

Seafood Academy Update

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Would you like to join us for afternoon tea?

Jane Dale, MD of Meat Ipswich Ltd, a small but active Seafood Apprenticeship Provider, and her team (supported by Seafish), will be hosting an afternoon workshop in Ipswich on Tuesday 22nd July.

The event is for anyone interested in fish and shellfish apprenticeships. In addition to afternoon tea, visitors will be able to hear about apprenticeships for SMEs,

how they work and what funding and grants are available

Registration and refreshments are at 2:15. Presentations 2:30 until 4:00.

Networking and traditional afternoon tea starts at 4:00 and you are welcome to join us for all or part of the afternoon event.

For more information visit www.meatipswich.co.uk and please let us know you are coming so we can bake enough scones and cake for tea!

Funding for Training in Wales

Fish friers in Wales may be eligible for up to £1,000 of training support from Improve via the Seafood Training Academy and the new

training network for Wales, for training programmes that can include both the NFFF 3-day training programme in Leeds and their distance learning programme in fish frying skills.

Employers should view the Wales Section of www.seafoodacademy.org for more information or email academy@seafish.co.uk with their full contact details. While subject to prior approval by Improve Ltd, training should be completed by November 2014 to be eligible for support, so there's little time to lose if you want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Seafood Training Network for Wales

Fish friers in Wales will be able to benefit from the new Seafood Training Network for Wales which will be launched this month. For more information please contact the NFFF in Leeds, Seafish Wales, or John Penaluna – the NFFF Executive Councillor for Wales.



New Kid on the Block?

Following the withdrawal of their government funding contract for apprenticeships, ESTC Ltd, a Seafish-recognised Apprenticeship Provider for central England, has ceased to support fish and shellfish apprenticeships. However, we now have a new Seafish-recognised Apprenticeship Provider to take up that workload.

UKRS Training Ltd, based in Coventry and employing the fish team from ESTC Ltd, are ready and fully able to support employers throughout central England and parts of the north with fish frying apprenticeships and professional qualifications for friers. Bringing with them their expertise and contacts, Ursula and Peter have hit the ground running and in a matter of a few short weeks have brought UKRS Training up to full speed.



Apologising for the unavoidable disruption to learners and employers caused by the loss of ESTC, Ursula Hartland assured old and new apprentices alike that they would continue to get her full support and a quality service through UKRS Training. For more information go to the Seafood Academy website and visit Working With > Apprenticeship Providers > UKRS Training.

And finally... New Apprenticeships on the Horizon

While the current fish and shellfish apprenticeship is hugely popular with fish friers and others in the seafood industry, Seafish and the NFFF have an eye for the future and 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 fish frying. Starting in September, Seafish will be helping a working group of fish friers to decide what they want to see in the next generation of Apprenticeships, so that come 2017 we are ready and able to continue to support Apprenticeships throughout the UK. Trailblazer Apprenticeships are an initiative for England. Elsewhere in the UK it is likely that the existing fish and shellfish frameworks will remain in place.

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