



THE SKILLS SHOW

*The journey
starts here*

17 – 19 November
The NEC Birmingham



BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

The Skills Show, the UK's largest skills and careers event, is the chance for visitors to Have a Go at skills and discover new talents that could change their lives. Explore the vast selection of employers, educators and job opportunities and uncover a huge range of ideas and interests to kick start a bright future.

THE STAFF ROOM

The Staff Room is a dedicated space at The Skills Show for **teachers, careers professionals and parents/guardians**. Advice and resources will be on offer to help you share new ideas and approaches to careers support. The Staff Room will provide a one stop shop for expert guidance, including:

- Two busy seminar rooms for your CPD: one focusing on how to give appropriate, timely and accurate careers advice to young people, and the other delivering skills-based masterclasses.
- An exhibition of leading careers organisations.
- Free take-away resources to support your delivery of high-quality careers advice, including the WorldSkills UK Toolkit with ready-made lesson plans.
- An opportunity to network and discuss your careers ideas and concerns.

Book your seminar places worldskillsuk.org/staff-room

ENJOYING YOUR VISIT

- NEC** Every visitor will receive an **Event Guide** on arrival.
- There will be **signage and maps** throughout the venue to help you find all the show features and facilities such as catering and toilets.
- Make sure you wear **warm clothing and comfortable shoes**.
- There are **food and drink** outlets throughout the venue or you can bring your own lunch or snacks to eat in the picnic areas. For safety, glass bottles are not allowed.
- Please don't bring bags.
- There is a **cloakroom** on **Saturday only** which costs £1 per item.
- Please **leave your valuables at home**. You will be responsible for all your belongings while at the show. The organisers cannot accept responsibility or liability for loss or theft.
- If you did not request special access (e.g. a wheelchair) when you registered please contact **0800 612 0742** or enquiries@worldskillsuk.org
- For help when you are at the show, please ask at the information desks, or speak to a volunteer.

Teachers said...

- 86%** would discuss vocational and skills based education
- 78%** would conduct further research into vocational careers
- 76%** would connect with employers to discuss skills-based and vocational careers opportunities

Young people said...

- 90%** are likely to undertake future activities, including:
- 76%** would look for work experience
- 69%** would speak to a careers advisor
- 54%** would consider an apprenticeship

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'We had a great time, there was so much to see. It really inspired the students to see all the opportunities there are for them in the future.'

Teacher Visitor

'The Skills Show has opened my eyes to careers that I didn't know were out there and it's made me clearer on what I want to do in life.'

Student Visitor

'Absolutely fantastic show.'

Parent Visitor

'An informative day with lots to see. A real chance for my daughter to try new things and ask questions.'

Parent Visitor

'A brilliant insight into the world of work.'

Employer Visitor

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ANY QUESTIONS?

Please email:
enquiries@worldskillsuk.org

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT

Welcome to the NEC Birmingham

- We will give you an arrival time to help manage the flow of visitors to the show. Your time is confirmed in your welcome letter.
- Please keep to your slot or you might be refused entry. If you are significantly delayed, please let us know on **0800 612 0742**.
- It will take about 15 minutes for you to get from the coach park or train station to the main entrance, so please factor this into your arrival time.

Transport

- Motorways: M1, M5, M6, M6 Toll, M40 and M42. For Satnav use B40 1NT.
- Car parking costs £10 per day. The car parks are 15 to 20 minutes to walk from the venue (coach parking is free of charge).
- Coach and minibus parking is free using the vehicle access pass(es) you requested when you registered.
- Please display the pass on the left hand side of your windscreen. Before you leave the vehicle, make sure you note down your driver's mobile number and the parking location.
- Please make sure the vehicle stays in the same place for the whole day. This will help you to find your coach more easily when it's time to leave.
- For travel by train, go to Birmingham International rail station. If your train is not direct, you can connect via Birmingham New Street.

Entering and leaving the show

- Please make sure that you put on your wristband before you enter the show.
- You will be directed to the quickest hall entrance, where your wristband will be scanned.
- If you have forgotten your wristbands, please go to registration (Hall 6).
- Once inside you can move between the connecting halls. You can see all the show and use the facilities without having to go out onto the main concourse.
- If you leave the halls you will need to re-enter through the scanning and security process.

Photo release and Ts & Cs

- Registering for The Skills Show means that you have agreed to the Terms and Conditions, including consent to being photographed.
- For a full copy of the Terms and Conditions or if you have questions please email: **enquiries@worldskillsuk.org**

If you are lost

- If you are lost, don't worry. Just speak to a member of The Skills Show staff or a volunteer, who will direct you to security at the entrance to each hall. We will call your group leader and reunite you.
- To let us know that someone is lost, please speak to security.

Evacuation Procedure

- Please follow instructions from security who will direct you to the nearest meeting point. Please exit the building quickly and calmly.

Group leaders

- You must supervise your group.
- Any visitors posing a risk to others will be removed from the venue.
- We will call your mobile if there is an incident or accident involving members of your group, so please make sure that the number we have is correct.
- You can update your mobile contact by calling **0800 612 0742** or on the online registration system.
- Please ensure that you and the members of your group know what to do if someone is lost.
- If possible, please ensure that students are in uniform.
- The medical centre is situated by Hall 8, next to Atrium Entrance 2.

Your safety and security

- All bags may be searched. Items such as compasses, scissors, weapons, aerosols and illegal substances will be taken and not returned.

Risk Assessments

- The Skills Show has a risk assessment for the entire event but each group leader is responsible for producing a specific risk assessment for your visit.
- A guide to completing your own risk assessment, with an example, is on our website at **worldskillsuk.org/risk-assessment**

There are five zones at the show that cover five industry sectors

Media & Creative

Games design, music, jewellery making, journalism, graphic design, film, TV, radio, fashion and more.

IT & Enterprise

Enterprise, accounting, network security, software, web development, IT, law, telecommunications and more.

Engineering & Technology

with **BAE SYSTEMS**
INSPIRED WORK

Automotive, mechanics, robotics, metalwork, manufacturing, aeronautical, rail, inventing and more.

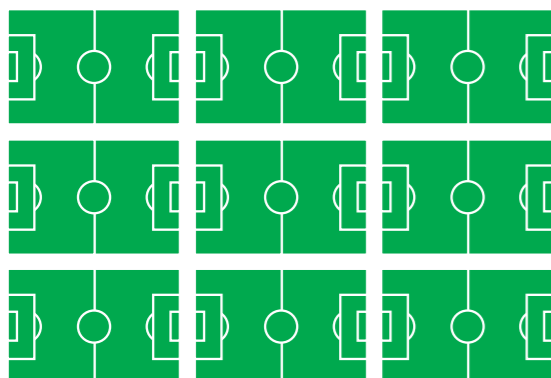
Construction & Infrastructure

Bricklaying, carpentry, plastering, landscape gardening, plumbing, roofing, environmental science, architecture and more.

Hospitality & Lifestyle

Beauty therapy, fitness, cooking, floristry, hairdressing, public services, forensics, and more.

The show covers 60,000 m²



That's 9 football pitches

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In each zone you will find these activities:

Have a Go

Try out something you've never done before, and Have a Go at job-related skills across a huge range of careers.

Try your hand at skills like TV production, virtual reality construction, barista skills, ultrasound, and a robotics assault course.

Spotlight

From household names to current apprentices, hear from "real people doing real jobs", be inspired, and find out how they got to where they are now.

Featuring stars from Robot Wars and Strictly Come Dancing, BBC Radio DJs, JCB, Jaguar Land Rover, NHS, Army, O2, The Sun, and many more!

Competitions

Watch the WorldSkills UK Competitions National Finals, where the very best compete at the highest level in their chosen skills to be named the best in the UK.

Showcase

Watch high-quality demonstrations in each skill. Learn more about what the WorldSkills UK competitors are doing; and find out about related career options.

Ready for Work

Make yourself more employable by attending workshops like 'selling yourself in interviews', 'being your own boss', 'coping under pressure' and 'time management'. Have focused chats with careers advisers, employers and the National Apprenticeship Service.

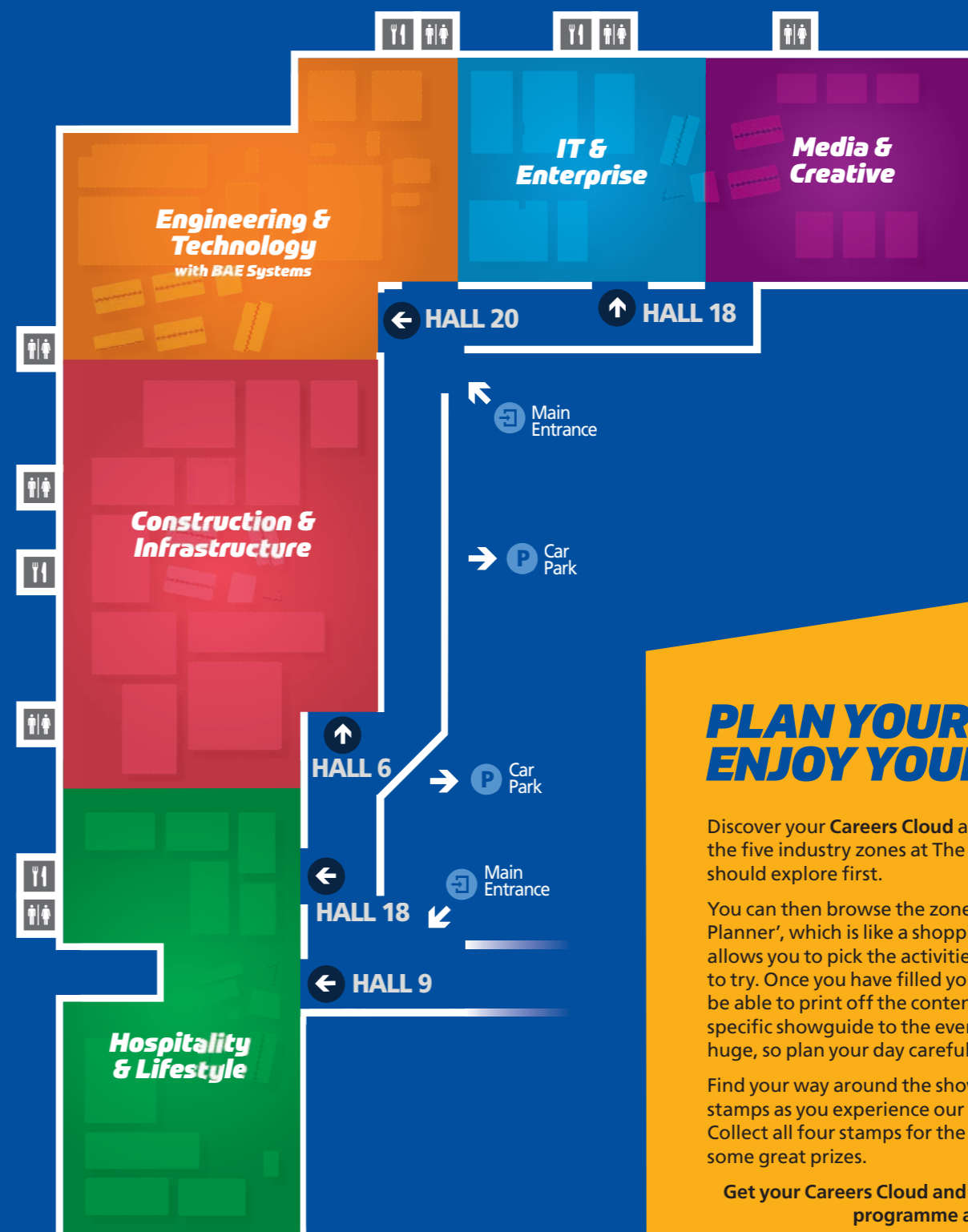
Planning your future

Get one-to-one guidance on routes into jobs and careers from expert careers advisers. Also browse the 'Your Next Step' boards for live opportunities that you can apply for, such as work experience, traineeships, apprenticeships, jobs and placements.

Skills Champions

A Skills Champion has competed at international competitions or at the finals of the WorldSkills UK Competitions held at The Skills Show. The Skills Champions will be holding interactive workshops, which showcase their skills, and talking to visitors about their exciting journey so far.

Your journey of discovery...



PLAN YOUR DAY & ENJOY YOUR VISIT

Discover your **Careers Cloud** and find which of the five industry zones at The Skills Show you should explore first.

You can then browse the zones by using 'My Planner', which is like a shopping basket that allows you to pick the activities you would like to try. Once you have filled your basket, you will be able to print off the contents and take your specific showguide to the event. The show is huge, so plan your day carefully!

Find your way around the show floor and collect stamps as you experience our key activities. Collect all four stamps for the chance to win some great prizes.

Get your **Careers Cloud** and create your own programme at:

worldskillsuk.org/careers-cloud

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