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Mr Ian Costello, aged 22, of Barking, Essex, demonstrates his dressmaking skills as a member of the British team competing at the International Youth Skill Olympics, which run at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre until tomorrow.

Buyer in sight for Allan H Williams

Talks are being held with potential buyers of a Coventry construction firm which called in the receiver after failing to meet its financial commitments.

Allan H Williams, which employs 120 people and is based at Binley Industrial Estate, is continuing to trade during the search for a buyer.

The company, which is 40 years old and has an annual turnover of £10 million, supplies curtain walling and windows on a sub-contract basis for the construction industry.

Its cladding is used on office blocks, department stores and other developments throughout Britain.

The directors of the company called in the receiver on Thursday when the firm was unable to meet its financial commitments.

Reputation

Mr David Lovett, who is joint receiver, said negotiations were being held with potential buyers.

"My team worked through the weekend and is negotiating with the main contractors to ensure the company will continue to trade," he said.

"There have been no redundancies. We are negotiating with interested parties and are hopeful the company will be sold and will continue trading.

"It is an established company with a good reputation for work of high quality."

Mr Lovett, who

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