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Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

June 2018

Greetings!

The main photo in our newsletter this time shows the 7 pupils who won [Subsea UK's first STEM Challenge](#) - to build a floating wind turbine. It's a great example of the good work going on to attract young people - girls as much as boys (4 of the 7 winners are girls, you'll notice) to careers in the maritime and marine sectors - which was the theme of our conference, reported below.

And it just happens to be my old school - Newcastle Royal Grammar School. Howay the lads! And, of course, lasses!

Now for the GDPR bit ...

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Students from Royal Grammar School in Newcastle (L-R) - Phillip Daniel, Faizah Ashraf, Abi Tang, Sandrik Andriychenko, Jiawen Dang, Aidan Ewart, and Katy Read. Image courtesy of Subsea UK.

Focus on the next generation

The Maritime Skills Alliance worked with Trinity House to run a conference on 14th May, asking if the sector is doing enough to attract the talent we need.

Bill Walworth, Chairman of the MSA and Elder Brother of Trinity House, chaired the conference, and we had a [message of welcome from Maritime Minister Nus Ghani](#).

David Dingle, Chairman of Maritime UK and Carnival UK, contrasted the importance of the maritime industry - "*we have a fantastic story to tell and by rights that should attract fantastic people*" - with the difficulty often felt in getting our message across, despite a lot of effort. He stressed that the task now is to attract *talent*, not just to fill slots.

We had four speakers from outside the sector, one of whom challenged us to have "every company" making a commitment to encouraging its staff to go into schools to talk about what they do, and to talk about the great careers on offer.

The conference agreed:

1. we could do with some better coordination of the many existing initiatives and programmes
2. Maritime UK should take the lead in that task

The full conference report is [here](#).

www.maritimeuk.org/careers



There's good progress with apprenticeships:

The [Port Marine Operations Officer apprenticeship](#) (at Level 4) is now fully approved and available for use, with a funding cap of

£12,000.

The revised [Marina and Boatyard apprenticeship](#) Standard (at Level 2) has been approved, and the group is working on the assessment plan. (The existing apprenticeship remains open for new entrants).

The wholly new [Maritime Caterer apprenticeship](#) (at Level 2) is now fully approved and available for use, with a funding cap of £6,000. In addition, the [Maritime Educational Foundation](#) offers those eligible grants of £4,000 per apprentice.

The revised [Workboat apprenticeship](#) (now at Level 3) is almost ready for use, with one last step remaining. The existing apprenticeship remains open for new entrants.

The revised [Port Operative](#) apprenticeship (Level 2) is almost ready for use, with one last step remaining. The existing apprenticeship remains open for new entrants.

The Institute for Apprenticeships has approved the [Marine Technical Superintendent](#) degree-level apprenticeship Standard (at Level 7), and the group is now working on the assessment plan.

The **Small Vessel Engineer** working group has met the group which created the [Marine Engineer](#) apprenticeship (Level 3), and agreed to pursue a shared apprenticeship with separate options covering the different specialisms.

The IMarEST-led group working to develop a first apprenticeship for **Marine Surveyors** has submitted its formal Expression of Interest for approval to set to work. Contact [Di Fitch](#) at Liverpool John Moores University, who is supporting the group.

Seawork International is hosting a conference

session on apprenticeships on the afternoon of
Tuesday 3rd July. Details [here](#).

Did you know that if you employ an apprentice aged under 25 you do not pay National Insurance for them? Full details [here](#).

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Also in the news ...

Maritime UK has published a detailed briefing on the status of the developing [Maritime Sector Deal](#), a partnership with central Government as part of its Industrial Strategy.

The UK Chamber of Shipping has been getting a lot of media coverage for its comments on **Brexit negotiations**, and has now made openly available a wide range of [briefing papers](#), of interest to many beyond the shipping sector.

The Department for Transport has published its [Seafarer Statistics for 2017](#), with a much fuller than usual section on other data for the wider sector.

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