

Modern Apprenticeships



Introduction to the Seafood Industry

Sion Bowen, the MD of UK Rail Services Training Ltd (UKRS) has been finding out more about seafood since UKRS became the most successful seafood apprenticeship provider in England earlier this year. Along with Lee Cooper of Seafish, Sion visited Billingsgate Seafood Training School and toured the fishmarket. Accompanied by Ursula Hartland, the driving force behind seafood apprenticeships at UKRS, Sion was astounded by the variety of species available at the market and the bustle of the busy market on a Friday. As Sion finds out more about the seafood industry he becomes ever more positive about the benefits apprenticeships can bring to seafood businesses across the UK.

Scottish Seafood Training Network Makes Three

With the launch of the Scottish Seafood Training Network on the 28th May 2015, fishmongers will start to see the benefits of Networks for Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland as they collaborate to make training available to more and more employers. Fishmongers are expected to play a key role in each Network, as the Networks strive to keep employers better informed and to respond to employer training needs with workable proposals and attractive training opportunities.

Billingsgate Hosts Scottish Delegation Visit

A delegation from Peterhead Ports Authority and the Scottish Seafood Association visited the Billingsgate Seafood Training School, along with staff from Seafish. The purpose of the visit was to investigate opportunities to include a training and education facility in to plans for the new Peterhead Fish Market. The delegates received an indepth tour of the facilities from Chris Leftwich, Chief Fish Inspector and returned to Scotland with some good ideas to consider. A smaller delegation will visit Grimsby Seafood Village Training School in June to gather more ideas.

Assessor Training Course held at Billingsgate Seafood Training School

Billingsgate and UKRS Training joined forces to deliver a two day assessor training course at the school in May. Once trained and qualified the participants will be able to support apprenticeships in fish and shellfish industry skills within their own businesses, in the fishmarket, or throughout London and the southeast. UKRS Training and other apprenticeship providers are keen to employ additional assessors so if you have skills and knowledge you would like to pass on to others then please contact academy@seafish.co.uk Attendees on the course ranged from fish inspector to fish frier

Apprenticeships for all of Wales

Within three months Seafish expects to have a recognised apprenticeship provider able to support fishmongering apprenticeships (and other fish and shellfish occupations) in North Wales. South and mid Wales are currently well supported.

More information from academy@seafish.co.uk or www.seafoodacademy.org



Fish Friday

June 19th 2015

Fish Friday is the National fundraising day for the Fishermen's Mission. It's the day to get fishy, have fun and raise fabulous funds for our UK fishermen and their families. Friday 19th Jun 2015 is Fish Friday!

Fish Friday is Sponsored by Tesco and your business can also gain great publicity by taking part in Fish Friday. It's a brilliant way to get local media interest and also to show your customers you care about our brave UK fishermen. So here's a challenge for you....

Will you stand with us in support of our UK fishermen and their families?

Will you help make Fish Friday 2015 the most successful ever?

Will you be up for some fabulous fundraising fun on Fish Friday 2015

For a Fish Friday 2015 fundraising pack or to find out more about the Fishermen's Mission contact them

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City Markets Dinner 2015

This year's City Markets Dinner was held at Stationers' Hall in the heart of the City of London, this year in honour of the Past Chairman Hugh Morris Esq CC.

The National Federation of Fishmongers were represented at this dinner by Mr Charlie Caisey MBE and Mr Gary Hooper, Immediate Past President. The dinner is held each year and brings the three great food markets of the city of London together, Billingsgate, Smithfield and Spitalfields!