

City and Guilds

backing the Skill Olympics



Through its long-established links with industry, City and Guilds continues to meet the nation's education and training needs by offering a wide range of qualifications for the world of work. However, many industries in the UK are now facing skill shortages – a problem which will have to be overcome as a matter of some urgency, if the UK is to meet the challenges of the single European Market in 1992.

The only real solution to this is to step up skills training in *all* sectors of industry – not just those where shortages have already been reported. In a world which demands high quality products, there must be high quality training and highly skilled workers in industry to match this.

This is why City and Guilds is giving its full support to the UK team and organisers of the '89 Skill Olympics, so that the UK entrants can provide examples of the skills required to meet the challenges of the future.

'89 SKILL OLYMPICS

During the '89 Skill Olympics at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on 28-31 August, the UK team will be competing with some 400 other young trainees – all under 22 – from 20 other countries. They will be aiming to win gold, silver and bronze medals in a range of occupational skills – from cabinet making to cooking and from waiting to welding. In all, there are 34 separate competitions in which the competitors are tested to internationally agreed standards.

Last year, at the Skill Olympics in Sydney, the UK team came in fourth place in terms of medals won – they won two gold, three silver and five bronze. All the medal winners had City and Guilds qualifications – so did 21 out of the 26 UK team members overall.



GOLD MEDALS

The gold medal winner for Automobile Mechanics, Andrew Delaney, has C&G Motor Vehicle Craft Studies (380/381)

The gold medal winner for Stonemasonry, Paul Blake, has C&G Craft and Advanced Craft Masonry (588)



BRONZE MEDALS

The bronze medal winner for House Wiring, Andrew Fitch, has C&G Electrical Installation Work (236) and Electronics Servicing (224)

The bronze medal winner for Ladies' Dressmaking, Katherine Forster, has C&G Clothing Craft (460)



SILVER MEDALS

The silver medal winner for Ladies' Hairdressing, Anita Khandke, has C&G Hairdressing (300) and Beauty Therapy (304)

The silver medal winner for Men's Hairdressing, Gary Taylor, has C&G Hairdressing (300)

The silver medal winner for Plasterwork, Jonathan Firth, has C&G Craft and Advanced Craft Plastering (590)



The bronze medal winner for Joinery, Matthew Rohan, has C&G Craft and Advanced Craft Shopfitting (587) and Shopfitting Extended Studies (616)

The bronze medal winner for Painting and Decorating, Graham Russell, has C&G Painting and Decorating (594)

The bronze medal winner for Plumbing, Ian Smith, has C&G Craft and Advanced Craft Plumbing (596)



Most of this year's UK entrants are also holders of C&G certificates. They have already overcome the hurdles of national competitions to get the opportunity to represent the UK in this major international event.

Darren Burford, the UK finalist in Plumbing and the winner of the Joint Industry Board for Plumbing Competition, has C&G Craft and Advanced Craft Plumbing (596) as well as Construction Services Welding (599) – all with Distinctions.



Nicholas Partington, who is representing the UK in Automobile Mechanics, has C&G Motor Vehicle Craft Studies (381) Parts I, II and III. Nicholas was 'Young Mechanic of the Year' in 1988.



Nicola Heaven, finalist for Ladies' Hairdressing, passed C&G Hairdressing (300) as a student at Brunel Technical College, Bristol.



The Carpentry finalist, **Paul Magorrian**, of Downpatrick, County Down, who was one of the winners of the Skill-Build Building Competition, gained a Distinction in C&G Carpentry and Joinery (585).



With such training and experience behind the team, City and Guilds is looking forward to an even more successful outcome for the UK team in 1989.



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