



Continuing Professional Development on Skills Competitions

The Association of Colleges (AoC) has secured funding from the Education and Training Foundation to develop and deliver a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme on skills competitions in 2014. The aim of the programme is to increase the number of providers engaged in skills competitions; increase excellence in vocational teaching and learning; enhance occupational expertise; and support a more diverse competitor base.

The London programme includes seven CPD events in autumn 2014 and has been designed to respond to the needs of the region. The training at the events will be provided by WorldSkills UK coaches. The events are targeted at staff in London colleges and independent learning providers.

London skills competitions CPD programme 2014	
7 Oct	Multi-organisational vocational masterclass <i>Venue:</i> Kingston College <i>Description:</i> One-day event focusing on boosting students' focus, motivation and performance by giving them and their tutors an opportunity to take part in vocational skills competitions <i>Sectors:</i> STEM and aeronautical
8 Oct	Workshop on train the experts <i>Venue:</i> West Thames College <i>Description:</i> One-day event providing clear guidance on how competition can be effectively embedded into teaching and learning and used to improve its standards
21 Oct	Multi-organisational vocational masterclass <i>Venue:</i> Barking and Dagenham College <i>Description:</i> One-day event focusing on boosting students' focus, motivation and performance by giving them and their tutors an opportunity to take part in vocational skills competitions <i>Sectors:</i> STEM, digital, plastering/ drywall systems and reflexology
4 Nov	Workshop on using competition to stimulate employer engagement <i>Venue:</i> Bromley College <i>Description:</i> One-day event examining how competition can be used to stimulate and enhance employer engagement

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- 6 Nov** **Multi-organisational vocational masterclass**
Venue: South Thames College
Description: One-day event focusing on boosting students' focus, motivation and performance by giving them and their tutors an opportunity to take part in vocational skills competitions
Sectors: TBC
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- 25 Nov** **Workshop on improving performance in skills competitions**
Venue: Uxbridge College
Description: One-day event focusing on the best practices of teaching and learning that will help a competitor move towards excellence
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- 27 Nov** **High-level strategy workshop**
Venue: Barking and Dagenham College
Description: Half-day event focusing on creating a regional skills competitions strategy for London

If you would like more information about the events, please contact [Riikka Vihriälä](#).