

## Call To Arms Fishmongering Apprenticeship Assessors Wanted

As interest in apprenticeships and professional qualifications grows within fishmongers across the UK, Apprenticeship Providers are being put under increasing pressure to find qualified and experienced assessors to help deliver these increasingly popular qualifications.

Suitably experienced individuals who are interested becoming assessors are hard to find, but for the right individuals the rewards can certainly be attractive. Apart from the reward of helping a young (or not so young) new entrant fishmonger achieve their first substantial qualification, there are financial the rewards.

There are opportunities for part time and full time employment, as well as consultancy/free-lance opportunities. And these opportunities are not just in fishmongering as fish frying and processing assessors are also needed.

The ideal fishmongering apprenticeship assessor will be someone who has several years' experience in the industry and is willing to undertake the short training course and post-course familiarisation programme necessary to become a fully qualified apprenticeship assessor.

So if you have fishmongering experience and skills, and are interested in this kind of role, simply email [academy@seafish.co.uk](mailto:academy@seafish.co.uk) with your contact details. As an assessor your role can include coaching and training as well if that is where your interests lie.

**To find out more about the opportunities available in your region please contact the academy at Seafish or your local Seafish recognised apprenticeship provider listed on the seafood training academy website – [www.seafoodacademy.org](http://www.seafoodacademy.org) > working with > apprenticeship providers**

## New Trailblazer Apprenticeship for Fishmongers on the Horizon

While the current fish and shellfish apprenticeship is hugely popular with fishmongers and others in the seafood industry, Seafish and the NFF are looking to the future when in 2017 a new style of apprenticeship will be required for England.

The Trailblazer Apprenticeship programme is a government initiative to develop simple, focussed AND employer designed Apprenticeships for all sectors, including fishmongering.

The work to develop this new apprenticeship began in January 2015 with the first of several employer group meetings in Manchester, Chaired by Andrew Kenny of Cross of York Fishmongers and NFF Vice President.

Andrew chaired a mixed group of fishmongers and fish friers who will work together during 2015 to establish exactly what skills and knowledge the young fishmonger or frier of the future should have if they are to be successful in their respective roles. If you want to have a say in the trailblazer apprenticeship for fishmongering or fish frying them please get in touch with Lee Cooper at Seafish.

*Pictured below: STBEG = Seafood Trailblazer Employer Group - taken at the first meeting on the 26th January, Lee Cooper, Seafish and Andrew Kenny, NFF Vice President (back row left).*



## Advanced Fish Quality Assessment training course

N Wales 2nd - 6th March

There may be one or two places left for this course at the time of publication, additionally funding of between 50-70% of the £1,000 course costs may be available – please contact [academy@seafish.co.uk](mailto:academy@seafish.co.uk)

The course will see a number of new approved trainers and training centres established during 2015 able to deliver short quality assessment courses in SW England, Wales, Northern Ireland, NW England and Scotland.

For more information please visit the [seafoodacademy.org](http://seafoodacademy.org) website.

## Seafood Training Network for Wales

The Network for Wales has been able to deliver support for a variety of activities in Wales including a traceability workshop in Carmarthen and education workshops in Ceredigion.

## Feel like a Challenge?



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