



Supporting your competitors journey to WorldSkills Aichi, Japan 2028

Congratulations, your competitor has been selected by WorldSkills UK for their International Competition Development Programme for the opportunity to join Squad UK for WorldSkills Aichi, Japan 2028.

We are pleased to invite you and your competitor to join **Team Wales** — a group of talented professionals who are committed to developing their skills, challenging themselves and taking the next step in their WorldSkills journey.

Who are Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales and how can they support your competitors' development?

Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales supports talented Welsh competitors who are working towards competing at EuroSkills and WorldSkills competitions.

Our focus is on helping competitors develop their technical and professional skills to a world-class standard, while also supporting their personal development, wellbeing and overall competition journey.

Our dedicated team of Skills Champions work alongside competitors to understand their individual strengths, identify areas for development and provide additional support where it can make a difference. This may include helping competitors prepare for the demands of high-level competition, develop their technical skills and build the confidence and resilience needed to perform at their best.

Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales is fully funded by the Welsh Government and operates independently of WorldSkills UK.

Your role in the competitor's WorldSkills journey

Tutors, trainers and mentors play an important role in helping competitors develop their technical skills, confidence and readiness for international competition. Your existing knowledge of the competitor and their vocational area provides an important foundation for their continued development.

How can tutors, trainers and mentors support?

- Encourage the competitor to engage fully with the development event and reflect on what they learn.



- Discuss the competitor's strengths, development needs and goals as they progress towards international competition.
- Support the competitor to translate learning from the event into practical actions within their ongoing training.
- Work with the Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales team and Skills Champions to support the competitor's individual development needs.

Competitor and Tutor list

Skill	Name	Organisation	Employer	Tutor / Employer
Health & Social Care	Jac Brisland	Bridgend College		Gareth Kennard-Holden
Industrial Robotics	Dylan Jones	Bridgend College		Gavin Forrester
Industrial Robotics	Joe Ashton	Bridgend College	Renishaw PLC	Gavin Forrester
Industrial Robotics	Luke Bodenham	Bridgend College	SonyUKTech	Gavin Forrester
Industrial Robotics	Luke Evans	Bridgend College	SonyUKTech	Gavin Forrester
Aircraft Maintenance	Jantsandorj Charnock	Caerdav	Caerdav	TBC
Automotive Refinishing	Logan Sweet	Cardiff and Vale College	Aston Martin	Ian McCormick / Stephen Lloyd
Network Infrastructure Technician (ITNSA)	Daniel James	Cardiff and Vale College		Peter Franklin
Network Infrastructure Technician (ITNSA)	Daniel Pitman	Cardiff and Vale College		Peter Franklin
Restaurant Service	Shannon Brown	Coleg Ceredigion		Hugh Morgan & Sam
Restaurant Services	Katy Law	Coleg Ceredigion		Hugh Morgan
Hairdressing	Phoebe Miller	Coleg Gwent		Tammy Wheeler
Hairdressing	Stevie-Leigh Tolland	Coleg Gwent		Stephanie Parrott & Susan Comperat
Renewable Energy	Zack Arnold	Coleg Llandrillo - Rhos on Sea	RWE	Sion Gravell

Plumbing & Heating	Daniel Roberts	Coleg Y Cymoedd		Lee Perry
Electronics	Evan Kilmaszewski	GLLM		Mac Jones
Electronics	Bradley Claringbold	Gower College		Stephen Williams
Laboratory Technician	Ashley Coles	NPTC Group of Colleges		Emma Morgan
Culinary Arts	Eleri Davies	NPTC Newtown College		Shaun Bailey
Beauty Therapy Practitioner	Lily Mathias	Pembrokeshire College		Vickie Tyler
Culinary Arts	Otis Lorton	Pembrokeshire College		Melanie Sharrad Hughes
Restaurant Service	Darcie Garnon	Pembrokeshire College		Melanie Sharrad-Hughes
Welding	Mason Aitchison	Pembrokeshire College	Ledwood Mechanical Engineering Ltd	Jemma Evans
Beauty Therapy Practitioner	Erin Owens	Pembrokeshire College		Vickie Tyler & Melanie Sharrad Hughes





Team Wales - Getting Started on your WorldSkills journey event

13 – 14 October | Cardiff

A focused development event designed to help your competitors build confidence, resilience and teamwork, while developing a better understanding of what it takes to compete and perform at an international level.

The event will combine team-building, competitor insight and practical preparation. The event will include an overnight stay.

- **Escape Room Challenge** – Competitors work in teams to solve problems under pressure, developing communication, decision-making, resilience and teamwork.
- **Competitor Stories:** Former competitors share honest and inspiring experiences from competing internationally, including the highs, challenges, preparation and lessons they took away from the experience.
- **WorldSkills UK Training Manager Session** – Practical hints and tips on international competition preparation, covering mindset, managing pressure, routines, professionalism, preparation and making the most of the WorldSkills experience.
- **Evening Stay & Informal Networking** – An overnight element gives you the time to build relationships, reflect on the day and develop a sense of team identity

Tuesday 13 October

Time	Activity
15:00	Arrival and Welcome Competitors arrive in Cardiff (location to be agreed), meet the team and fellow competitors, and check in. Refreshments will be available.
16:00	Escape Rooms Cardiff
18:00	Evening Meal
	Return to hotel An informal opportunity to reflect on the day, connect with other competitors and prepare for the following day's sessions.

****Timings are subject to change*





Wednesday 14 October

Time	Activity
09:00	Breakfast at the hotel
10:00	What it takes to be an International Skills Competitor Competitor Stories: Shanghai – Former competitors share honest and inspiring experiences of competing internationally, including the highs, challenges, preparation and lessons they took away from the experience. WorldSkills UK Training Manager Session – Practical hints and tips for international competition preparation, including mindset, managing pressure, routines, professionalism and making the most of the WorldSkills experience.
12:00	Light lunch
13:30	WorldSkills Shanghai Welcome Home Event at St Davids Hotel, Cardiff
15:30	Depart

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Important information

Travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses will be covered by the Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales project and must be agreed in advance of the event.