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**Key Skills**

**Competition Brief**

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## entry requirements

<b>Who can enter?</b>	<p>The competition is open to learners aged 14 and over, who are developing their key skills through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work based education and training including apprenticeships</li> <li>• college courses</li> <li>• programmes offered by the voluntary and community sector</li> </ul> <p>The competition can be entered at three levels; foundation, intermediate and advanced.</p>
<b>How many competitors can enter?</b>	3 teams of up to 10 competitors per organisation
<b>What type of competition 'live' or 'mixed'</b>	<p>This is a '<b>mixed</b>' competition. The competition is judged at two stages:</p> <p>Stage one: competitors submit their entry for short-listing to stage two, by post.</p> <p>Stage two: short-listed competitors are invited to the UK final to participate in a live competition.</p>
<b>Competition structure</b>	<p><b>Step 1</b> Register for this competition at <a href="http://www.worldskillsuk.org">www.worldskillsuk.org</a> by <b>28<sup>th</sup> February 08</b></p> <p><b>Step 2</b> Submit your entry by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 to: Key Skills Competition C/o UK Skills 5 Portland Place London W1B 1PW</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> Short-listed competitors are expected to participate in the UK final dates and venues to be confirmed.</p>

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## competition description

**Key skills are a range of essential skills that underpin success in education, employment, lifelong learning and personal development. Key skills qualifications (levels 1-4) in communication, application of number and information technology (ICT) are available across all post-16 routes in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

The teams entering need not be working towards key skills qualifications. However, they must have an awareness of key skills and their purpose in work, learning and life.

### **Stage 1**

Organisations are invited to submit entries as follows.

- Each entry should be a representation of an interactive piece of key skills learning and achievement.
- The representation may be in any form provided that it is appropriate.
- The entry should incorporate evidence of all key skills.
- The entry must be the work of the entrants.

### **Stage 2**

Shortlisted entries will be invited to present their entry, in public, before a panel of judges. The presentation will comprise 10 minutes of live presentation followed by 10 minutes responding to the judging panel's questions.

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## Marking and assessment

The prepared competition will include an explanation of the marking criteria and process. This will be given to competitors.

### **The judging criteria for entries at Stage 1 are as follows:**

- The imaginative quality of the idea – 20%
- The richness of the learning opportunities including fulfilment of key skills – 20%
- The extent of the engagement of all entrants – 20%
- The extent of progress and achievement – 20%
- The aptness of the approach for the entrants' main vocational interests – 20%

### **The judging criteria for entries at Stage 2 are as follows:**

- The effectiveness of the conversion from the initial representation to a live presentation – 20%
- The effectiveness of the presentation in conveying the attributes looked for at Stage 1 – 20%
- The ability to sustain public interest – 20%
- The ability to respond to questions – 20%
- Overall impact – 20%

A panel of at least 2 judges will be drawn from industry, colleges or training providers. The judges' decisions will be moderated and quality assured before being confirmed.

## judging

A panel of judges has been drawn from industry, further education, higher education and training providers. The judges' decisions will be independently moderated and quality assured before being confirmed.

## rules

The competition:

- will be wholly or mainly practical
- will be for teams of up to 3 people
- may have additional oral or written tests of the theoretical

For Stage 1 a supporting statement from the organisation should:

- identify all the entrants by name;
- indicate the scale and nature of the guidance given to the competitors;
- indicate the level(s) at which the entrants are working;
- briefly set the context for the entry.

The competition will be provided in the format advised. This will include:

- The marking criteria
- The material and equipment list
- The description of the competition

The competition must be conducted in accordance with the general and specific competition rules.

## what happens next?

<b>Step 1</b>	Register interest
	Receive username and password via email
<b>Step 2</b>	Select competitions to enter.
<b>Step 3</b>	Enter competitions & confirm competitors – enter by 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2008
	Receive receipt after entering competitions.
<b>Step 4</b>	Submit stage 1 by the submission date in the competition brief
<b>Step 5</b>	Short-listed finalists will be invited to present their project to a panel of judges at the national final.
<b>Step 6</b>	All competitors will receive either certificates' of participation or

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	winning certificates.
<b>Step 7</b>	The gold winners from the national finals will attend the UK Skills annual awards ceremony.

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