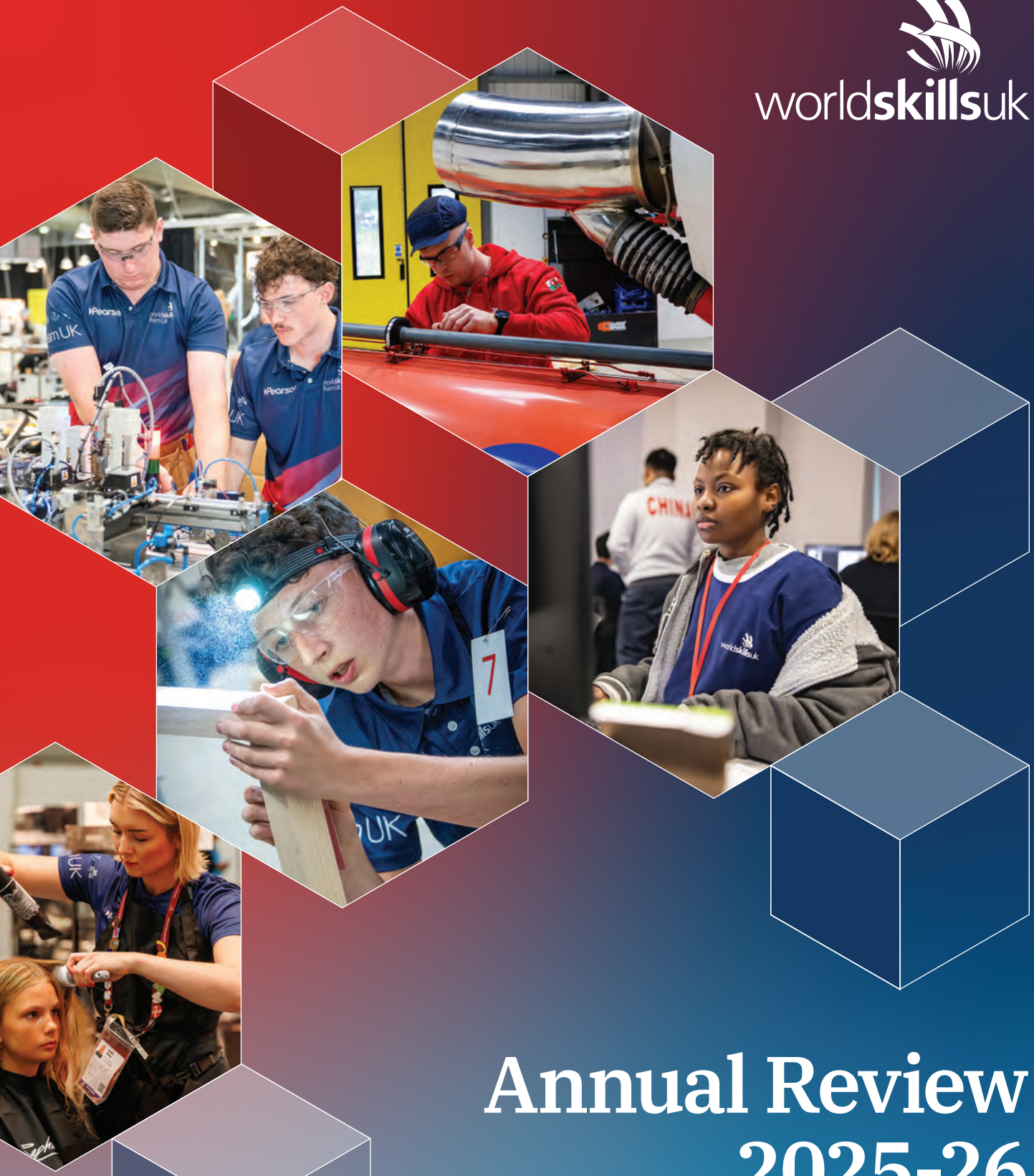
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Chair Foreword

Welcome to the WorldSkills UK Annual Review for 2025–26. The achievements highlighted in these pages demonstrate both the impact of our work on young people and our continuing ambition to drive excellence across the skills sector.

More young people are benefiting from local skills competitions, developing their ambition, technical excellence and the vital skills they need for work. It was inspiring to see so many progressing to our National Finals in South Wales, superbly hosted by Cardiff and Vale College, Bridgend College, University of South Wales, Coleg Gwent and University of Wales Trinity Saint David in Swansea. It was also a privilege to cheer on Team UK at EuroSkills Herning in Denmark alongside representatives from across the skills sector, including our Skills Minister, Baroness Smith.

I am particularly encouraged by our widening participation pilots with Capital City College and Glasgow Clyde College, exploring how we can increase participation among women and learners from ethnic minority backgrounds. I look forward to this work continuing into 2026–27 and building on its early success.

My thanks also go to the colleges and other providers that are members of our Centre of Excellence. It is exciting to see its impact on teaching, learning and development across the sector, underpinned by international benchmarking and a shared commitment to excellence.

I am immensely proud of the work of WorldSkills UK and the people who make it possible. My sincere thanks to our partners, everyone who participates in and supports our activities, and our dedicated colleagues across WorldSkills UK.

Marion Plant OBE, FCGI
Chair, WorldSkills UK



CEO Foreword

WorldSkills UK's mission is to help young people thrive in the world of work.

In the context of increasing numbers of young people not in education, employment or training this mission feels more important and relevant than ever.

And it has been a year of real progress in pursuit of this mission. More than 6,200 learners took part in our local skills competitions, 400 competed at our National Finals in South Wales, and Team UK showcased their talent at EuroSkills Herning. Beyond the competition floor, over 80,000 learners benefited from their educators taking part in our professional development programmes. I am particularly proud that 95% of National Finals competitors reported improved technical skills and 85% improved personal and employability skills, for me this demonstrates how these experiences help young people build the confidence and capabilities to thrive at work.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone in WorldSkills UK's network – our Training Managers, Competition Organising Partners, Investment Partners, colleges, independent training providers, universities, employers and government colleagues - all of whom have helped us achieve this objective over the past year through our local, national and international skills competitions and professional development programmes.

I am grateful to NCFE who will be supporting our Centre of Excellence programme for another three years. NCFE's investment will help us support over 200 institutions across the UK embed excellence in their teaching and assessment, raising standards in technical education in line with international best practice.



Thank you also to Pearson, the official partner of Team UK for EuroSkills Herning 2025 and WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, whose support gives us a bigger presence on the global stage and helps us all celebrate the value of vocational education.

Over the past year I am delighted to have seen our skills champions network grow from strength to strength. As former competitors from both national and international competitions they use their direct experience of skills competition to provide peer support for upcoming competitors and speak with real authenticity about how skills competitions have changed their lives.



Ben Blackledge
Chief Executive,
WorldSkills UK

Reach and impact 2025-56

Our Centre of Excellence and Learning Lab help raise standards in technical education and apprenticeships

>6,600
educators participated across all WorldSkills UK's CPD activities (face to face and online)

>80,000
learners benefitted from their educators taking part in WorldSkills UK's CPD activities

95%
of the educators taking part in our CPD activities say it has enhanced their teaching, understanding or delivery

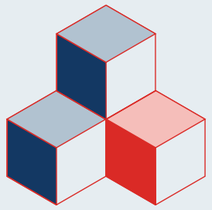
National competition programme

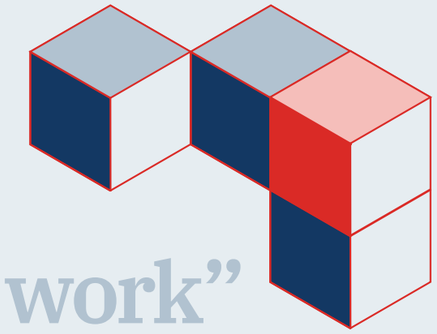
4,246
young people took part in our National Competitions

20%
of those registered were young people from ethnically diverse backgrounds

95%
of the finalists agreed that competitions had resulted in improved technical skills

85%
of the finalists confirmed the competitions improved their personal and employability skills





"Excellence at work"

National finals

393 young people | **74** organisations

47 competitions | **1** demonstration competition

International competitions: Team UK in Herning

19 competitors | **17** skills

103,000
visitors watched

bronze
achieved in Industry 4.0

5
Medallions for Excellence
(Plumbing and Heating, Restaurant Service, Painting and Decorating, Hairdressing, CNC Milling)

32%
of Team UK were female

Promoting technical education and apprenticeships

48
Skills Champions

6224
learners participated in Local Skills Competitions

2041
learners from 20 organisations used the benchmarking assessments and tracker to prepare their learners for success

66
organisations have been endorsed as part of the Local Skills Competitions

We worked with

237 General Further Education Colleges | **103** Independent Training Providers

48 Higher Education Institutions | **15** Institutes of Technology

The year at a glance

April 2025

4,247 learners enter National Competitions, with **1,607 progressing** to National Qualifiers.

May 2025

Team UK announced for EuroSkills Herning 2025, with learners and apprentices selected to compete on the European stage.

June 2025

Designathon winners from New College Lanarkshire gained hands-on experience at the Manufacturing Technology Centre, exploring 3D printing, robotics and automation.

July 2025

Wales was announced as the host of the 2025 WorldSkills UK National Finals for the first time.

August 2025

Team UK prepared for EuroSkills Herning with a send-off dinner and final bootcamp in Warwick.

September 2025

22 learners and apprentices competed at EuroSkills Herning, with Northern Ireland's Southern Regional College's Caolan McCartan and Patrick Sheerin winning bronze in Industry 4.0.

October 2025

Team UK's achievements and learning were celebrated with the Skills Minister in the House of Commons.

November 2025

400 students competed at the WorldSkills UK National Finals in Wales, showcasing their technical and vocational skills.

December 2025

Isabelle Barron was **awarded an MBE** for services to vocational education, following her gold in Digital Construction at EuroSkills Gdańsk 2023.

January 2026

The third Centre of Excellence Endorsed Trainer Programme was delivered with NCFE at the University of Warwick

February 2026

Widening participation learner talks took place at Capital City College and Glasgow Clyde College.

March 2026

Over 300 learners from 15 colleges competed across 14 skills in the Greater London Skills Competition 2026, delivered with the Greater London Authority.


April 2025



July 2025


October 2025



January 2026


May 2025



August 2025


November 2025


February 2026


June 2025


September 2025



December 2025


March 2026



Pearson
Official Partner of Team UK



22 young professionals represented WorldSkills UK



EuroSkills Herning 2025

At the beginning of 2025, we were proud to announce the continuation of our partnership with Pearson, who became the Official Partner of Team UK for EuroSkills Herning 2025 and WorldSkills Shanghai 2026.

With Pearson's support in place, 22 young professionals representing WorldSkills UK travelled to Herning, Denmark, in September 2025 to compete at EuroSkills 2025 as part of their preparation journey towards WorldSkills Shanghai 2026.

Organised by WorldSkills Europe, EuroSkills is Europe's largest skills competition, bringing together hundreds of talented young people under the age of 25 from 33 countries to compete for the title of Best in Europe in their chosen skill or profession.

With WorldSkills Shanghai on the horizon in September 2026, EuroSkills gave Team UK invaluable experience of performing under pressure in a high-profile environment, in front of large audiences, and alongside competitors from across Europe. For several competitors, it was also their first experience of travelling abroad, making the event a significant milestone in their personal and professional development.

Team UK secured a bronze medal in Industry 4.0, alongside Medallions for Excellence in CNC Milling, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing and Heating, Restaurant Services, and Hairdressing.

It was also hugely valuable to have the support of Skills Minister Baroness Jacqui Smith at EuroSkills Herning 2025, reinforcing the importance of skills excellence, apprenticeships, and technical education in driving opportunity and economic growth across the UK.

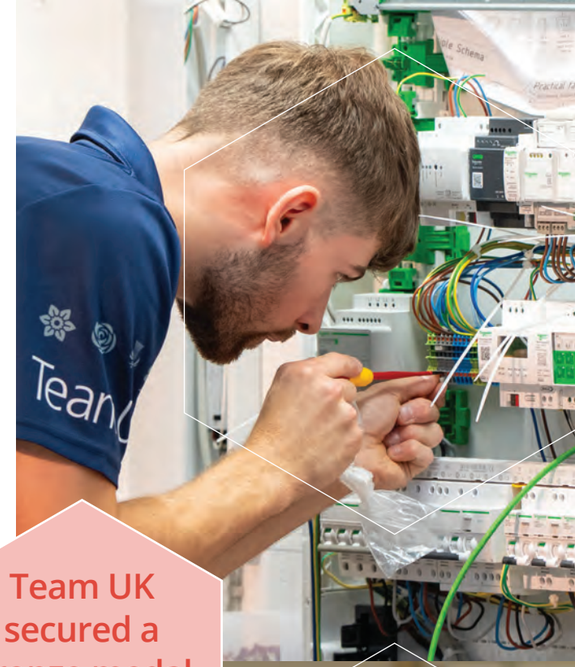
Skills Minister Jacqui Smith said:

"Well done to all the UK competitors in EuroSkills this week. Every single one of you has made our country proud, showcasing the best of British skills across a range of trades and professions.



"This government is putting skills top of the agenda again through our Plan for Change, creating 120,000 training opportunities and cutting red tape to help young people access apprenticeships and get their crucial first step on the career ladder."

With WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 ahead, we look forward to building on this momentum with Pearson and continuing to support Team UK on their journey to the global stage, helping to ensure more young people develop the skills, confidence and experience needed to become job-ready and succeed in their future careers.



Team UK secured a bronze medal in Industry 4.0





Developing talent from local skills competitions to the national stage

By taking young people from local competition to the national stage in South Wales, WorldSkills UK's competition-based training programme builds the skills, resilience and ambition young people need to thrive at work.

Fast becoming an established part of the post-16 calendar, Local Skills Competitions endorsed by WorldSkills UK widen participation, inspire skills excellence and promote skills development. In 25/26:

- **6224 learners** across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland participated in Local Skills Competitions
- **66 organisations** across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland had their local skills competitions endorsed by WorldSkills UK
- **2041 learners from 20 organisations** used the WorldSkills UK's benchmarking assessments and tracker to prepare their learner for success.

Gary McPartland, Assistant Principal at Inspire Education Group, whose local skills competitions were supported by Nissan said:

"WorldSkills UK endorsement is important recognition of the quality and ambition of our skills competitions. These events give learners the chance to showcase their abilities against recognised standards, while allowing employers to see talent in action."





4249 entrants participated in the entry stages





6224 learners took part in local competitions



David Slevin, Service Manager at Smiths Nissan Peterborough, added:

"Inter-college Skills Competitions help nurture emerging talent, strengthen partnerships with education providers and create valuable pathways into apprenticeships and skilled employment."

Organisations are using local skills competitions to stretch and challenge students and apprentices, preparing them to compete in WorldSkills UK National Competitions while also supporting them to develop the high-level, work-ready skills employers value.

In 25/26:

- **4249 entrants** participated in the entry stages
- **403 organisations** across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland registered entrants
- **141 organisations** registered for the first time in three years
- **70% of completed registrations** came from competitors whose organisations are members of the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence
- **2% increase** in female representation, continuing a positive trend in gender diversity.

Employers formed the largest share of new entrants, and many enjoyed medal success. Ava McIntyre and Justin Jones, apprentices with Barclays, won Gold in Accounting Technician and explained how they were keen to enter when they saw WorldSkills UK Competitions advertised in their workplace.

The National Finals, hosted in partnership with the Welsh Government and Inspiring Skills Excellence in Wales, took place in venues across South Wales. Leading employers, industry experts and representatives from the UK's education and training sector attended to watch the action live.

Skills England CEO, Tessa Griffiths said:

"It's not just about winning awards – it's about driving ambition and helping everyone develop the high-quality skills that they need to thrive – a concept that is core to our work in Skills England."



Centre of Excellence: Transforming apprenticeship outcomes through practical skills development

Now in its sixth year, the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence, in partnership with specialist awarding organisation NCFE, is an evidence-led professional development programme.

It empowers educators and leaders in technical and vocational education to embed world class practice to enhance quality, inspire excellence and strengthen workforce skills.

This commitment to raising standards and unlocking learner potential strongly aligns with the ethos of BPP, one of the UK's leading apprenticeship providers. As the majority of BPP's apprenticeship provision is delivered remotely, creating opportunities for apprentices to apply their knowledge in realistic, work-based scenarios is a key part of the organisation's approach. This emphasis on practical skill development is one of the reasons BPP joined the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence.

Jen Noble, Head of Programme Leads and Quality at BPP, explains:

"Our Programme Leads and tutors have worked with WorldSkills UK to embed pressure tests into our curriculum as a proven method of building learners' resilience and helping them understand how to self-assess their skills and identify areas for improvement. This is not only helping them progress further in their training, but it is also supporting them to develop the work-ready skills they will need to excel in the workplace."

Delivering Results

Adapting and embedding elements of the WorldSkills UK pressure test methodology into structured, timed data challenge exercises has delivered significant benefits for BPP's Level 3 Data Technician apprentices:

- BPP saw a 72% reduction in EPA fail withdrawals compared with its 2024–25 overall Qualification Achievement Rates data.

Feedback from apprentices has also been overwhelmingly positive:

"It provided a good overview of the EPA and highlighted the things we need to ensure we cover when completing it. The guidance helped me feel more prepared and aware of the areas I should focus on."

"The teaching was very helpful and friendly, and the way the scenario demo was demonstrated made everything easy to follow. It was a great way of showing what we need to do, and I genuinely learned a lot from the examples and explanations."

Working with WorldSkills UK's Centre of Excellence has provided BPP with a valuable framework for strengthening both technical and employability skills within its apprenticeship programmes.

Jen explains:

"From the outset, we made a strategic decision to align the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence with our organisational priorities, helping to secure the endorsement of our leadership team. We have also built a strong relationship with the WorldSkills UK training team, which has been key to the partnership's ongoing success."

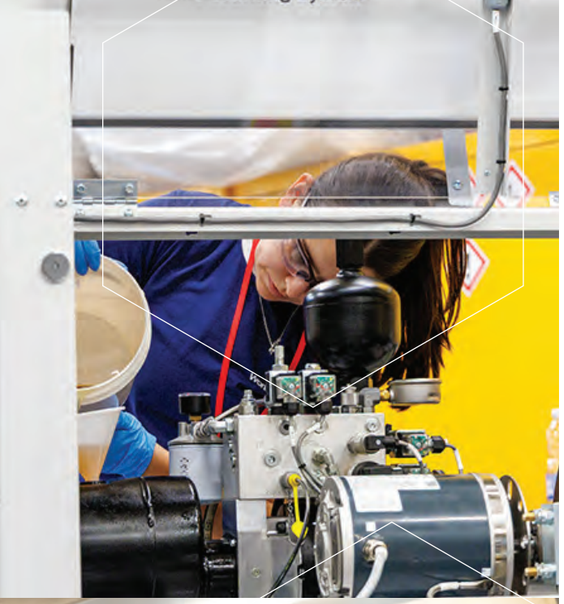
Expanding the partnership

BPP is now looking to expand engagement with the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence across more programmes, including in AI. It is also aiming to enter its apprentices into the WorldSkills UK Competitions next year. In doing so, the organisation continues its commitment to developing apprentices who are ready to excel in the workplace.



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10 Skills Champions delivered ‘Inspire’ talks

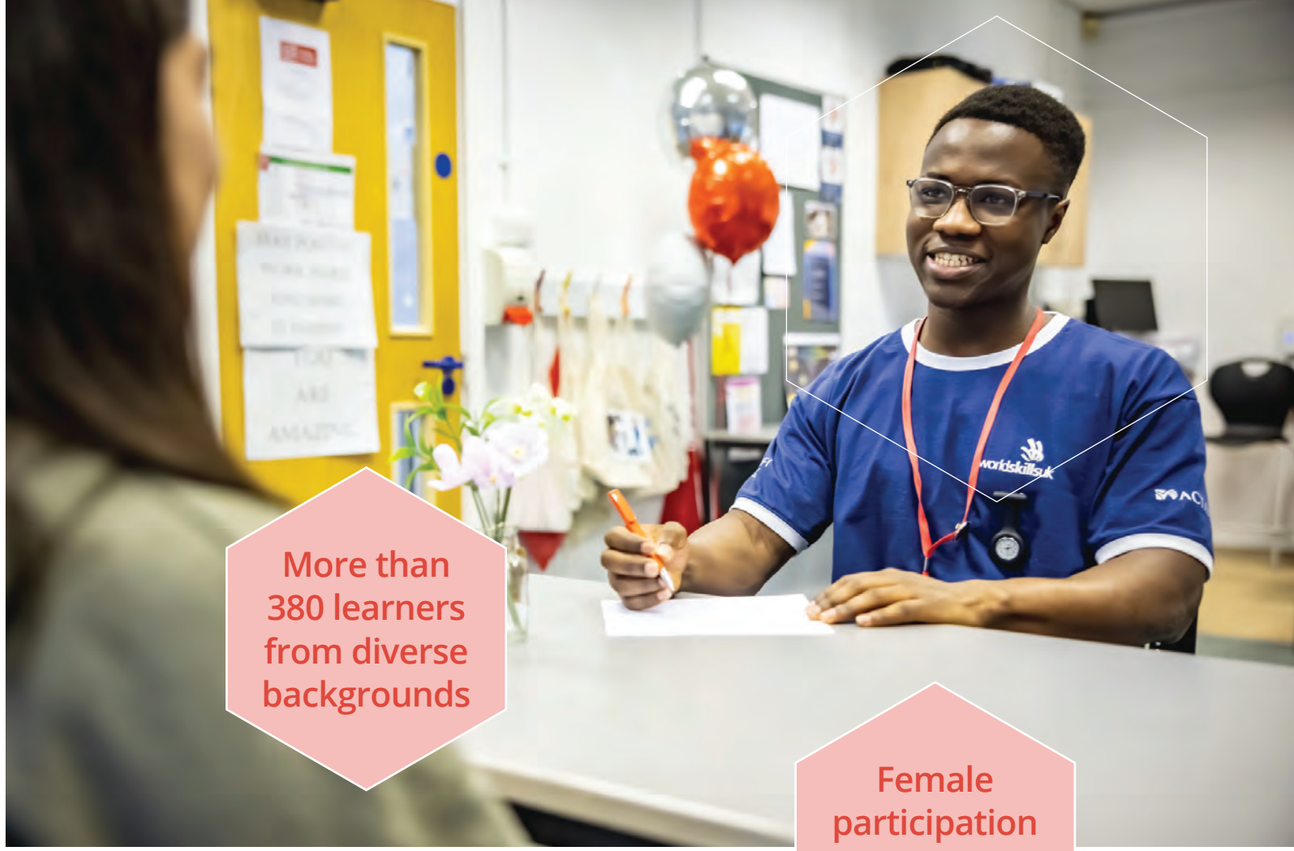
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Everyone at WorldSkills UK is determined to ensure all our programmes are inclusive and accessible to young people across all communities.

Our new, 3-year Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy for 2025-2028 outlines our ambition to increase representation and positive engagement with underrepresented groups.

Our focus this year has been specifically on improving access and progression for women and ethnically diverse young people across WorldSkills UK’s competitions. In February 2026 we delivered a Widening Participation Pilot in partnership with Glasgow Clyde College and Capital City College to test how we can successfully increase representation and engagement in our competitions, with talks targeted at learners and educators in each college.





More than 380 learners from diverse backgrounds

Female participation grew to 46%

Ten of our Skills Champions delivered a series of fantastic ‘Inspire’ talks in the pilot colleges to over 380 learners. We engaged Skills Champions representative of the learners we were trying to reach, including four from ethnically diverse backgrounds and four women in STEM.

The Skills Champions spoke about the employability skills, technical skills and confidence they gained through their participation in WorldSkills UK’s competitions. They gave practical tips to learners through addressing the challenges they faced and the support they needed to overcome them. We are assessing the outcomes of the pilot and will use the findings to encourage more learners to get involved and benefit from the work readiness skills developed through our competitions.

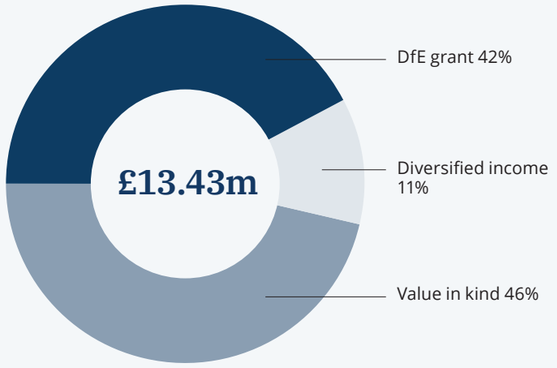
We have also delivered three bespoke EDI training sessions for our network of Competition Organising Partners and Training Managers and provided them with a best practice guide to support the consistent application of inclusivity principles across all WorldSkills UK’s competitions.

In the 2025 National Competition Cycle female participation grew to 46%, up from 44% the previous year, strengthening the overall gender balance. Success for competitors from ethnically diverse backgrounds also grew with a 2% increase in finalists and a 3% increase in medallists from these backgrounds compared to 2024.

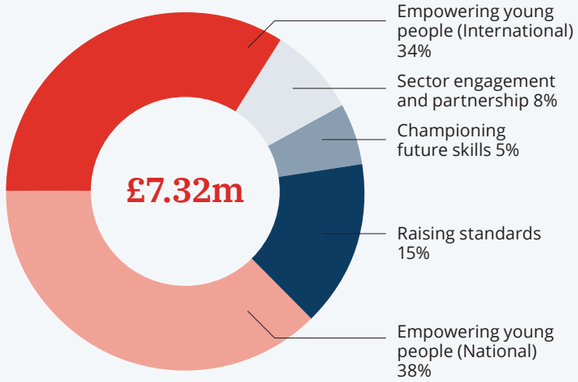
We are taking forward our learnings from this year to make sure we continue to improve representation and engagement with our programmes and enable young people of all backgrounds to thrive in their careers.

Financial summary

WorldSkillsUK finances have been managed effectively and efficiently for 2025/26 through strong value-in-kind support from our partners and a significant increase in our diversified income, following a reduction in our core grant from the Department for Education at the start of the financial year. Expenditure is overwhelmingly focused on direct support for young people through skills competitions and raising standards in teaching and assessment through our Centre of Excellence programme, in line with our mission to help young people thrive in the world of work.



Total income 2025-26



Total expenditure 2025-26



Partners and supporters

Everyone at WorldSkills UK would like to thank the following organisations for their ongoing partnership and support in WorldSkills UK programmes.

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Gloucester Engineering Training
Goldwell
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Harrogate College
HDS Joinery
Hickleys
HMNB Portsmouth
Honeywell
Howden
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SSAIB
Static Solutions
Stellantis
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Synetiq
Telford College
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The Association of Professional Landscapers
The Black Country Partnership for care
The Care Apprenticeship Board
The Careers and Enterprise Company
The Gleneagles Hotel
The Helicopter Museum
The Manchester College
The Ritz Hotel
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Ayrshire College
Barking & Dagenham College
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Dumfries & Galloway College
Dundee and Angus College
East Coast College
East Durham College
Edinburgh College
Emtec (Nottingham College)
Exeter and North Devon Colleges Group (ENDC)
Farnborough College of Technology
Fife College
FMG Repair Services
Gateshead College
Gen2 - Genii Engineering & Technology Training
Glasgow Clyde College
Glass and Fenestration Training Solutions Ltd
Gloucestershire Engineering Training
Gower College Swansea
Grimsby Tec
Harrow, Richmond & Uxbridge Colleges (HRUC)
Hartlepool College of Further Education
Havant and South Downs College
Heart of Worcestershire College
Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College
Hertford Regional College
Hopwood Hall College & University Centre
Hull College
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Imperial College London
Inspire Education Group
Kendal College
Kidderminster College
Kirklees College
Kleek Apprenticeships
Lakes College, West Cumbria
Leicester College
Lincoln College
Luminate Education Group
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Merthyr Tydfil College
Mid-Kent College
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Newcastle College
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NTG Training
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Portland Training
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South Staffordshire College
South West College
Southern Regional College
Stoke-on-Trent College
Suffolk New College
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Tameside College
TDR Training
Telford College
The Bedford College Group
The Brook House Sixth Form College (BSix College)
The City of Liverpool College
The College of West Anglia
The Colleges Partnership
The Education Training Collective
The Focus Training Group
The Manchester College
The Oldham College
The Sheffield College
The Trafford and Stockport College Group
The University of Sheffield AMRC Training Centre
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University of Portsmouth
Waltham Forest College
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West Lancs College
West Lothian College
West Suffolk College
Weston College
Wigan & Leigh College
Wiltshire College and University Centre
Wirral Metropolitan College
Worthing College
York College



Get involved in 2027

Whether you educate, lead, have competed or can help drive impact in skills, there is a way for you to make a difference with WorldSkills UK.

Discover how you can support our work and help more young people accelerate their skills and readiness to enter the world of work.

Develop excellence through our competition programmes

Use local skills competition briefs within your curriculum

Improve how you measure learner progress with ready-made local competition briefs across a growing range of skill areas. If nothing in the library fits, we can build a competition brief with you. Access our Local Skills Competitions library

Enter your learners and apprentices in the next competition cycle.

With 37 competitions across digital, creative, engineering, health, hospitality, and lifestyle sectors, including eight Foundation Skills competitions, there's an opportunity for everyone to test their skills and build their confidence for work. Express your interest for the 2027 National Competitions

Are you a former competitor?

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