

## Training collaboration at Tilbury secured employment for local people

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Job Centre Plus has been working with local businesses and organisations to create programmes that support local people getting into local jobs. The course called Access 2 Logistics was a collaboration between Agency East - a community interest company - The Logistics Training Academy at the Port of Tilbury and HDS Personnel.

The programme has been a great success with 22 out of the 33 participants securing employment. The Port of Tilbury has been instrumental in pulling resources together to offer a programme that not only promotes working in the transport and logistics industry but also helps people identify potential career paths in sectors they may not have considered before through the use of specialist profiling and support.

Commenting on the course, **Simon Harper at The Logistics Training Academy at the Port of Tilbury** said: “*We are thrilled that the course has secured 22 local people, local employment. Some of the participants who have lived in Tilbury for years found it interesting to learn more about the port and during the tours around the grain terminal and the paper terminal they were amazed to see the use of high tech machinery and technology.*”

*HDS were also impressed with the course and we have had so many local people interested in working for the port and we have recruited across a wide variety of jobs roles including straddle carrier driving, mooring operations, customer service and clerical roles. Connecting local people with local jobs is a top priority for us and we are delighted that the Access 2 Logistics course has been so successful.”*

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### **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. The Port of Tilbury is 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 a 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 UK's capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering around 1,100 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 rail network, and dedicated barge facilities.

**Tilbury2** - 152 acres of land, including a proposed further deep water jetty, close to the east of the existing Port of Tilbury which Forth Ports intends to use to extend their current operations with the creation of a new port terminal, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands. It would bring the total port acreage to 1,100 acres. . It is anticipated that an application for a development consent order to permit the new port terminal will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Department for Transport) in late 2017. It is envisaged that Tilbury2 will be a construction materials and short-sea shipping hub, handling imported and exported materials and goods. [www.tilbury2.co.uk](http://www.tilbury2.co.uk)

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