



Apprenticeship Special



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More employers sign up apprentices – Elite Fish and Chip Company

Almost every day and certainly every week we seem to hear of a new employer signing up a fish and shellfish apprentice. This month we profile the Elite Fish and Chip Company in Lincolnshire as one of the latest to take advantage of the opportunities presented by fish and shellfish apprenticeship programmes.

Established in the 1970s, the Elite Fish and Chip Company prides itself on providing quality food products in Lincolnshire. The company portfolio boasts three award-winning fish and chip restaurant and takeaway outlets in the historic city of Lincoln, the village of Ruskington, and the latest edition in the popular market town of Sleaford in the south of the county. The company has been serving top quality fish and chips in the county for over 25 years and as a family-run business, now in its third generation, they have strong values for quality and service.

Rachel is the third generation of Tweedales and follows in the footsteps of father Adrian and grandfather David.



It is this philosophy which has encouraged the company to get involved with Seafish and the Seafood Training Academy, and the fish and shellfish apprenticeship programme.

Rachel, manager of Elite in Sleaford, said, “These qualifications are fantastic for our employees offering them the opportunity to become true professionals in their job role. We as a company are constantly striving to be the best we can be, and finding a course like this which is specific to the industry will allow our employees to expand their knowledge and be trained to the highest standard. The response I have had is incredible and we are all excited to get started.”

Improved Apprenticeships for Fish friers

Two improvements to the apprenticeships available to fish and chip shops in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

England now joins Wales and Northern Ireland in having an Advanced Apprenticeship programme for new managers/supervisors. Something we have been promising for several months has been achieved two months ahead of schedule is the inclusion of fish and shellfish as a pathway in the Advanced Apprenticeship framework. So there's no need to sit on the fence anymore. Simply contact Seafish and the Seafood Training Academy or the NFFF to be put in touch with your nearest apprenticeship provider.

And coming soon are units in table and counter service, customer service etc. These units are already available in Scotland as part of their intermediate apprenticeship, and in a few weeks' time these units will be added to the intermediate apprenticeship available through most approved centres.

To find out more visit www.seafoodacademy.org or use this quick code.

In the next issue – profile of a provider and news about more successes with apprenticeships

