

Tilbury nominated for international CSR award

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London's Major Port nominated for International CSR Award

The Port of Tilbury - the largest port in the Forth Ports group - has been short-listed for the 2015 Containerisation International corporate social responsibility (CSR) award [<http://www.ci-awards.com/>].

The latest award nomination recognises the Port's long-standing efforts to promote skills training and create the East of England Training Academy, and builds upon this year's Herbert Crow award from the Worshipful Company of Carmen*.

The Port will be competing against global shipping lines CMA CGM Group, Maersk Line and MOL and ports including DP World UAE Region, Halifax Port Authority and Modern Terminals for this prestigious award, which will be presented at an event held at Jumeriah Carlton Tower Hotel in London on Thursday 18 June.

Perry Glading, Chief Operating Officer at Forth Ports (owners of the Port of Tilbury), welcomed the news: *"It's great for the Port and our staff to receive this international recognition. The Port has a strong CSR pedigree: we invest heavily in our workforce, support our tenants, and the local community as part of an integrated corporate affairs and business strategy."*

"Since the training academy was established, over 100 trainees, apprentices and advanced apprentices have undertaken bespoke training programmes, while many development sessions have been held to support the local unemployed population find their next job."

Skills training to support the Port's ambitious investment programme - building upon the Portcentric success of being the main storage, distribution and logistics site for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games and after nine years of discussion between the Port's education and training partners, Tilbury took the initiative to create a training centre.

The new Academy was required to satisfy the need to provide the existing Thurrock workforce with the necessary training opportunities and logistics pathways to help secure the 13,000 transport and logistics jobs in

the coming years, including 1,100 jobs at the Port's new distribution park.

The Port spent nearly a quarter of a million pounds on refurbishing the former London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games building, transforming the facilities into a new dedicated centre for logistics related education and training.

Delivering skills - although the Academy sits within the port estate, the Port delivers pre-employment training, traineeships, apprenticeships, advanced apprenticeships and higher apprenticeships in partnership with Thurrock Council, Job Centre Plus and Ixion Holdings (part of Anglia Ruskin University).

The new facilities provides a range of mandatory, technical and management training for not only the 135 companies and 3,500 people employed within the port estate (direct and indirect), but also the business and local communities across the Thames Gateway area.

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Notes to Editors

* The Herbert Crow Memorial Award was presented to the port last month (March). The award recognises the significant achievements, contributions and innovation of individuals, companies and the armed forces. The award was for the port's training academy which was established in 2014 and has seen over 100 trainees, apprentices and advanced apprentices go through their bespoke training programmes. The port has directly employed 11 new apprentices over the past year and has committed to a further 45 trainees and apprentices during 2015 to support the Ports operations. The academy was opened in 2014 by the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne.

About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the south east of England and beyond. A dynamic and diverse port handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers & Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it the natural point for distribution with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The Port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering over 900 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the Port, with access to the whole of the UK and dedicated barge facilities.

London Container Terminal (LCT) provides a unique combination of European Short Sea and Deep Sea services at the same facility. As the UK's third largest container terminal, Tilbury handles over half a million containers per year.

The London Construction Link (LCL) is a collaboration between the Port of Tilbury and S. Walsh, one of the leading construction solutions companies in London. The partnership is seeking to relieve congestion on the capital's roads, with associated cycling safety and CO2 benefits, through promoting greater use of construction consolidation and the use of the river for construction projects on or near the Thames. LCL builds upon the Tilbury's pedigree as the logistics and distribution hub for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics and S. Walsh's success as the largest marine operator on the Thames. LCL is supported by British Cycling.

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