

FROM THE FOUNDATION

November 2014

THIS MONTH:

Feedback from General Assembly 2014

WorldSkills Champions Forum 2014

Introducing the WorldSkills Champions Trust

Seeing more at The Skills Show 2014

Updates from our international Sanitation Studio

FEEDBACK FROM WORLDSKILLS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

- The WorldSkills Foundation (WSF) team were excited and honoured to present updates from our series of international projects at the WorldSkills General Assembly, 15-18 September 2014 in Lucerne, Switzerland.
- Our key message is that WSF exists in order to share the WorldSkills treasure beyond the Competition by enabling innovative new partnerships, promoting the talent and expertise of our WorldSkills network, and ensuring sustainable projects that achieve lasting impact.
- The positive feedback and support we have received since the General Assembly have provided us with a range of new and interesting project leads that we are now beginning to explore together with our Members and Global Partners. We look forward to sharing more with you in the lead up to WorldSkills Sao Paulo 2015, and we thank you sincerely for your support, ideas and interest during and after the General Assembly!



(Clockwise from top left) The WorldSkills General Assembly 2014 was an excellent opportunity to update our Members and Partners on the progress of WSF activities; WSF Project Developer Grace Lung presents an update to attending delegates from over 50 countries; information on our project partnership and development process was further explained in Lucerne.

Video – What Is a WSF Project?: <http://youtu.be/xxA3jCTr4-g>

Video – WorldSkills Foundation Project Highlights, 2013–14: <http://youtu.be/RXpWHfp2JMo>

SUPPORTING WORLDSKILLS CHAMPIONS FORUM 2014

- The key focus of WSF's participation in the General Assembly was to support the WorldSkills Champions Forum 2014 (WSCF2014). Start-up funding of EUR 10,000 was put forward, in order to enable the realization of one focus project to emerge from the group.
- WSF Project Developers supported several group work sessions, explaining our current portfolio of projects, project development guidelines and the evaluation process.
- Previous WSF Innovation Lab participants Wouter Niekus (the Netherlands) and Simon Noerdjan (Suriname) joined the workshop via an online link, to share stories of their previous experiences and encourage the Champions for their project development opportunity at WSCF2014.



AND DEVELOPING NEW WORLDSKILLS CHAMPIONS TRUST

- The focus project to emerge from the Forum was the "WorldSkills Champions Trust". The goal for this new platform will be to strengthen communications, activities and general involvement between WorldSkills Champions and the WorldSkills organization.
- It is envisaged that the new Champions Trust will consist of approximately six international Champions – with each continent being represented – to ensure that all Champions have a consistent voice at organizational level, and create ongoing opportunities for Champions to remain engaged beyond the Competition.
- In November 2014, a group of participants from WSCF2014 will meet with Champions Forum facilitators, WSF Project Developers and WorldSkills President Simon Bartley to plan formation of the Champions Trust. The start-up funding pledged by WSF will be used to facilitate this workshop, to be hosted in the UK to coincide with The Skills Show at the NEC, Birmingham.
- Formation of the Champions Trust will be officially announced at Competition Preparation Week, São Paulo in February 2015. We look forward to sharing more information with Champions and Members as these plans are finalized.



Video – Watch the WSCF2014 presentation in full: [http://youtu.be/ ZeGzXPO5NY](http://youtu.be/ZeGzXPO5NY)

SEEING MORE AT THE SKILLS SHOW 2014

- WSF and Autodesk are teaming up to develop better visitor interpretation for a focus group of competitions at The Skills Show 2014. Test projects from a range of construction and manufacturing skills will be presented to the public through 3D interactive displays and apps.
- As part of the same project Autodesk will also showcase their latest 3D Printing solutions, providing demonstrations and offering a range of 3D-printed test project souvenirs for visitors to take away.
- The goal for this collaboration is to develop a 3D competition interpretation resource library for WorldSkills Members and Partners to access and further develop. We look forward to sharing more from The Skills Show via WorldSkills social media between 13-15 November!

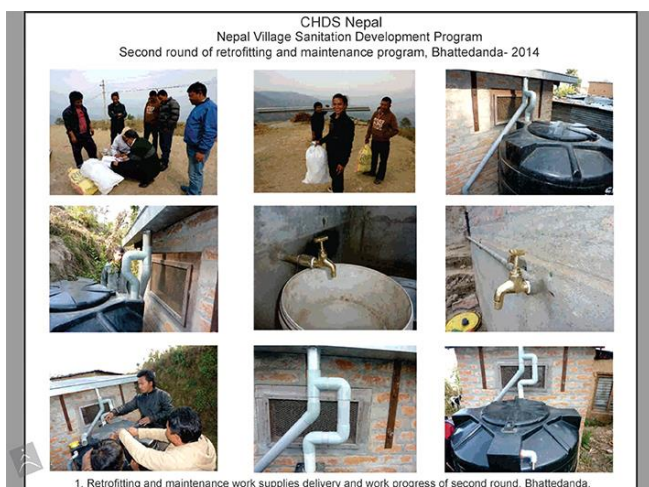


Video – Recap on Virtual 3D competition interpretation at The Skills Show 2013: <http://youtu.be/1vYHSoV6lQs>

HEALTHABITAT SANITATION STUDIO UPDATES

- WSF is proud to support the continuing development and expansion of the Healthabitat Sanitation Studio programmes in Nepal, Bangladesh and South Africa. Exciting expansion plans have been approved for each project, and we now look forward to facilitating the involvement of more WorldSkills Champions and Experts in each of the programmes over the coming months. Interested? Get in touch!





- The **Bangladesh** Sanitation Studio focuses on design and construction of new septic systems and soakage trenches at two sites in the rural Dinajpur region.
- Detailed monitoring and evaluation has been carried out during 2014, with a view to a minimum of four more wash and toilet facilities being developed, based on revised designs and specifications. Local team members have been trained in water sampling techniques to ensure personal and community safety.
- Participants from WSF's inaugural Water Innovation Challenge (June 2014) will join the programme in early 2015, and plans for this mission are now underway.



Video: Expansion of the Nepal Sanitation Studio: <http://vimeo.com/88111785>

Video: The work of Healthabitat's South African partner, WASSUP Diepsloot: <http://youtu.be/pV9-VdUHP1U>

Video: WorldSkills Champion Shane Trevitt (UK) on his Diepsloot experience: <http://youtu.be/GO7xCOCZpAQ>

- In **Nepal**, the Village Sanitation Programme has so far built 132 new toilet facilities, accessible to approx. 1,000 residents from three village areas in the mountainous Bhattendanda region.
- The local team have carried out further upgrades on water supply, basins for hand washing and teeth cleaning, and installed a wastewater system for a school of 400 children.
- With increased demand for the programme by many surrounding villages, the programme will now expand into new locations, finding new partner communities, and where necessary, modifying existing designs to better suit the local conditions and available materials.



- In **South Africa**, an initial pilot project to improve 10 toilets, tap points and drains in a small part of Diepsloot (where 250,000 people live in a 2km x 2km area of tin shacks with minimal services) has led to dramatic results.
- Accurate data progressively recorded by local teams indicates that 4 million litres of water have been saved from the upgraded facilities, and similar works have been commenced elsewhere in the Diepsloot area as a result of the new credibility and public exposure the Sanitation Studio programme has received.
- WSF will support the project's expansion to address a further 20 toilets and wash facility upgrades in the first half of 2015.
- Following discussions with delegates during GA2014, we are now planning further integration and involvement from across the WorldSkills South Africa network.

Are you interested in getting involved with Sanitation Studio, or any other WSF projects? Do you have a project idea you want to share? Please contact info@worldskillsfoundation.org