

SWIFTS



Introduction



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Scottish Women's Institutes Framework for
Textile Skills **OR** Scottish Women's Institutes
Food Technologies

- A new, structured way to learn and recognise skills within SWI
- A step-by-step learning pathway for members to grow their skills and confidence at varying levels
- Each course will be available at a beginner, intermediate & advanced level



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**SWI Skills & Events
Sub-Committee**

Who are the SWIFTS for?



- SWI members who want to develop or refresh skills
- Members looking for structured learning with clear outcomes
- Those interested in gaining recognised internal certification
- Members who enjoy learning at their own pace with tutor support

Purpose of the SWIFTS

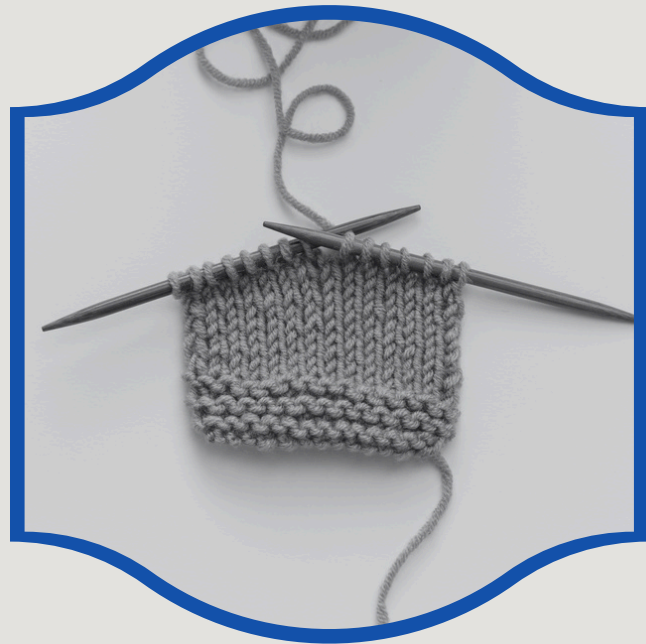


Why are we developing the SWIFTS?

- To support skills development within SWI
- To protect and pass on traditional and creative skills
- To offer clear learning pathways
- To recognise member achievement and tutor expertise

Core Subjects

KNITTING



EMBROIDERY



PRESERVES



FLORAL ARTS



CROCHET



BAKING



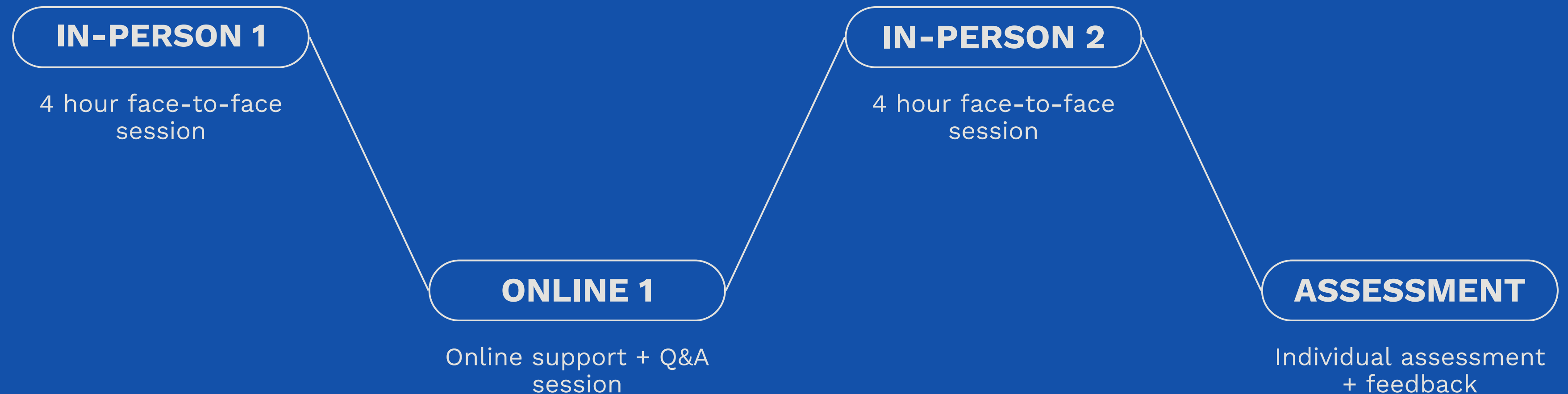
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Course Structure

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- 12-week course duration
- Two in-person teaching sessions
- Online support and guidance from your tutor throughout the course
- Independent practice between sessions
- Final assessment submission & individual feedback at the end of the course



Assessment

- One level-appropriate assessment* designed to match the skills you've learned during the course
- Marked using the new SWIFTS credit system:
 - Distinction: 95–100
 - Pass: 60–94
 - Fail: 0–59
- Feedback provided to everyone
- SWIFTS certificate awarded on completion

*In future, assessment-only options will be available for members who already know the skills but want formal recognition



Judging

This is not delivered via workshops but is earned by fulfilling strict criteria:

Requirements to Qualify:

- Minimum 285 SWIFTS credits, obtained via:
 - Full completion of Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced SWIFTS levels
 - OR conversion from old-style proficiency certificates:
 - Honours = 85 credits
 - 1st Class = 75 credits
 - Members using old certificates must provide proof of their marks/certificates for credit conversion.

AND

- 75 Practical Judging Credits, achieved by:
 - Completing 3 peer-reviewed judging sessions (each worth 25 credits)
 - Observed and signed off by certified mentors/judges

Once these minimum thresholds are met, the participant is awarded SWIFTS Judging Qualification for the relevant subject area.

Pricing

Per course:

- Members: £95
- Non-members: £130

Pricing has been set to balance high-quality, structured learning with accessibility. It covers tutor support, assessment, and certification, while keeping the course affordable for members.

Part-payment plans will be available.

As this is a new programme in its first year, prices may be reviewed to make sure the offering continues to be the best it can be.



*of pilot attendees felt the course was good value for money

Next Steps

Beginner Knitting Course Ready to Roll Out

- Two tutors recruited to deliver classes in Perth & Banffshire this coming February

Developing the Next Levels & Other Courses

- A team of talented members are creating higher levels for knitting and developing other core subject courses
- Aim to continue development over the next year

Recruiting Tutors

- We are continuously looking for tutors to deliver courses
- Courses are structured and standardised, with a comprehensive course handbook and assessment guidance
- Tutors = skilled members who want to pass on their craft and share their expertise



“If you know something good, pass it on”



Together, we can keep skills alive and thriving.



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