



Stevenson College Edinburgh Host Live WorldSkills Event

The Business and Computing Faculty at Stevenson College Edinburgh hosted a regional live heat of the accounting technician competition as part of the WorldSkills UK challenge on Thursday 9 April.

The accounting technician competition reflects aspects of an accounting technician's role and provides an invaluable opportunity to test skills nationally against teams to promote excellence within industry.

Stevenson College Edinburgh achieved success last year in the competition when two students won gold in the ITC Networking Challenge. Head of Business and Computing Hamish Irvine said:

"We are delighted have hosted the live heat at Stevenson College and hope our students will achieve the successes of previous teams. These competitions are vital to students' development as they allow them to utilise their skills, in a high pressure setting."

WorldSkills UK is the UK's premier set of skills competitions for young people and adults. Their main aim is to help raise the standards of training and performance at work by strengthening the contribution of skills competitions to the UK economy.

WorldSkills UK is supported by government, the Devolved Nations and a host of other partners across business, industry and the world of education and training. Prime Minister Rt Hon. Gordon Brown said:

"Ensuring that the UK has a skilled workforce is fundamentally important to our future economic growth and recognising and developing talent is a vital part of that. What these young people have achieved with their commitment and determination to do well is outstanding and it has placed them as superb role models."

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Notes to Editors

- WorldSkills UK is a set of dynamic skills competitions, for both young people and adults, designed by industry experts. They run every year in over 70 skill areas from floristry to engineering.
- WorldSkills UK competitions run both regionally and nationally each year in the UK. Some WorldSkills UK competitions can lead to WorldSkills, where there is an opportunity to compete on an international level.
- Outstanding WorldSkills UK finalists maybe considered for potential inclusion in a shortlist for the team that goes on to represent the UK at a WorldSkills Competition. Stevenson College student Calum La Croix won gold in Microsoft competition in 2008 and has the opportunity to join the British team at the Worldskills competition in Canada in 2009, an international competition held every two years, where 51 member countries meet and compete in 40 different vocational skills.

Stevenson College Edinburgh is one of the largest further education Colleges in Scotland and is home to some 17,000 students, of which over 3,000 are full-time (2007/08 academic year). They offer a range of courses from Introductory courses and NQs (National Qualifications) through to HNDs (Higher National Diplomas) and Degree Foundation. They have a variety of study modes available from full-time, part-time, day release, evening, e-learning and open learning.

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