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# North Tyneside Fish Quay Pilot

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# Local Landscape

- Local Strategic Food Plan
- Food Partnership developed with the aim of recognising vulnerability early, address local food insecurity in a dignified way
- North Tyneside is home to North Shields Fish Quay. One of the busiest and important on the east coast.



# Barriers and Opportunities

- The main species caught off the quay is langoustine which is exported
- Locally caught fish has a lower carbon footprint, is really healthy and can be affordable
- Perfectly good surplus fish without a market
- There are skills gaps in processing
- Surplus of 'catch' used as pot bait, rather than eaten locally

# Riley's - what we did to support

- Passionate about preparing and cooking locally caught fish
- Keen to pilot processing of local fish for delivery
- EHO advised on proposed processing method for the fish, safety controls, labelling for pre-packed items and the written food safety assessment



# HAF – What we did to support.

- Whitley Bay Food and Nutrition engaging secondary aged young people in cooking as part of HAF for the past few years
- Young people interested in catering and finding part time work
- Young people interested in following the journey of the fish and gaining qualifications
- NTC Employment and Skills planned to deliver L2 Food Hygiene
- Match funding accessed to avoid DfE restrictions



# Result

- 8 young people took part in the pilot, met DfE requirements
- The pilot included fish filleting at Riley's Fish Shop, a visit to the market and cooking
- Last day included surfing and food at Riley's Fish Shack
- All gained a L2 qualification over 4 days!



# Result

- Production of locally caught fish now successfully piloted
- Process approved for North Tyneside Delivery by EHO
- Plans to upscale and use locally caught surplus fish to benefit local communities.





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