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### **Team UK Announced for WorldSkills London 2011**

The 43 members of Team UK that will take on the world's most highly skilled students, apprentices and employees at WorldSkills London 2011 were named last night (29 June) by Skills Minister John Hayes during the National Apprenticeship Awards.

The UK will compete in 37 skills ranging from Mobile Robotics, Electrical Installations and Graphic Design to Cooking, Hairdressing and Landscape Gardening.

WorldSkills London 2011, which takes place at ExCeL from 5-8 October 2011, will be the world's largest international skills competition with young people from across the globe competing to be the 'best of the best'. At the competition, 1000 competitors from over 50 countries / regions will compete in 46 skill areas over four exciting days. The event will also offer visitors impartial advice and guidance on careers and apprenticeships.

**Skills Minister John Hayes said:** "Those representing the UK at WorldSkills will play a hugely important role in bringing the value of vocational skills and practical learning to national attention. I offer my warm support and congratulations to every member of the team.

"To support the ambitions of young people everywhere in our country, we have created a record number of apprenticeships, and we are building the best skills training system we've ever had."

**Puja Varsani, Team UK Member in Mobile Robotics said:** "It is a huge honour to have been selected to represent the UK at WorldSkills London 2011. I hope this opportunity will allow me to showcase how vocational training can lead to successful employment and career opportunities. I know the next few months will be tough as I will be in training for the event and I really hope the whole of the country gets behind Team UK for WorldSkills London 2011 like they do our sporting teams!"

The members of Team UK have been and will continue to be supported in their training by Edge, the independent education foundation, the Premier Supporter of Squad and Team UK and Brathay Trust, the Premier Training and Development Partner of Squad and Team UK.

For profiles of all 43 Team UK members visit [www.worldskillsteamuk.org](http://www.worldskillsteamuk.org)

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**About Team UK - [www.worldskillsteamuk.org](http://www.worldskillsteamuk.org)**

Team UK is made up of 43 competitors aged 18-25 who are currently in training to represent the UK at WorldSkills London 2011, a unique competition where young people from across the world compete to become the best of the best in their chosen skill. WorldSkills London 2011 takes place from 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> October, 20-11 at ExCeL, London. Team UK is managed by the National Apprenticeship Service.

**Team UK Members and Employers**

Skill Name	Name	Region	Hometown	Training Provider	Employer
CNC Turning	Phillip Spowart (former apprentice)	East Midlands	Bonsall		Rolls Royce PLC
Restaurant Service	Wojciech Pastor	East Midlands	Auchterarder	Northampton College	The Gleneagles Hotel
Welding	Jake Rambaldini (apprentice )	East Midlands	Daventry		Doosan Babcock Energy Ltd
Autobody Repair	Ross Varnam (former apprentice)	East Midlands	Leicester	Leicester College	Parker Motor Services
Automobile Technology	John Couldridge (former	East of England	Southend on Sea	The Honda Institute	Inchcape Honda

	apprentice)				
Cooking	Ben  Murphy	London	London	Westminster Kingsway College	Koffman's
Mobile Robotics	Darren  Lewis	London	London	Middlesex University	
Mobile Robotics	Puja  Varsani	London	London	Middlesex University	
Plastering and Dry Wall Systems	Jamie  Fineran  (apprentice )	North East	Newcastle Upon Tyne	British Gypsum Drywall Academy	G T Contracts Ltd
Electronics	Andrew  Fielding	North West	Bolton		MBDA UK
Manufacturing Team Challenge	Kai  Burkitt  (former apprentice)	North West	Stockport		BAE Systems
Manufacturing Team Challenge	Rachael  Carr  (former apprentice)	North West	Poulton-le- Fylde	Blackpool & the Fylde College	BAE Systems
Manufacturing Team Challenge	Sam  Andrews  (former apprentice)	North West	Preston	Riverside College Training Centre / Longridge Teaching Centre	BAE Systems
Plumbing & Heating	Shane  Trevitt  (former	North West	Wirral	Bailey Engineering Academy	NG Bailey

	apprentice)				
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	Stuart Millar (apprentice)	Northern Ireland	Loughgall	South Eastern Regional College	A & N Shilliday & Co Ltd
Bricklaying	Philip Green (former apprentice)	Northern Ireland	Lisburn	Belfast Metropolitan College	D.G. Green & Sons
CNC Milling	David Nicholl (apprentice)	Northern Ireland	Ballymena	Northern Regional College	Schlumberger
Landscape Gardening	James Cuffey	Northern Ireland	Downpatrick	College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)	S.M. Cuffey Landscapes
Mechatronics	Chris Downey (former apprentice)	Northern Ireland	Ballymena		Northern Regional College
Mechatronics	Mark Maginty (former apprentice)	Northern Ireland	Ballymena	Northern Regional College	Russell Electrical Contractors
Wall and Floor Tiling	Ian McMahon	Northern Ireland	Dungiven	North West Regional College	Self-employed
Caring	Emma Fitzpatrick (former apprentice)	Scotland	Ballieston		BUPA - East Bank Care Home
Caring	Frances	Scotland	Paisley		BUPA - Elderslie

	McMenemy				Care Home
Fashion Technology	Rory Andrew	Scotland	Bathgate	North Glasgow College	
Mechanical Engineering Design - CAD	Ryan Sheridan	Scotland	Calderwood	Motherwell College	Motherwell College
Painting and Decorating	Rachel Terras (apprentice)	Scotland	Galashiels	Borders College	Peebles Hydro (Part of McMillan Hotels)
Confectioner/Pastry Cook	Stefan Howells	South East	Oxford		Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons
Jewellery	Robyn Allen (apprentice)	South East	Lewes		Mark Griffin
Joinery	Adam Bushnell (former apprentice)	South East	Oxford	Oxford & Cherwell College	Self-employed
Visual Merchandising	Kirsty Hoadley	South East	Slough	East Berkshire College	
Aircraft Maintenance	Kerry McStea (former apprentice)	South East	Southampton		RAF
Cabinet Making	Christopher Wallis (apprentice)	South East	Midhurst	Chichester College	Edward Barnsley Workshop
IT Network Systems	Matthew	South East	Kingston	University of	

Administration	Mack			Bedfordshire	
Stonemasonry	Christopher Berridge  (former apprentice)	South West	Crewkerne	City of Bath College	Harveystone
Beauty Therapy	Hayley Wright  (former apprentice)	South West	Bridgwater	Weston College	
Electrical Installations	Chris Young  (former apprentice)	South West	Stretcholt	Bridgwater College	Rogers Restorations Electrical
Graphic Design Technology	Jonathan Cleave	South West	Bournemouth	Arts University College Bournemouth	
Web Design	David Bowen	Wales	Llandysul	Coleg Sir Gar	
Floristry	Victoria Richards	West Midlands	Willenhall	South Staffordshire College	Herbarium Florist
Ladies/Men's Hairdressing	Elizabeth Hale  (apprentice )	West Midlands	Ross-on-Wye	Red Edge Training Company	Reds Hair Co
Carpentry	Joe Price  (apprentice )	West Midlands	Telford	Shrewsbury College	
Car Painting	Ben Eaton  (former	Yorkshire and Humberside	Sheffield	Thatcham Automotive Academy	Sytner BMW Sheffield

	apprentice)				
Landscape Gardening	Simon Abbott	Yorkshire and Humberside	Doncaster	Askham Bryan College	Self-employed

#### About Edge - [www.edge.co.uk](http://www.edge.co.uk)

Edge is an independent education foundation. It is dedicated to raising the status of practical, technical and vocational learning, so that all young people have the opportunity to achieve their potential, and the UK's future workforce is equipped with the skills to be successful in the modern economy. Edge believes that 'learning by doing' is as important as academic learning, and that there are many paths to success.

Edge, is the Premier Supporter of Squad and Team UK and Sponsor of the WorldSkills, UK Alumni.

#### About Brathay – [www.brathay.org.uk](http://www.brathay.org.uk)

Brathay Trust is a national charity and leader in the development of young people. Their Apprentice Development programmes deliver excellence and employability in partnership with employers. For over 10 years Brathay's partnership with Squad and Team UK has provided training, development and coaching to competitors, training managers and team leaders. A large part of the recent WorldSkills success has been the result of the sophisticated model of training & development pioneered by Brathay.

Brathay is the Premier Training and Development Partner of Squad and Team UK. This unique partnership will provide and support the training and development of Squad and Team UK at WorldSkills London 2011.

#### WorldSkills London 2011

WorldSkills London 2011 will bring together 1,000 Competitors (under 25 years) from over 50 countries/regions to compete in 46 separate skills competitions. Around 150,000 people are expected to attend the event, which takes place at ExCeL London from 5- 8 October 2011. The world's greatest skills Competition, WorldSkills London 2011 will see young people compete for medals in 46 categories from the following seven sectors:

- Health, Public Services and Care
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care
- Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
- Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
- Information and Communications Technology
- Retail and Commercial Enterprise
- Arts, Media and Publishing

The WorldSkills Competition takes place every two years and WorldSkills London 2011 will be the 41st Competition. The UK previously hosted the WorldSkills Competition in 1965 in Glasgow, and in 1989 in Birmingham. Every community and business in the UK thrives on skills, enterprise and inspiration and the WorldSkills London 2011 team is working to make sure that the Competition acts as a catalyst to spark the ambitions not just of Competitors but of people across the country. Visitors to the event will discover how skills shape our world, get the chance to Have a Go at a wide range of skills activities, and have an opportunity to

talk to a range of experts about future career options and opportunities. To find out more,  
visit: [www.worldskillslondon2011.com](http://www.worldskillslondon2011.com).