



NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER-TEAM 2013

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CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE RUSHING OUT TO BUY SOME LAST-MINUTE PRESENTS FOR THEIR LOVED ONES, AND THE VOLUNTEER-MANAGEMENT-TEAM SENDS OUT MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHRISTMAS-MARKET OF LEIPZIG TO THE WHOLE (VOLUNTEER-)WORLD.



But Christmas also means that the year 2012 is coming to an end, so we want to take the time to send you this small update from the Volunteers-Headquarter of the WorldSkills Leipzig GmbH before you hear from us again next year!

SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER-HOTSPOT-PREMIERE

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we now have a regular Volunteer table every second Wednesday of the month, where you have the chance to meet the WorldSkills team and spend an enjoyable evening with other volunteer applicants. We already had two very successful gatherings in the Leipzig student tavern Moritzbastei, one in November and one just last week.

Upon entry, every participant obtained a WorldSkills wristband for receiving the reduced drinks and free entrance for "ALL YOU CAN DANCE"-Party.



Photo: Annemarie Fischer

„I was impressed how diverse our volunteer group is—from whole different ranges of age and occupational backgrounds. I look forward to meet them again, as more of people are able to join us“, concludes student Olivia Yin.

We would like to thank all of you who came and helped to turn these Volunteer-Hotspots into a success.

If you have not had the chance to attend our get-togethers so far, your **next opportunity is coming up on January 9th, 2013**. We are looking forward to meet you as well this time!

COMPETITION PREPARATION WEEK

Not only Christmas, but also New Year's Eve is getting closer and 2013 starts with a week full of planning and preparation during our Competition Preparation Week.



From January 15th till January 20th, 2013, the organizers of the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 will have the pleasure to welcome the extended international Skill-Management-Teams at the Westin Hotel Leipzig. That means that a good six months before the actual competition, the advanced Skill-Management-Team consisting of Jury Presidents, Chief Experts, Deputy Chief Experts and the Workshop Supervisors will meet to accumulate the set of their skill-specific tasks for the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013.

The 46 Workshop Supervisors (WSS) and Assistants (WSSA) are experts of their professions from Germany who support the technical team of the host to organize the competition in the various skills. As the name says, the Chief Experts and Deputy Chief Experts are highly qualified people in their skill and have a big experience of WorldSkills. They come from one of the 63 member regions and countries.

The collective meetings will also be used to assemble the needed data, such as bills of materials and the detailed planning of the areas for each skill.





A couple of volunteers are already supporting our team during the Competition Preparation Week as interpreters and Welcome-Desk or Info-Desk volunteers. As the name already indicates, the main task of the Welcome-Desk-Volunteer is to welcome the international guests and delegates at the airport or at the main station in Leipzig and accompany them to the shuttles that will take them to their venue.

In the Hotel Westin there are Info-Desks for giving information regarding the hotel, meeting-schedule or other requests.

The interpreters will help out the Workshop Supervisors with the communication and translate from German to English, if necessary.

WORLD SKILLS LEIPZIG-TEAM PRESENTS ITSELF - PART III

Team Operations (1/4)

In the past newsletters, we introduced the Technical Department of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH. Since the Competition Preparations Week is right around the corner, we would like to introduce the team Operations - which we are also a part of. The team of Birgit Steinbeck is responsible for the realization of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 beside the skills. This implicates a big challenge and amount of tasks which have to be done. Due to this fact our department is the biggest one of the WSL2013-Headquarter and includes 17 people by now.

Today we present our director and especially the team Hospitality:



Birgit Steinbeck...	Anne Heß...	Grace Lung...	Carina Fechner...
Operations Director	Catering & Accommodation Manager	Customer & Delegates Manager	Hospitality Manager
... always has an open ear and eye for all tasks at hand.	... is responsible for organizing the catering for all delegates and officials, as well as the accommodation for them.	... is the contact person between WorldSkills and all the delegations.	... organizes excursions for the official international guests.
		... are also the main organizers of the Competition Preparations Week.	

INTERVIEWS WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPLICANTS

We are very pleased that we not only get volunteer applications from people in Germany but also from all over the world. People from 38 countries have submitted their applications so far and we can proudly announce that our future volunteers will be speaking 33 different languages and are representing 46 nations!



But we also know that personal interviews with us in Leipzig are almost impossible for most of you. That is why we are going to start to interview people on the phone in January! Therefore all sustainable international applicants will receive a specific e-mail with all important information regarding the procedure within the next days.

If you are somehow able to make it and want to meet us in person, we are also offering new interview dates for our headquarters in Leipzig. If you have already received an e-mail with an invitation or will receive one in the next couple of weeks, please choose a date that is convenient for you in our database, there now new dates available for the next year.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

So, this is it: The last newsletter of the year 2012. We want to wish you a wonderful Holiday season, if you celebrate Christmas, have a merry X-mas, and of course, a wonderful start into the year 2013 for all of you! Stay healthy and we are very much looking forward to a fantastic WorldSkills year with you!

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