

## REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR ENTRIES

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009

### Enter the WorldSkills UK Caring Competition now!

The best of the UK's caring sector are being called to enter the WorldSkills UK Caring Competition, as the deadline for this year's applications has been officially extended. Ambitious carers in employment, training or education have until the **31<sup>st</sup> of August 2009** to register via entry form through Jo North at In Touch Care if they wish to take part.

Learning Providers and Employers can nominate one Carer working in Social Care who has completed level 2 and/or working to level 3. Each Carer will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their core care skills using life-like and simulated situations. A detailed brief will be provided 2 weeks before the competition takes place.

UK Skills oversees the WorldSkills UK competitions and is responsible for selecting and training Team UK for WorldSkills. Chief Executive Simon Bartley said: "Skills Competitions help those who take part to develop their skills; an essential in the increasingly competitive global economy. On 6 October 2011, the young people of Team UK will be starting their first day of competition at WorldSkills London 2011. The majority of our WorldSkills competitors will have been identified from the top achievers from this year's WorldSkills UK competitions. We need the best of our skilled talent to enter these competitions so we can pick the best of the best for our 2011 team".

"Altogether there are about 70 skills that come under the WorldSkills UK umbrella. Forty of these are in skills that the UK competes in at an international level. I would encourage anyone interested in getting involved to visit [www.worldskillsuk.org](http://www.worldskillsuk.org) for more details."

The competition will be hosted by In Touch Care in Sheffield from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2009.

Entry forms are attached or can be found on [www.intouchcare.co.uk](http://www.intouchcare.co.uk) Completed forms should be returned to Jo North at In Touch Care [jo.north@intouchcare.co.uk](mailto:jo.north@intouchcare.co.uk) by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. All applicants will be informed of their specific date, the competition brief and the details of the location within one week of the closing date.

The event is supported by the National Skills Academy for Social Care and competitors from this year's competition may have the opportunity to represent the UK at WorldSkills London 2011, held at ExCeL in October.

The WorldSkills Competition is the largest international skills event, where young people from around 51 countries meet and compete in over 40 different skills, ranging from cabinet making to web design. The ultimate prizes are gold, silver and bronze medals.

For details on entering this year's WorldSkills UK caring competition contact Jo North, Chair of the Association of Learning Providers Care Sector Group on 0114 2633889/0.

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### **WorldSkills UK**

WorldSkills UK is the name for the UK's premier set of skills competitions for young people and adults. UK Skills, a not-for-profit organisation that champions vocational skills and learning for work through competitions and awards, oversees WorldSkills UK competitions.

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 and Professional, Social, Public and Hospitality Services.

For more information about WorldSkills UK competitions or to enter online visit [www.worldskillsuk.org](http://www.worldskillsuk.org) or call 0800 612 0742.

City & Guilds sponsor 2009 WorldSkills UK Competitions. For more information please visit [www.worldskillsuk.org](http://www.worldskillsuk.org)

### **About UK Skills [www.ukskills.org.uk](http://www.ukskills.org.uk)**

- UK Skills, a not for profit organisation, manages the delivery of innovative, high profile competitions and awards which showcase excellence and demonstrate how exceptional performance improves individual and organisational success.
- 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, the biggest skills competition in the world. Most recently UK Skills spearheaded the bid to bring WorldSkills to London in 2011. WorldSkills London 2011 will be a truly global showcase for skills and young people from across the world.
- 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, UK Skills works on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to shine a spotlight on those who have made a difference to their organisation through training.

### **About WorldSkills**

- The WorldSkills Competition is the biggest skills competition in the world and is held every two years in one of its member countries. It sets world class standards in over 40 skill categories ranging from cabinet making to web design.
- Over four days of tough competition, young people drawn now from 51 member nations test themselves against tough international standards. The ultimate prizes are gold, silver and bronze medals.
- Locations of previous and future WorldSkills competitions:

2003: St. Gallen, Switzerland  
2005: Helsinki, Finland  
2007: Shizuoka, Japan  
2009: Calgary, Canada  
2011: London, UK