

Agenda for the Meeting of the Port Skills Group

Held at Energy Central Learning Hub, Port of Blyth, NE24 3PA
Hosted by Port of Blyth

on Wednesday 14 May 2025, 09:00 for 09:20

Time	Item	Comments
08:30		Registration and refreshments
09:00	1.	Welcome and introduction Poll questions: What is the top skill/training gap keeping you awake at night?
09:10	2.	Port tour by coach Includes welcome from David Brown - CEO, The Bristol Port Company
10:50	3.	Minutes and actions
10:55	4.	Member presentation: Supervision and leadership - The Bristol Port Company / Weston College
11:25	5.	During this timeslot, two sessions will run simultaneously in separate rooms to enable full and transparent discussions. Workshop part 1: 2026 training plans (full members) Please bring 2026 training plans to the meeting as this workshop will dive into the detail following previous discussions. Slido will be used to capture responses. • How do you decide what to outsource and what to train? • What is working well? • What is hard to source? • What must be port-specific? Whole group discussion: Why is this a challenge? What happens if this is not addressed? Training provider working group: 2026 training plans (training provider members) • Training provider course directory update • Main challenges - how can PSS support? • Webinars and resources for PSS website

12:10		Lunch
12:55	6.	Workshop part 2: Prioritising needs and national solutions Groups will rotate around four stations: safety, technical skills, leadership and management, future skills/innovation to capture and discuss: • Key training gaps • Sourcing difficulties • Ideas for national or shared solutions Whole group discussion: Findings and summary
14:15	7.	Member presentation: Apprentice recruitment – Forth Ports
14:45	8.	PSS update: Angela Ward • Update on projects • Early careers – headline data Discussion: Feedback on the scope of the data, data submission process, and timeline.
15:15	9.	Chair's summary and actions
15:20	10.	Any other business
15:30	11.	Close

Attachments: 1. Minutes
2. Record of Actions