



Federation of Small Businesses
The UK's Leading Business Organisation

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FSB in Scotland on referendum No vote

Scotland has voted against becoming an independent country. The Federation of Small Businesses' (FSB) Scottish policy convenor **Andy Willox** said:

"The result is clear. We must now focus on the future and how we can come together to make Scotland the best place to live, work and do business. Business and entrepreneurship have a crucial role to play in delivering the fairer and more prosperous Scotland for which so many expressed a keen desire during the campaign. Businesses don't just create jobs and generate revenues, they have the capacity to change lives and transform communities.

"With the Scottish Parliament set to become a more powerful actor in our economy, the touchstones of the new devolution settlement must be boosting business and growth. In the weeks and months to come, we look forward to playing our part in making that happen."

The FSB has 19,000 members in Scotland and around 200,000 across the UK. Small and medium sized businesses provide about half of Scotland's private sector workforce.

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Notes to Editors

1. The FSB is the UK's leading business organisation with around 200,000 members and around 19,000 in Scotland. It exists to protect and promote the interests of the UK's [Real-Life Entrepreneurs](#) who run their own business. More information is available at www.fsb.org.uk/scotland
2. The FSB in Scotland maintained a neutral stance throughout the referendum. The small business lobby group produced a referendum guide with the University of Edinburgh Business School, looking at the questions raised by 1,800 Scottish members:
http://www.fsb.org.uk/policy/rpu/scotland/assets/publi_spec_indybyvuly2014.pdf

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