

THE YOUNG FISHERMEN NETWORK MANIFESTO

The Young Fishermen Network is an initiative promoting commercial fishing as a viable career and recruit and retain the next generation of commercial fishermen.

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Step on Board.

Provide experiences and accessible training opportunities for the next generation. Fishing needs to be accessible to anyone with the drive to work at sea. Students are at their prime learning age; however, they are not legally permitted to go on a fishing boat before age 16. This restricts sharing the experience of fishing and the chance to build early interest in a viable career option for the next generation.

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Learn the Ropes.

Knowledge transfer from experienced fishermen to new entrants. Fishing skill stems from experience and knowledge being passed down through generations. For those learning outside of a fishing family, there is a clear need for a structured onboard mentoring scheme ensuring traditional skills and best practice are handed on to the next generation.

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Help to Buy.

Creation of a help-to-buy boat, licence and quota scheme. Owning a fishing boat, licence and quota should not be out of reach for enthusiastic young fishermen. A help-to-buy scheme would support young fishermen to build viable businesses and have independence.

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Space to Fish.

Create opportunities for all with improved management of inshore waters. Fairer access and space to operate in UK inshore waters by developing appropriate fisheries management will ensure there is opportunity to access the resource for the next generation of fishermen and fishing communities.



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