

Key facts about UK Skills



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- UK Skills is a not for profit organisation which champions skills and learning for work through competitions and awards.
 - Established in 1990, UK Skills works to raise the profile of skills in the UK and oversee the UK's premier set of skills competitions, WorldSkills UK.
 - UK Skills also manages the UK team entry to WorldSkills and EuroSkills.
 - UK Skills also manages the National Training Awards which celebrate exemplary training in the workplace; from coordinating the awards' famously robust judging processes to organising celebration events across the UK.
 - The Chief Executive of UK Skills is Simon Bartley. The Chairman is Chris Humphries CBE.
 - UK Skills has 30 staff.
 - UK Skills financial turnover for 2008/09 was approx £7M.
 - UK Skills is supported by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Department of Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland; Scottish Government; and Welsh Assembly Government.

Key facts about the WorldSkills Competition



- The WorldSkills Competition is the biggest international skills competition – the 1st ever competition was held between Spain and Portugal in Madrid 1950.
- WorldSkills (WS) is organised by WorldSkills International (WSI) of which UK Skills is a founding member.
- The UK has previously hosted the competition in 1965, Glasgow and 1989, Birmingham. In 2011 WorldSkills comes to London.
- It is held every two years in one of WSI's 51 member countries.
- It involves around 1,000 young competitors under the age of 25.
- Competitors compete in over 40 skills for the chance to win gold, silver or bronze medals.
- Medallions for Excellence are also awarded to Competitors who achieve the international standard.
- The competition lasts for 22 hours over four days.
- All WorldSkills Competitions consist of:
 - *Official Skills*: Competitions which have 12 or more countries registering.
 - *Demonstration Skills*: Introductory step for a skill seeking to be an official skill.
 - *Host member Skills*: Demonstration skills put forward by the host member.
 - *Exhibition Skills*: WorldSkills organisers have the right to showcase particular skills that will enhance the experience for visitors. However, such skills are not subject to Competition rules and will not be officially assessed.
 - Medals and points are awarded for Official skills, and medals are awarded for Host member skills.



Key facts about WorldSkills Calgary 2009



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- WorldSkills Calgary 2009 is the 40th WorldSkills Competition.
 - WorldSkills Calgary 2009 runs from 1-6 September 2009.
 - The Opening Ceremony takes place on the 1st September.
 - The 4-days of competition take place from the 2-5 September.
 - The Closing Ceremony, including medal awarding, takes place on the 6 September.
 - Competitors from up to 51 Member countries will compete (30 languages).
 - Over 40 skill categories.
 - 5,000 international Experts, Delegates and visitors will gather from around the world.
 - 150,000 student and public spectators will attend the Competition.
 - There will be around 900 Competitors.
 - The Chief Executive of UK Skills, Simon Bartley is the UK's official delegate to WorldSkills International (WSI).
 - The UK Competitions Director Eugene Incerti, is the UK's Technical Delegate to WorldSkills International (WSI).

Key facts about Team UK



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- In 2008, UK Skills hosted Squad UK selection competitions to find the best of the best in the UK.
 - UK Skills announced Squad UK in February 2009 at Canada House, London.
 - Squad UK continued their training and were put through their paces at Team UK selection competitions in June.
 - 26 competitors under the age of 25 were chosen to be members of Team UK and compete at WorldSkills Calgary 2009.
 - Team UK were announced in June 2009 at the House of Lords, Westminster, London.
 - Young people under 25 still have the opportunity to be part of Team UK for WorldSkills London 2011. Potential competitors are identified through a number of routes including the WorldSkills UK competitions.
 - Competition entries for WorldSkills UK competitions open in October 2009.
 - Squad UK for WorldSkills London 2011 will be selected between September and December 2010 and Team UK will be selected and announced in July 2011.
 - UK Skills manages Team UK in partnership with the Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills, the Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government and key partners from education, government and industry.
 - Edge is the Premier Supporter of both Squad and Team UK, as part of its commitment to raising the status of practical and vocational learning.
 - Brathay provide and support the training and development of Squad and Team UK.
 - City & Guilds is a supporter of Squad and Team UK.
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Key facts about WorldSkills London 2011



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- In October 2011, the UK will host WorldSkills London 2011; the largest international skills competition in the world.
- WorldSkills London 2011 will be the 41st WorldSkills Competition and will take place at ExCeL, East London.
- WorldSkills London 2011 will take place over 6 days (4 days of competition plus 1 day for the Opening Ceremony and 1 day for the Closing Ceremony).
- Around 1,200 competitors from 50 nations will compete in 45 skills to win gold, silver and bronze medals.
- An anticipated 1,600 Team Leaders, Experts, Observers and Delegates from around the World will join these young competitors.
- 65,000 m² will house 45 competition zones and 'Have a Go' areas for visitors.
- WorldSkills London 2011 will reach up to 250,000 people. 2,000 volunteers are needed at the Event.
- WorldSkills London 2011 Ltd has been set up as a wholly owned subsidiary of UK Skills. The project team is being headed up by Executive Director, Aidan Jones.
- WorldSkills London 2011 is supported by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Department of Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland; Scottish Government; and Welsh Assembly Government.
- City & Guilds is a Premier Sponsor of WorldSkills London 2011.
- Edge is a Premier Supporter of both Squad UK and Team UK for WorldSkills London 2011, as part of its commitment to raising the status of practical and vocational learning.
- Brathay will provide and support the training and development of Squad UK and Team UK for WorldSkills London 2011.
- For more information, email: enquiries@worldskillslondon2011.com

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Key facts about WorldSkills UK



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- WorldSkills UK is the name for the UK's premier set of skills competitions. These competitions are open to all ages.
 - Competitions run every year in around 70 skills within these five main sectors:
 - Built Environment
 - Cultural and Creative Arts
 - Engineering
 - Information Technology and Business Administration
 - Professional, Social, Public and Hospitality Services.
 - In 2008, over 3,500 people registered to enter a WorldSkills UK competition.
 - Outstanding WorldSkills UK national finalists may be considered for inclusion in Squad and Team UK.
 - A large proportion of the International competitors that represent the UK at WorldSkills come through the WorldSkills UK competition framework.
 - City & Guilds, the UK's leading provider of work-related qualifications, sponsors WorldSkills UK 2009 competitions.
 - For more information about WorldSkills UK competitions or to enter online get in touch with our contact centre email worldskillsuk@ukskills.org.uk or call 0800 612 0742.

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Key facts about the National Training Awards



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- The National Training Awards (NTA) identify and celebrate organisations and individuals that have achieved really outstanding business and personal success through investment in training.
- Winning a prestigious National Training Award brings real pride and kudos, helping to raise the organisations profile and give a real competitive edge.
- Run on annual basis, The National Training Awards are free to enter and open in January. Entries close in April.
- The National Training Awards includes the following categories:
 - Large Employer (250+)
 - Medium Employer (50-249+)
 - Small Employer (49 and under)
 - Providing Education and Training
 - Partnership and Collaboration
 - Individual
 - Now is the Time Award.
- The National Training Awards are run by UK Skills on behalf of the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).
- The National Training Awards support the training delivered by organisations working on the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The National Training Awards also supports the Government's Skills Pledge.

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Key facts about EuroSkills



- EuroSkills offers organisations within the European member states a platform for jointly improving the quality, the results and the attractiveness of vocational education and vocational skills.
 - EuroSkills is managed by the European Skills Promotion Organisation (ESPO) in conjunction with WorldSkills International.
 - In 2008, EuroSkills was held in Rotterdam, Netherlands and in 2010 it will be held in Lisbon, Portugal.
 - UK Skills took a team of 16 competitors to compete at EuroSkills in Rotterdam in the following skills:
 - Automotive Technology
 - Cleaning
 - Farriery
 - Fashion Design & Product Development
 - Hairdressing
 - Office IT.
 - Team UK came home with 8 Gold medals and 2 silver medals.
 - UK Skills Chief Executive, Simon Bartley is an ESPO Board Member.
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