

Discovery Week launched in Grangemouth for young workforce of the future

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Forth Ports launches new Discovery Week for young workforce of the future

13 students from Grangemouth High, Falkirk high, Bo’Ness Academy and Stirling High took part in Forth Ports new learning and development initiative - Discovery Week – at the Port of Grangemouth.

Discovery Week provides a real opportunity for Forth Ports in Grangemouth to support the community providing development for young people and supporting the ‘Developing the Young Workforce’ scheme. Held over the course of a week (12-16 June), and working in partnership with Developing Young Workforce Forth Valley, the students enjoyed a variety of interactive and engaging events such as a detailed tour of the port and also learning about the key role of health and safety at the port too.

The Forth Ports marine, operations and engineering team each hosted a talk about the technical and professional elements of the role they play in the port and the students also took part in a Supply Chain Business Game. They also took part in more practical work experience skills including CV creation, interviewing and teambuilding experience. These activities were delivered through interactive exercises such as games, activities and designing a poster.

Commenting on Discovery Week, **Catherine Ilett, Learning & Development Manager from Forth Ports said:** *“Discovery Week 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, this first week in Grangemouth has been a real success and we hope that the students 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 Week is a good way for us to engage with young people early as they begin to think about their career path.”

Jen Henderson, Programme Manager from Developing the Young Workforce said: *“DYW Forth Valley is delighted to have worked in partnership with Forth Ports, Grangemouth and teachers from local secondary schools to bring real world context and inspiration to the young people of Forth Valley. Forth Ports are leading the way in providing high quality work placement opportunities through their Discovery Week.”*

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