

Dundee hosts Discovery Programme for young workforce of future

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Forth Ports hosts new Discovery Programme in Dundee for young workforce of the future

Eight students from Craigie High School and Morgan Academy took part in Forth Port's new work experience initiative called Discovery, at the Port of Dundee.

The Discovery programme provides a real opportunity for Forth Ports in Dundee to support the community providing development for young people and supporting the 'Developing the Young Workforce' scheme. Held in the port and working in partnership with Developing Young Workforce, the students enjoyed a variety of interactive and engaging events during their time at the port.

The event involved presentations from key port staff including the Port Manager, Operations Manager,

Engineering Manager and an engineering apprentice, talking about their roles and responsibilities at the port. The students went on a walk and talk tour of the port estate and were able to view the offshore drilling rigs up close and see all the various activities happening at the port. The three day event included various team challenges and finished with a poster challenge, which was won by a team of students from both schools.

Commenting on Discovery Week, **Catherine Ilett, Learning & Development Manager from Forth Ports** said: *“Our Discovery programme is a new development for Forth Ports which has been designed to build upon and improve our offering to meet the growing requests we receive for work experience placements from school students. From feedback, the students said they all had a very positive experience and that they would very much wish to work with Forth Ports in the future! We hope they take away some key learning points to take them forward in their careers.*

At Forth Ports, people are our biggest asset and we aim to grow our own people through continuous learning and development. Discovery is a good way for us to engage with young people early as they begin to think about their career path.”

Annabel Quin, Principal Teacher, Developing the Young Workforce at Morgan Academy said: *“We are absolutely delighted to be working in partnership with Forth Ports, Dundee. The Discovery Programme has given our young people a fantastic opportunity to develop their employability skills through a hands-on experience in a busy working environment. For us, the programme has supported our efforts to raise awareness of the exciting opportunities that exist in Dundee and getting young people to aspire towards careers they might not have previously considered.”*

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