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Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

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Greetings!

It's National Apprenticeships Week, so we feature some of the action, from Glasgow to the Thames. Momentum is really building now.

And the Apprenticeship Levy starts next month. Whether you'll pay or not, there is Government support available for apprenticeships throughout the UK, and the MSA has plenty information to help.

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photo courtesy of Rachel Keenan, CalMac

Apprentices celebrated from north to south

Employers, apprentices and Government have come together throughout the country to mark National Apprenticeships Week and

International Jack Up
Barge Operators'
Association

International Association of
Maritime Institutions

Maritime and Coastguard
Agency

Marine Society and Sea
Cadets

Merchant Navy Training
Board

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Association

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Thames Skills Academy

promote apprenticeships to the next generation.

The photo above shows three apprentices employed by CalMac, the ferry operator in the west of Scotland: Kathleen MacDonald (hospitality), Jamie Humphreys (deck), and Daniel MacIntyre (engineering).

CalMac has been [working closely with City of Glasgow College](#) to ensure that their deck and engine room ratings can get all the classroom training they need in Glasgow. They've also collaborated to create a variant of the hospitality Modern Apprenticeship to suit the maritime sector.



photo: Matthew Joseph

In England, ports and shipping Minister John Hayes opened a [packed careers open day at Trinity House](#) run by the Thames Skills Academy. Hayes, whose grandfather was a lighterman, spoke passionately about the great opportunities open to the school children present through apprenticeships. Former apprentices spoke about their experience, and employers offered one-to-one meetings.

In its press release to mark National Apprenticeships Week, [British Marine](#) featured six different apprentices, from Anya Parvin and Stirling Taylor, apprentice boatbuilders with the RNLI, to Harley Chamberlain, who is a design apprentice with Spinlock.



The **Apprenticeships Levy starts next month.**

We have a range of short (two page) **Briefings** to explain it all available [here](#).

- Briefing 4 is for businesses which will NOT pay the Levy (NB: who are still eligible for help from the Government)
- Briefing 5 is for businesses which WILL
- Briefing 6 lists the existing range of maritime apprenticeships.

The full **Government guidance on the Levy** (primarily written for employers) is [here](#). The guidance now covers most of the questions employers have asked, but [get in touch](#) if you can't find an answer to your question.

Larger employers which will pay the Levy (ie those with an annual paybill over £3m) can now **create their online account** [here](#).



Remembering Captain Archibald Smith VC

100 years ago today the SS Otaki, a refrigerated cargo ship of the New Zealand Shipping Company, lightly armed, was sunk off Lisbon. Its Master, Archibald Smith, went down with the ship.

He was subsequently awarded the Victoria Cross - one of only two men from the Merchant Navy to be so honoured in the First World War.

There's more on his story [here](#).

Industry News

Maritime UK is responding to the invitation in the Government's Industrial Strategy to shape a "**Sector Deal**", as other sectors are doing.

It is an important opportunity to bring together in one place all the ideas for investing in the wider maritime and marine sectors, setting-out our stall to Government and seeking its support. Maritime UK wants your input.

More [here](#).

[Western Maritime Training](#) in Plymouth has a smart new website, showcasing the wide range of training they now offer.

To keep up-to-date with what we're doing, please sign up for our newsletter - and please mail this on to others who might be interested.

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