

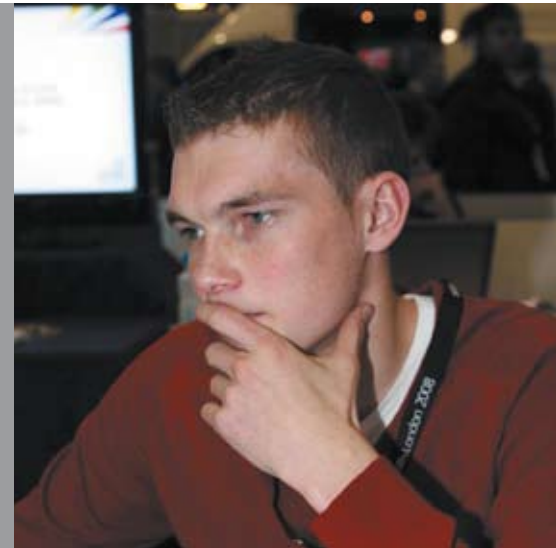


Martin Eusebi: Mechanical Engineering Design CAD

Competed in: WorldSkills Calgary 2009 – Team UK
Home town: Glasgow
Region: Scotland
Date of birth: 17/01/1988
Age at competition: 21
Employer: MB Roberts (Aerospace)
Learning provider: Motherwell College

Qualifications

- HND Draughting & Design
- HNC Draughting & Design
- NC Architectural Design



What was your route into Team UK?

Martin's journey began with a recommendation from his tutor at Motherwell College. Matt Bell, the WorldSkills Expert and Training Manager for Mechanical Engineering Design CAD, was looking for talented young people to enter the selection competitions. Having expressed his interest in competing, Martin began the selection process at Skills London in the Squad Selection competition. After success at this event and the subsequent Team Selection competition he was told he had earned a place in Team UK.

Why did you choose to get involved with WorldSkills?

"I thought it would be a really good experience and would give me an opportunity to show what I could do."

The chance to take part in something as unique as WorldSkills really attracted Martin to the opportunity. He also saw it as a fantastic chance to develop his skills and performance at work.

What training did you undertake as part of your journey to WorldSkills and what impact did this have on your life?

The intense training that Martin undertook began as soon as he made it into Squad UK. Martin's training took him all over the country and even to Portugal and Canada.

"I got the chance to travel the world and work with world leaders in my skill which gave me the opportunity to experience different working environments. The training has given me a lot more knowledge of my skill and I've learned things I probably wouldn't have had the chance to learn if it wasn't for WorldSkills."

What was WorldSkills like?

Martin's training included taking part in Canada's national skills competition, but even this experience couldn't prepare him fully for the enormity of WorldSkills.

"WorldSkills was a great experience; it was all so surreal. I felt like I was living in a different world for a few weeks."

What did you have to do during the competition?

Over the four days and 22 hours of competition Martin had four individual tasks to complete. The tasks were unknown to Martin until the briefing session each morning and would involve something totally different each day.

"All of the tasks were computer based. The last day, however, was more physical as part of the task involved reverse engineering."

Who inspired you during your journey to WorldSkills?

"Everyone who helped me train was a huge inspiration to me. My family were also supporting me all the way, even when I wasn't up to it myself."

What did being part of Team UK and competing at WorldSkills mean to you?

Being part of Team UK was a real honour for Martin but in the beginning it was difficult for him to understand that he was part of a group of young people that were world-class in their respective skills.

"It didn't really sink in until we arrived in Canada and were all together preparing for the start of the competition. It was great to be with so many talented people."

What has competing done for you both personally and professionally?

For Martin the biggest difference has been in his confidence.

"It's made me stronger and a much more confident person. In Canada I had some big hurdles to overcome but I managed to block them out in my mind and get on with job at hand."

Having put so much work into his training to develop his skills, Martin's ability has dramatically improved. Martin is sure that the overall experience is going to have a really positive effect on the rest of his life.

What is the dream?

Having worked with the best in his skill from around the world, in the future Martin is now determined to manage his own design team working on worldwide projects.

Would you encourage others to get involved in WorldSkills?

"Yes. There is nothing to lose from the experience but a lot to gain."

What do you think of the event being held in London in 2011?

"I'm excited to see how it will compare to WorldSkills in Calgary. It's going to be a great opportunity to raise the profile of the event and hopefully it will get the publicity it deserves. Making people aware of the WorldSkills competition is really important to raising standards and promoting skills within the UK."



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