

Port of Dundee teams up with engineering student on quayside development

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Southbay Civil Engineering and Port of Dundee team up with Abertay University student for placement as part of multimillion pound quayside development

Civil engineering student, Richard Craik from Dundee is getting hands on experience at the Port of Dundee working on a placement with Southbay Civil Engineering Limited who are creating the new £10million heavy lift quayside at the port.

Richard is currently studying towards a BSc (Hons) in Civil Engineering at Abertay University in Dundee. As part of the 3rd year of his course Richard was required to complete a 12-week placement, the success of which led to Richard being invited by the site team to remain until the completion of the project, allowing him to finish his good work.

Richard held the position of Site Engineer and played a key role in undertaking site surveys and setting out in relation to the piling works, a significant work element in the delivery of the project. Richard now hopes to complete the final year of his degree with the eventual aim of completing a masters in the subject.

Commenting on the placement, **Paul Stephenson, Managing Director of Southbay Civil Engineering Limited** said: *“Richard settled into the project team from the outset and has shown a real willingness to contribute towards the successful completion of this challenging project. He is a more than capable Site Engineer and has embraced all aspects of project delivery. We are fully committed to embracing and supporting the engineers of tomorrow and feel Richard’s involvement reinforces this”.*

Richard Craik, Student Engineer, Abertay University said: *“I have really enjoyed being a part of such a challenging project and have been fortunate enough to gain hands on experience in a number of significant elements of project delivery such as piling. This experience has reinforced my decision to pursue a career in civil engineering and has provided me with a real insight into the challenge’s faced on a daily basis.”*

David Webster, Port Manager at Dundee said: *“At Forth Ports we value the development of young people and we are extremely pleased to help facilitate the placement. As an alumina of Abertay University myself, I know how beneficial these placements are for young engineers. We wish Richard every success with his future career.”*

Forth Ports is investing more than £10 million to create a new quayside with an industry-leading “heavy lift” capability, coupled with a significant onshore operational area at the port. This will position the port at the forefront of the North Sea oil & gas decommissioning and offshore wind sectors.

Southbay Civil Engineering was awarded the contract to design and build the quayside. Southbay are experts in their field and have previously worked on other projects at the port including Prince Charles Wharf and Princess Alexandra Wharf. The contract began in February and the quayside project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

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