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## Maritime Skills Alliance Newsletter

March 2019

### Greetings!

Maritime UK's impressive Women in Maritime Taskforce launched another couple of useful initiatives last week, and so did others; there's clearly a real will now, right across the sector, to do something that will make a real difference about the under-representation of women in the maritime workforce.

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Association

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## Women in Maritime Taskforce announces a new Speaker Bank on International Women's Day

Maritime UK's Women in Maritime Taskforce has announced two new initiatives on International Women's Day:

- a [Speaker Bank](#) – women working in the sector who can be invited to speak at conferences and serve on panels
- an [Interview Pool](#) – women who can help companies avoid the risk of all-male panels for recruitment and promotion.

Taskforce Chair, Sue Terpilowski, said at the launch in Belfast: "We believe we are solving a problem. We knew there were qualified and experienced women within the industry who would enhance any panel, finding them was the issue. So now, there should be no excuses not to have gender balanced panels."

The Department for Transport announced a £100,000 grant to the excellent [1851 Trust](#) (associated with Sir Ben Ainslie's plan to re-capture the America's Cup) to enable them to run a series of roadshows for girls aged 11–14 to encourage them to take an interest in science, technology and engineering subjects.

Also launched on International Women's Day was a specialist group called [Women in Scottish Aquaculture](#), with the brilliant slogan "Diversity makes us WiSA".

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### MSA Reception at LISW 2019

Save the date! The MSA will again be hosting a Reception at Trinity House on the Monday evening of London International Shipping Week – Monday 9th September. (Attendance by invitation only).

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### Also in the news ...

Maritime UK has a stand at this year's London show for [careers professionals](#) at Olympia, Tuesday 19th March, Olympia.

[Ocean Business 19](#) at Southampton, 9–11 April, has an extensive careers programme for those interested in ocean science and related fields.

The offshore sector has agreed the [Offshore Wind Sector Deal](#) with the Government. Skills commitments include creation of an Investment in Talent Group to identify skills needs and develop curricula and accreditation, development of an Offshore Energy Passport to facilitate job–mobility and a commitment to increasing the proportion of women in the sector to one third by 2030.

This year's [Offshore Wind Connections Conference](#) in Hull runs 1–2 May.

Port of Blyth's Port Training Services and Newcastle College have signed a deal to deliver [training for the offshore energy sector](#).

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