

WorldSkills UK is **transforming** the lives of young people





WorldSkills UK is an independent charity working with governments, educators and employers to bring international best practice in technical education back to the UK.

With your support we can:

- give more young people the best start in life
- help employers access high quality talent
- make UK skills more internationally competitive.

Driving social mobility in **all four nations** of the UK

Our skills competitions give young people of all backgrounds the leading-edge technical capabilities, increased employability and critical thinking skills they need to succeed in their careers.

Independent research showed that young people involved in our competition programmes can earn on average 60% more than those who don't take part.

"In the colleges where I have worked, WorldSkills UK has been genuinely transformational. Empowering learners of all abilities, working with educators to raise standards in line with global benchmarks and the way it excites employers; WorldSkills UK elevates technical learning in a way you can't and shouldn't ignore."

Alun Francis OBE, Chair of the Social Mobility Commission and Principal of Blackpool & the Fylde College



Making **technical education** a prestigious route for all young people

Every year skills champions such as Isabelle, Lewis and Elijah show 50,000 11-16 year olds that technical education and apprenticeships can and do lead to successful, well-paid, careers.

“Taking part in WorldSkills UK Competitions has been crucial to my career development. Under the guidance of my Training Manager, I developed my industry knowledge and technical skills to the highest level. I also had the opportunity to learn about performance psychology, developing resilience, leadership and communication skills, all vital attributes for the workplace.”

Isabelle, Digital Construction Consultant

“Competing provided me with a fantastic confidence boost. I now believe in myself more. It has given me the edge I needed to go the extra mile in my studies and now in my career. The world-class training I received has enabled me to learn so much more about how I can better myself. It really has been a life-changing experience for me.”

Lewis, Web Developer



“My training with WorldSkills UK opened so many doors for me. I was able to not only say I was the best automotive apprentice in Wales and the UK, but one of the best in the world. It gave me the confidence, to start my own business. I want every young person to have the chances I had, which is why I would encourage anyone whatever your ability, to get involved with WorldSkills UK.”

Elijah, Automotive Technology






Pioneering the delivery of future skills for employers

Our careers resources inspire more than 150,000 young people every year, showcasing how technical education and apprenticeships lead to rewarding careers in advanced manufacturing, life sciences, green, digital and the creative industries.

More than 50% of our competitions are in digital and engineering disciplines to give employers and inward investors the world-class skills they need to grow.

“Airbus apprentices have been taking part in WorldSkills UK competitions for over a decade, giving them the unique opportunity to develop their confidence and strengths in engineering in a highly motivating, international arena. Continuing to nurture the practical and personal skills of those new to our workforce is beneficial for the whole industry.”

Oriel Petry, Senior Vice President, Head of Public Affairs, Airbus



Additive Manufacturing
finalist and tutor

Boosting productivity through world-class skills development

Our programmes teach young people the skills that deliver increased innovation and productivity for employers. They also teach time management, problem solving and resilience.

Our Centre of Excellence CPD programme, in partnership with NCFE, has so far given almost 6,000 educators access to international standards of skills excellence, raising the level of skills teaching across the FE sector.

“WorldSkills UK’s knowledge of how to develop world-class, future-focused skills is vital to boosting the productivity and competitiveness of the UK’s four nations and regions in attracting foreign direct investment firms in sectors like advanced manufacturing, digital, clean tech and life sciences.”

Anthony Impey MBE, Chief Executive, Be the Business

“Participating in the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence has sharpened our focus on embedding skills excellence and developing the employability skills of our students. It has helped benchmark our performance internationally, showing that Scotland can be globally competitive in the provision of world-class skills.”

Joanna Campbell, Principal and CEO of Dumfries and Galloway College and Chair of College Principals’ Group