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### Join the community for apprentices in the UK Ports Sector (PSS members)

Port Skills and Safety (PSS), promotes best practice and innovation, develops guidance and services to drive continuous safety and ensure a highly skilled ports workforce. Through its partnership with the Association of Apprentices (AoA), PSS provides port apprentices with free access to social and professional networks, learning, guidance, and support.

### What does this mean for you?

By joining the free platform, port apprentices can:

- ✓ **Connect with a community of apprentices across the UK ports sector.**
- ✓ **Build your professional network.**
- ✓ **Get information, advice, and tips to help during your apprenticeship.**
- ✓ **Access help to become assessment ready and successfully complete your apprenticeship.**
- ✓ **Find great content that you can use as part of your 20% off-the-job training.**
- ✓ **Gain insights from experts and leaders across different sectors and specialisms.**
- ✓ **Get support with life skills, mental health and well-being and soft skills development.**
- ✓ **Attend free events both online and in person.**

### Getting started

It's easy to sign up:

**Step 1** – [Click here](#) to register.

**Step 2** – Complete your registration details using your work email address.

**Step 3** – Get instant access to all AoA's networking platform and learning resources.

**Step 4** – Download the apps for Connect and Learn to access services on the go!

### More about AoA

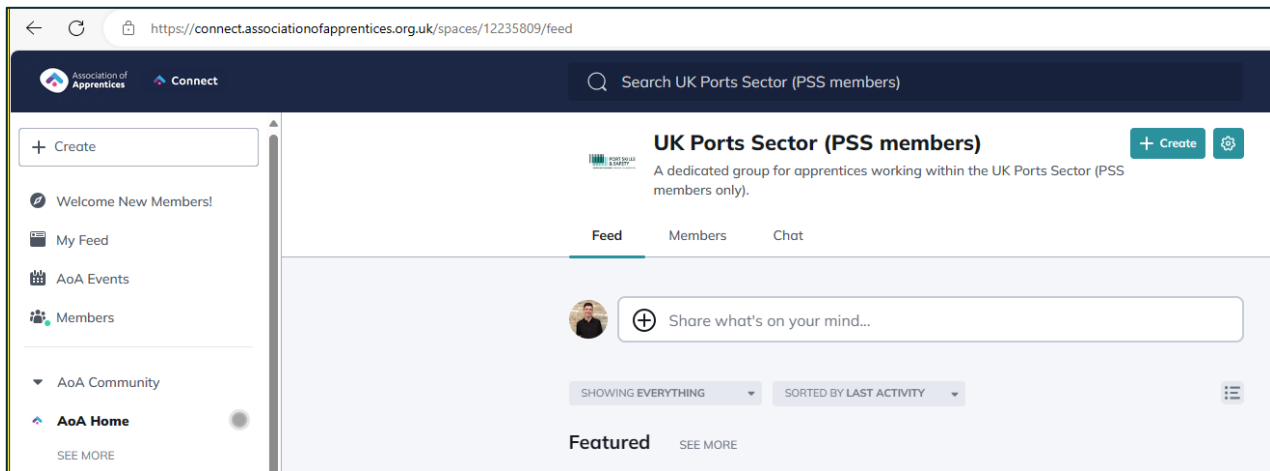
AoA is a national, not-for-profit membership organisation which helps apprentices to connect, learn and fulfil their potential. You can join the community, share experiences, communicate with people in similar situations to you, participate in specially curated events, and get support with everything from work skills to wellbeing.

## How it works

AoA provides you with two key features to assist you in your apprenticeship. [Click here](#) to watch a short 3-minute video to find out how to get the best from our apprentice membership, and register.

## AoA Connect

AoA Connect is a bespoke social and professional networking platform that allows you to unite with peers in a dedicated, inclusive virtual community. Here you can chat, discuss, and gain insight from apprentices across the country on the same programme, in the same industry, in the same region or in any group of interest to you. AoA Connect is available at your fingertips as an app to ensure that you always have real-time access.



On AoA Connect, there is also a dedicated group just for you – UK Ports Sector (PSS members). Here you can build connections and support other apprentices also working across UK Ports. Simply select the request access button on the group to join.

## AoA Learn

AoA Learn gives apprentices access to thousands of resources to support your work and life skills development. Here you can identify your abilities, strengths and any development areas and receive personalised content to help you maximise your potential. Need to know how to receive feedback positively, prepare for your EPA, or find out about the Data Protection Act? This could count towards your off-the-job learning too.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please let us know by emailing [info@portskillsandsafety.co.uk](mailto:info@portskillsandsafety.co.uk)

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