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- UK Skills was set up in 1990 as an independent non-profitmaking company and is recognised by the United Kingdom government as the British focal point of the International Youth Skill Olympics.

- UK Skills' aim is to promote standards of excellence in vocational training - within industry, commerce and further education - and encourage young trainees to take part in national and international skill competitions.

“Skill competitions are in. They're fun, they make the blood race and they're a real eye-opener. To anyone young they say: don't just get by, get a skill! And to any company they say: you can do it - go for it!”

Sir John Cassels, Chairman, UK Skills

In a competitive economic climate, high-quality training to improve the skills of young people is essential for success in world markets and to meet the challenges of the Single European Market from 1992. Trainees need to be encouraged to achieve standards that equal or surpass those attained by other countries. International standards provide a yardstick. This is why UK Skills is seeking sponsorship and support from companies which are either employers or suppliers of materials for the trades listed below. It is already securing the co-operation of government departments, employer and trade associations, trade unions, Training and Enterprise Councils, Local Enterprise



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competitive teams for the International Youth Skill Olympics. This involves developing the part played by skills competitions in the United Kingdom and promoting as wide an understanding as possible of the key importance of vocational skills to national prosperity.



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Companies and other educational and training bodies in raising public awareness of the importance of skill training.

UK Skills encourages national occupational skill competitions to identify the best trainees - up to the age of 22 - and is arranging special training for those selected to enter the established international competition, the International Youth Skill Olympics.

The International Youth Skill Olympics are held every two years. The 30th Skill Olympics were held in Birmingham in August 1989 when the UK team won nine medals, finishing in joint fifth place overall.

UK Skills' immediate priority is to co-ordinate the selection and training of a British team for the 31st Skill Olympics taking place in Amsterdam in June 1991. Teams from 24 countries will be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals in 34 occupational skills or trades:

MECHANICAL/FABRICATION

Fitting • Press Tool Making • Instrument Making • Turning • Milling • CNC Machining
Sheet Metal Work • Constructional Steel Work • Gas Welding • Electric Welding • Wood Pattern Making

BUILDING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Bricklaying • Stonemasonry • Painting and Decorating • Plastering • Joinery • Carpentry • Plumbing • House Wiring

VEHICLES

Automotive Mechanics • Agricultural Mechanics • Autobody Repair



ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS

Industrial Wiring • Consumer Electronics • Industrial Electronics

HOTEL AND CATERING

Cookery • Waiting

HAIRDRESSING

Ladies' Hairdressing • Men's Hairdressing

OTHER MANUFACTURING

Cabinet Making • Jewellery

DESIGN AND DRAWING

Graphic Design • Ladies' Dressmaking • Engineering Drawing

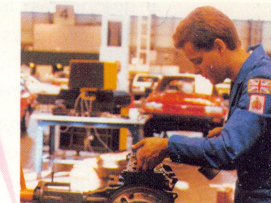
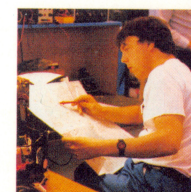
Our young people are the country's greatest asset - they deserve the opportunity to prove that their skills match the best in the world.

For more information on UK Skills and the ways in which you can support its aims, please contact Jonathan Freeman, Administration and Communications Manager, UK Skills, 76 Portland Place, London W1N 4AA. Telephone 071-753 5222. Fax 071- 436 7630

INTRODUCING UK SKILLS

UK Skills, established in August 1990, operates under the umbrella of City and Guilds of London Institute, Britain's largest education and training examining body. It has defined its task as follows:

UK Skills is committed to supporting the development of world-class standards of vocational skills in the United Kingdom, its central contribution being to enter highly



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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SKILL OLYMPICS

The International Youth Skill Olympics began in the early 1950s and now takes place every two years in one of the 24 member countries. It is organised by the International Organisation for the Promotion of Vocational Training based in Zurich.

Future events will be held in

1991 Amsterdam 29 June - 2 July

1993 Taipei, Taiwan 19 July - 3 August

1995 France.



“The Skill Olympics, and the national competitions working together with UK Skills, provide the opportunity to prove that the best of young British workers are among the best in the world. I wish the new organisation, and the UK's representatives in Amsterdam, every success.”

Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment