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WorldSkills are coming to Germany

Germany is to host the largest international multi-trade skills competition in 2013: the 42nd WorldSkills. From 2 to 7 July, the world's most skilled young people will participate in the vocational skills competition in the German trade fair city of Leipzig. Every two years, WorldSkills crowns the champions in each skills category. Contestants from at least 58 countries and regions will be competing for the title in both traditional skilled trades such as painting, carpentry or cookery and more recent disciplines such as mechanical engineering, web design and CNC milling.



Leipziger Messe

WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 is:

- A skills competition for 1,000 participants up to the age of 22
- A meeting point for 2,000 delegates and experts from business, research and vocational training
- An event expected to attract over 200,000 visitors
- A summit of at least 58 countries and regions
- A competitive exhibition with 43 official competition disciplines
- A unique global marketplace of ideas
- An international and national media event

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“As a city of trade and trade fairs, Leipzig has always welcomed its visitors with open arms. We look forward to WorldSkills Leipzig 2013.”

Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig

Leipzig: where tradition meets the future

Leipzig has a long tradition of commerce and industry. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, the city became a motor of economic growth in Germany, attracting companies such as DHL, Porsche, BMW and Siemens. Leipzig is also a centre of innovation. Located just outside the city, 'Solar Valley' is one of the largest sites for solar energy companies in Europe.

Leipzig Trade Fair: international hub for visitors

The venue for WorldSkills 2013 is the Leipzig Trade Fair, one of the most modern fair centres in Europe. Measuring 172,500 square metres, the site hosts up to 30 trade and public fairs and more than 100 conventions and numerous other events every year – drawing 10,000 exhibitors and 1.3 million visitors from across the globe.



Dr. Theodor Niehaus
Chairman of the Board,
WorldSkills Germany e.V.

“German products and services have an excellent reputation all over the world, and so does the German vocational education system: across the globe, Germany is a much sought-after education partner. All of this fits in perfectly with the ideals of WorldSkills, the international association of vocational education agencies and bodies, and organizer of the world’s biggest skills event. It is a showcase for the latest technologies and products, but at the same time the WorldSkills Competition is a unique communication platform for cutting-edge vocational training approaches, for the development of expert networks and making friends.”

Germany is the cradle of dual vocational training

Well-trained specialists lay the foundation for economic success in Germany. The dual vocational training system, whose roots go back to 12th century trade guilds, has stood the test of time in Germany. Parallel vocational training in firms and colleges combines academic and practical elements, representing a benchmark for training standards in many countries.