

The Tall Ship Glenlee Trust

Report for the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights

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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Cole-Mackintosh,

I write to thank you on behalf of all at The Tall Ship Glenlee Trust for the most generous support provided to us from The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights over many years towards our successful apprenticeship programme. With your support we have transformed the lives of many young people, setting them up with new skills, knowledge and ambitions that have allowed them to forge new paths ahead in their desired careers. It has also been a wonderful opportunity to support these deserving young people into positive destinations with many securing full-time work because of the experiences they had with us at The Tall Ship undertaking their apprenticeships.

I am pleased to provide the following report on the positive outcomes of our most recent apprentices, Ross and Brogan as follows.

Once again, our sincerest thanks for your support and we look forward to working with you again in the years ahead.

Kindest regards,
Fiona

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Apprenticeships at The Tall Ship Glenlee Trust

Thanks to the generosity of The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, we have supported two apprentices in recent years at The Tall Ship Glenlee Trust. We now have the opportunity to share with you the success stories of Ross and Brogan.

Ross

Ross completed his apprenticeship in metal fabrication with us in 2023. This apprenticeship gave him the opportunity to learn new skills in the theory and practical task of welding. During his apprenticeship he added optional units in MIG and STICK welding techniques and using this newfound skill, he was tasked most recently with welding new sewage tanks for use onboard The Tall Ship Glenlee. The sewage tanks are made of stainless steel which is a difficult material for welders to work with. Using MIG techniques he welded the tanks with an impressive 100% pass rate when pressure testing for leaks, which is highly unusual and demonstrates his commitment to mastering his skills and applying them with confidence in his abilities.

Following the completion of his apprenticeship, we offered Ross a full-time job here within our crew (the equivalent of a journeyman position) and a wage rise in line with his fellow team members.



Ross will now take on important tasks ahead as part of a newly funded ship maintenance project that will involve welding the ribs of the ship within our cargo hold called vertical floor plates and welding deck timber margins on our poop deck. He will also be busy this year welding mast clamp bands around the fore and main masts to support a new awning system. The awnings will serve the dual purpose of reducing water ingress to our decks below and improve our events offering by increasing event spaces and improving the quality of events we can host onboard below decks.

Brogan

Brogan started his apprenticeship at the same time but was focused on joinery. He carried out his apprenticeship onboard with the support of Glasgow City Building Training Academy. As part of his apprenticeship, Brogan had the opportunity to learn from new experiences whilst offsite for a period of 3 months and during this time he became aware of the wider opportunities available to him through his newly learned skills and knowledge. It was during that period that he made the decision to not return to complete his apprenticeship but to instead grasp an opportunity for full-time employment instead. Given the difficult past few years through the pandemic, he perhaps felt this was a chance to secure long-term employment in a period of uncertainty in the world and we were pleased to hear that he had secured work as a kitchen fitter using the joinery skills he developed in the 3 years of his apprenticeship. He is still working in this role, and we wish him every success in his future career in joinery.

