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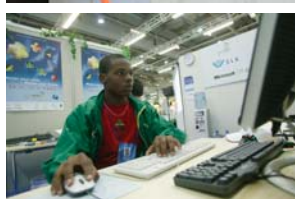
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“WorldSkills is a powerful means for building a global skills respect culture. It enables the best of the world’s young skilled people to motivate and inspire successive generations to see that vocational skills can lead to secure and fulfilling lives in a fast changing competitive world”

Jack Dusseldorp_President of WorldSkills International



WorldSkills International - current members

Australia Austria Belgium Brazil Brunei Darussalam Canada Chinese Taipei Croatia Denmark Ecuador Estonia Finland France Germany Hong Kong Hungary India Indonesia Iran Ireland Jamaica Japan Korea Luxembourg Macau SAR Malaysia Mexico Morocco Netherlands New Zealand Norway Philippines Portugal Principality of Liechtenstein Saudi Arabia Singapore South Africa South Tyrol, Italy Spain Sweden Switzerland Thailand Tunisia United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States of America Venezuela Vietnam

WorldSkills 'more than just the world's biggest skills competition'

WorldSkills International is a unique, not for profit, international membership organisation. Its mission is to raise the status and standards of vocational skills and training worldwide – in an innovative and forward looking way.

WorldSkills International was established in the 1950s. It currently has 48 Member organisations and is committed to growth. WorldSkills International is well on its way to reaching its goal of 50 Members by 2010 in line with its vision to spread high level skills to all regions of the world.

WorldSkills International is an excellent networking resource for member agencies or bodies which have national/regional responsibility for promoting vocational education and training in their respective countries/regions.

WorldSkills International uses leading-edge web and software technologies to provide its members and global audience with easy access to current information on skills standards, competition events and specialist discussion forums.

Visitors to www.worldskills.org can learn about the 55 year history and mission of WorldSkills International, be introduced to its Members, delegates and sponsor partners, visit competition events, see the skills and quality standards in over 45 key trades and technologies, and read about some of the great individual success stories.

WorldSkills how does it work?

WorldSkills International operates a wide-ranging programme of activity to fulfill its mission. The core activity of this programme is the WorldSkills Competition. It is the biggest skills competition in the world and is held every two years in one of its member countries/regions. It sets world class standards in over 45 skill categories ranging from cabinet making to web design.

Over four days of competition, young people drawn from 48 member countries/regions test themselves against tough international standards. The ultimate prizes are gold, silver and bronze medals. And the scale of the event is unrivalled. Over 850 competitors take part. Their progress is keenly watched by hundreds of thousands of visitors which include policy makers, government representatives, employers, teachers, trainers and experts from around the world.

For all the young people who take part it is an invaluable, unique learning experience. Many of the competitors go on to act as ambassadors for their respective skills and promote excellence in vocational education and training in their own countries/regions.

WorldSkills what does membership offer?

Be at the forefront of shaping future world policy on vocational skills.

WorldSkills International offers the chance for policy makers from around the world to meet fellow experts and global company representatives to debate key issues affecting vocational education and training and identify opportunities for future skills development.

Benchmark your training system
– see what really works

WorldSkills International offers the chance to test and compare your country's/region's training system against that of others and ensure that your education and training strategies meet the economic and business demands of a modern society.

Share best practice

WorldSkills International offers the chance to share ideas and practices and provides lessons and inspiration for developing vocational skills and training systems. It also offers the chance to network and build contacts through the competition and meetings.

WorldSkills why be a sponsor?

More organisations recognise the benefits of entering into partnership with WorldSkills International.

These benefits include:

- The chance to be clearly associated with excellence and the achievements of highly skilled young people.
- A unique opportunity to work with 48 Members via a global organisation which is committed to growth.
- A chance to show your commitment to promoting high quality vocational skills and training and working with young people who are among the future workforce leaders.
- Excellent networking opportunities with world-class experts and leaders.

"We share the WorldSkills International (WSI) mission of generating interest in skills among young people worldwide. We have always recognized that WSI has enormous potential beyond the biennial competition. That's why we have all joined forces to create powerful networks of stakeholders in vocational education and training. The result is a true win-win situation which benefits young people, worldwide economies, and the interests of the Sponsor Partners. Together, we are developing a highly skilled, well prepared workforce."

Paul Mailhot

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A modern society can't function without high quality vocational skills

Can you afford not to support WorldSkills?

WorldSkills International
where can I see it in action?

39th WorldSkills Competition
Shizuoka Japan_November 2007

40th WorldSkills Competition
Calgary Canada_September 2009

41st WorldSkills Competition
London UK_October 2011

Further details of these international events, and the many other national/regional events held around the world can be found on the WorldSkills International website.

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