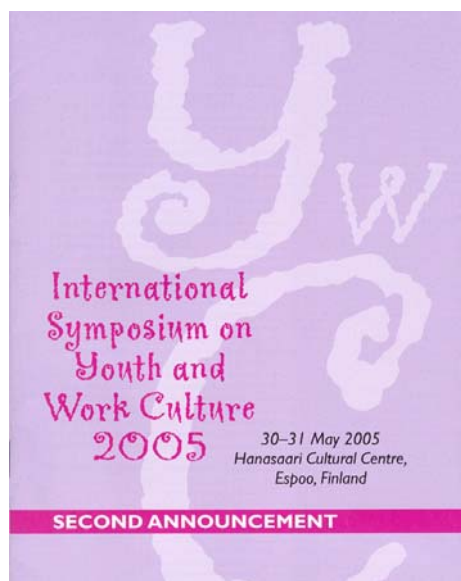


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International Symposium on Youth and Work Culture 2005

The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health and Skills Finland are arranging an International Symposium on Youth and Work Culture 2005 on 30-31 May 2005 in Hanasaari Cultural Centre, Espoo, Finland. The Symposium is arranged alongside the 38th WorldSkills Competition and it is also part of the Youth and Work Action Programme 2002-2007 launched by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health. The Action Program aims at creating social networks with different bodies working in close co-operation with young people and their networks.

The aim of the Symposium is to provide a forum for sharing scientific knowledge and for discussing policies and trends, intervention models, good practices, as well as evaluating the impacts of health, safety and quality of work life of young people, and different aspects of the youth and their work culture. The Symposium endeavours to enhance co-operation and create partnerships between research, education and business establishments in the field. The main themes of the Symposium are:

- From education to work – Motivation and purposes
- Work culture and corporate social responsibility
- Vocational skills, competencies and life-long learning
- Health and safety promotion

The Symposium will bring together researchers, health and safety professionals, those responsible for the vocational and university education of young people, and other interested parties from industry, the labour organization and the government involved in supporting the transition of young people from school to work life. More information on the Symposium, such as the scientific programme and the on-line registration form are available at www.ttl.fi/ywculture. The Symposium is in English.

Young people are the future resource and active participants in the development of society. They share the common values of good health, family and friends, a secure job and freedom of choice. Decent work ensures economic stability and long-term planning of life to young people. Still, today many young people work in substandard temporary jobs or are unemployed. On the other hand, the expectations and values of life that young people have are also changing. Research results show that work creates health and well-being, but can also be strenuous and even hazardous to health. In many ways young people are at risk. In the future, industrialized countries will face a shortage of young workers, while in developing countries there will not be enough workplaces available for the young people entering work life.

To protect young people measures need to be taken to empower them for work life. Today's youth should be equipped with accurate and updated knowledge, skills, expertise, values and attitudes to stay safe and healthy and have a good life. Young people cannot be left alone in pursuing these goals. Actions are needed at all levels, internationally, nationally and in organizations, to create a work culture with equal opportunities for health, work and education for all. Public institutions, private organizations and businesses share a common responsibility to achieve this.

Jamaica holds its 2nd National Skills Competitions

On March 30-31, the Jamaican Human Employment and Resource Training Trust/National Training Agency (HEART Trust/NTA) responsible for skills training in this Caribbean Island of 2.7 million people successfully held its 2nd National "Skills Jamaica" competition. The event brought together 416 young people from all over the country to compete in some 32 skills. Situated in the context of "Skills Jamaica Week", the event benefited from live radio coverage for much of the 2 days, as well as widespread interest in the Jamaican media.

The Opening Ceremony was attended by His Excellency, The Governor General, Sir Howard Cooke, and the event welcomed thousands of young people who travelled in from schools around the island to get a first hand view at the various skills in the competitions, as well as the many exhibits presenting various career paths, training providers, and sponsors.

The audience at the Opening Ceremony gave a rousing send-off to the team of four competitors heading off to compete in Helsinki in May. As motivation to do their best, the young competitors were reminded of the performance of the young Jamaican team that broke the world record for the 4 x 100 meters in the sports Olympics in this very same city in 1952. With this kind of inspiration, the eager competitors have a fair shot at medals in the WorldSkills Competitions.

Jamaica will send four competitors to the Helsinki Competition: Nicardo Whitelock, Cooking, Aneisha Simpson, IT/Software Applications, Omar Johnson, Web Design and Danielle Clarke, Beauty Therapy. The HEART Trust/NTA recognizes the challenge of training the Jamaican workforce to global standards to compete in the integrated world economy, and the competitions were an excellent showcase to demonstrate the rewarding careers available in skilled trades.

Mr. Laurent Thibault, Vice President Special Affairs and Treasurer, was on hand on behalf of WorldSkills to participate in this exciting event. In his remarks at the Opening Ceremony, Mr. Thibault welcomed Jamaica as the newest member of WorldSkills and encouraged all the competitors to be proud of their chosen careers. He compared the acquiring of skills to climbing a mountain which requires a lot of effort, but when you get to the top, "the view is magnificent".

Skills Jamaica 2005 has been an innovation on the Technical Vocational Education and Training landscape of Jamaica, capturing the imagination of thousands on the largest English-speaking island of the Caribbean.



Photo 1: Jamaican Competitor in landscape gardening competition; Photo 2: Edward Shakes, Chair, National Organizing Committee (and Official Delegate for WorldSkills) and Alister Cooke, Chairman, HEART Trust/NTA in front of one of the main posters announcing the competitions; Photo 3: Twins share gold medals in the pastry competition

Global Skills Village – networking and exchanging experiences and innovations

Visit the Global Skills Village and you will experience an excellent forum to network and to exchange experiences and innovations in the field of Vocational Education and Training. The Village will be open for the four days of the Competition (26-29 May) and will provide you with an opportunity to browse and discuss with exhibitors, select and attend presentations and workshops in your specific areas of interest. To give you an impression here are some of the topics: European Union Cooperation in Developing Vocational Education and Training - Copenhagen Process; International Cooperation and Mobility in VET; VET Systems in Different Countries; Skills in a Global Economy; Marketing and Promotion of Skills.



Don't miss it! More details available from www.globalskillsvillage.com The final program will be available on the website in week 17.

Media accreditation for WorldSkills 2005 Helsinki

Media representatives can get accreditation in advance on www.wsc2005helsinki.com (the form is available in English, German, French and Swedish) or by presenting a valid press card at the on-site accreditation desk. Skills Finland strongly recommends to get your accreditation in advance in order to guarantee high quality service level. Accredited media representatives are entitled to get free access to the Competition. There are now 70 seats reserved at the Opening and Closing Ceremony for those who have a valid press card.

Media premises at the Helsinki Fair Centre:

The press room is located at the second floor of the competition venue and access is only allowed with an accreditation badge provided by the organiser.

Services and opening hours:

There are about 15 working stations and 2 laser printers in the press room. The work stations share 100 MB ethernet-connection which is adequate for photo emailing. These connections are free of charge. The availability of wireless connections for own laptops is possible with 802.1b/g (11/54 Mbps) WLAN in case the user has administrator rights.

The following programs are available from the work stations:

Windows XP Pro UK, F-Secure 5.55, Microsoft Office 2003 + SP1 (inc. among others MS Outlook, Access etc.), Adobe Reader 6.0.1, Flash Player 7, RealPlayer 10, Shockwave Player, QuickTime 6.5.2, PaintShopPro 9.0, CuteFTP.

Media representatives are entitled to free coffee, tea and snacks. The press center is open from the 24th – 31st of May from 9.00 am – 6.00 pm and the 1st of June from 9.00 am – 12 .00 midnight. During the competition days the press center provides full services. The event organiser maintains the competition website where e.g. high resolution photos, video clips and news can be downloaded for free. The on-site competition television broadcasting will also be streamed to the internet. The competition television is run by students with guidance of their teachers, and one hour will be broadcast in English every day.

Member organisations interested in having customized videos, broadcasting, photos or documentation of their team, please have a look at www.wsc2005helsinki.com (services). There are a few service providers available for you. Member organisations who are producing their own recording of the Opening or Closing Ceremonies, please contact Mr. Roope Koistinen at roope.koistinen@loisto.com in order to make sure you get a high quality sound etc.

Press conferences:

Press conferences are held in the Auditorium just next to press room. The language code is Finnish and English, and there is no interpretation provided by the organiser.

Preliminary schedule:

26 May	9.00 – 9.45 am	Opening press conference (In Finnish and in English)
26 May	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Sponsor's point of view (Finnish, English)
26 May	4.30 pm	Closing info (Finnish, English)
27 May	9.30 am	Opening info (Finnish, English)
27 May	4.30 pm	Closing info (Finnish, English)
28 May	9.30 am	Opening info (Finnish, English)
28 May	4.30 pm	Closing info (Finnish, English)
29 May	9.30 am	Opening info (Finnish, English)
29 May	4.00 pm	Closing info (Finnish, English)
01 June	9.00 pm	Closing press conference just after the closing ceremonies at Helsinki Ice Hall.

The City of Helsinki organises two sightseeing tours for media representatives in Helsinki on the 26th and 28th from 5.30 – 7.30 pm. Please register with Ms. Mariska Szork-Lilja mariska.szrok-lilja@hel.fi by the 20th of May. Media representatives are also welcome to attend the competitors' excursion to Porvoo on the 30th of May. Please register with Ms Mia Lagstrom mia.lagstrom@amisto.fi by the of 20th of May.



WorldSkills meets Hungarian Delegation in Helsinki

David Hoey, Secretary General of WorldSkills met with a delegation from Hungary during their study visit in Helsinki. He gave a presentation on the WorldSkills Organisation and answered questions about the mission, objectives and operation of WorldSkills.

Hungary is interested in becoming a member of the WorldSkills Organisation and has been invited to attend the Competition in May as Observer to get a better impression of the event and to meet with WorldSkills Members to exchange experiences and with the Executive Board to discuss a possible future membership.

Aviation Maintenance “Breaking on the World Scene”

Today's aviation maintenance and aerospace industries hold a wealth of opportunity as one of the fastest growing industry sectors in Canada and the world. It is for this reason that the Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council (CAMC) supports Skills/Compétences Canada (S/CC) in promoting aviation maintenance to youth as a rewarding career by making every effort to incorporate this trade in international level competition at the WorldSkills Competitions.

CAMC has been involved as a key partner with the Canadian Skills Competition, S/CC's flagship event, for the past four years. Realizing the growth in the aviation maintenance industry around the world, CAMC and S/CC are working together to bring the competition to the international level for the benefit and involvement of all WorldSkills member countries. CAMC and S/CC made presentations in November 2004 at the Technical Delegates Meeting in Hong Kong, and plans are underway to host further presentations in Helsinki this May.

CAMC and S/CC invite all interested WorldSkills member countries to consider supporting this trade area as a new additional competition for future WorldSkills events. To receive more information about this initiative or to learn more about the aviation maintenance trade in general, please contact Skills/Compétences Canada at shaunt@skillscanada.com.



WorldSkills Secretariat meets with student team in Helsinki

The WorldSkills Secretariat visited the Helia Polytechnic in Helsinki where they met with 10 international management assistant students.

These students have volunteered to assist WorldSkills during the upcoming Competition and were keen to learn more about the event. They see it as a wonderful opportunity to experience a large scale event and be part of the preparation and hosting.

WorldSkills Leaders Forum, an excellent Forum to exchange experiences and ideas

WorldSkills is hosting the Helsinki 2005 WorldSkills Leaders Forum in the Helsinki Fair Center on 25-26 May 2005. This function gives you and your network an excellent opportunity to learn new strategies and methods and to build partnerships and networks focussing on specific aspects of TVET.

Topics:

- Tackling the Challenges of Change and Global Competition
- Strategies for Bridging Technology and Skills Gaps
- Generating Wealth with Skills
- The Importance of Human Resources for Sustainable Development
- Transition from School to Work

Key note presentations will be given by:

Dr. Muriel Dunbar, European Training Foundation

Ms. Annette Nijs, Former Vice Minister of Education, The Netherlands

Ms. Silvia Allen, Director of Human Resource Group Cisco Corporate responsibility

Mr. John Williamson, Senior Vice President, Global Operations, Fluke Corporation



Are you interested in participating in this event and/or if you would like to recommend participants from your country/network for this event, then please contact Ellen Coppens at ellen.coppens@worldskills.org for information and registration.

More details available from www.worldskillsleadersforum.com.

Upcoming events! Don't miss it...

25 May – 1 June 2005	Helsinki, Finland	38th WorldSkills Competition
25 May – 26 May 2005	Helsinki, Finland	WorldSkills Leaders Forum
26 May – 29 May 2005	Helsinki, Finland	Global Skills Village
30 May – 31 May 2005	Espoo, Finland	International Symposium

Articles for next issue

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