to get involved
- Our team of nutrition experts provide claims and diet and health policy both at
- Our members have delivered significant labelling, community and workplace

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
- > We work with industry and education to
- > We are a key partner in the delivery of the Skills Investment Plan for the Scottish