

# Skills Competitions Wales for Work Based Learning

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# Optimum conditions for learning

- Social
- Emotional





## What's in it for me?

- Evidence generation
- Having fun with your caseload / group
- Inspiration from organisation wide & national events
- Employer engagement
- Estyn - Stretch & Challenge
- Recognition



# Context of Skills Competitions in the UK

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**Aligning the Apprenticeship model to the needs of the Welsh economy**

<b>10</b>	Increased focus on Skills Competition as a key mechanism to benchmark Apprenticeship success in Wales.
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# Tell me more about Inspiring Skills Excellence Team

- Three year project funded by Welsh Government
- Raising awareness of Wales Skills Comps & World Skills UK
- Raising awareness of Have a Go equipment to encourage engagement in Voc Ed
- Supporting Welsh competitors at a National and International Level
- Supporting Competition Leads in arranging Wales Skills Competitions
- In Development \*Qualification for practitioners to embed skills competitions into their curriculums\*

- March 2018 – Skills Ambassador Group decides the competitions
- July 2018 – Steering Groups – Agree Briefs
- October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – Wales Registration Portal Opens
- December 2018 to February 2019 – Welsh Competitions take place

Cystadleuaeth | Skills  
Sgiliau | Competition  
Cymru | Wales

# Timeline

- March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 – UK Registration Portal Opens
- May 2018 to July 2018 – Competitions take place (regional heats)
- November 2018 – Competition Finals at the Skill Show, NEC



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# But isn't it for colleges?

- Only 3 WBL providers participated in 2016
- Relevant Competitions for WBL in 2017/18 include:
  - Construction (Wales & UK)
  - Automotive Engineering (Wales & UK)
  - Health & Social Care (Wales & UK)
  - Childcare (Wales)
  - Hairdressing & Beauty (Wales & UK)
  - IT Support (Wales & UK)
- WB Learners are out working in industry every day
- Opportunity – competition for WBL



# Health and Social Care Competition





World Skills UK – Final – The Skills Show, NEC

# How can we Make it Happen for WBL in 2018?

## Activity:

- Look at competition briefs and joining instructions
- What competitions would you like to see for WBL?
- What would you need to do to get involved?
- What challenges do you foresee?
- How could these be overcome?

## How can we get involved?

[www.skillscompetitionwales.ac.uk](http://www.skillscompetitionwales.ac.uk)

- Competition brief (set to industry standards)
- Select Learner/s to enter
- Register on Portal
- Practice
- Compete
- Skills Ambassador meetings

# Work Based Learning – Yes we can!

Start small

Proactive  
assessor

Good learner  
with supportive  
employer