

The Skills Show Experience – London 2014

The Skills Show Experience is supported by The Skills Show, the European Social Fund and the National Careers Service. The Skills Show Experience is a nationwide programme of over 220 events throughout the year extending the impact of The Skills Show and inspiring over 200,000 young people across the country, unlocking their potential and shaping their future. All of The Skills Show Experience London events will offer 14 to 25-year-olds opportunities to take part in Have a Go activities, witness competitions and performances by talented students, meet local employers and receive careers advice from the National Careers Service. The specific themes of each of the events are described below.

Webpage: http://www.londoncolleges.com/en/Find_a_college/the-skills-show-experience--london-2014.cfm

1. The Skills Show Experience at College of North West London, 26 March, 9am – 7pm

Venue: College of North West London, Willesden Centre, Dudden Hill Lane, London, NW10 2XD

Themes: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects, also Hair and Beauty, Care, Hospitality, and Arts. Activities involve Engineering, Science, Construction trades, Electronics, Computing, Robotics, Digital & Web Design, Automotive Engineering, Environmental Technologies, Photography, Salon Services and more.

Description: The event will bring over 20 career paths to life through competitions and Have a Go challenges. Visitors will see what working and studying in areas such as construction, robotics, hairdressing, engineering, electronics, computing, health care, photography or forensic science is really like.

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2. Aspire – The West London Skills Show Experience, 4 April, 10am – 4pm

Venue: West Thames College, London Road, Isleworth, TW7 4HS

Themes: Creative & Media; Travel and Tourism; Engineering; IT - networking and apps

Description: The event will open young people's eyes to the many different careers and exciting opportunities available to them across West London, now and in the future. It's a chance for young people to meet around 50 top employers such as Sky, Premier Inn, London Heathrow, GSK and many more. Young people will be able to apply for job vacancies and apprenticeships on the spot and will be able to Have a Go at activities ranging from Barista, horror make-up, to building a bike.

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3. The Skills Show Experience @ Barking & Dagenham College, 30 April, 9am – 7pm

Venue: Barking & Dagenham College, Rush Green Campus, Dagenham Road, Romford, RM7 0XU

Themes: STEM, including Digital Industries, Engineering and Motor Vehicle, Creative Industries, Hospitality & Catering; Construction & Hair & Beauty, Health & Social Care. The event will include London Heat of the Skill Build (Construction) and South East Regional Heat Skill M& E (Mechanical & Engineering Competitions.)

Description: The event will showcase the range of employment and career opportunities that vocational qualifications and schemes such as Apprenticeships can unlock. Visitors will be able to explore a variety of subjects ranging from Construction and Green Technologies to Hospitality and Theatrical Make-Up as well as support young people taking part in skills competitions such as SkillBUILD and Skill M & E (Plumbing and Electrical).

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4. The Skills Show Experience, 8 May, 11am – 7pm

Venue: South Thames College, Wandsworth Campus, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 2PP

Themes: Music, Media, Performing Arts, Games Design, Hospitality and Catering, Sports, Construction Trades, Hair and Beauty, Business and IT

Description: Visitors will be able to try out a range of skills in areas including hairdressing, music and performing arts, beauty therapy, media, games development construction and sport. Visitors can also take part in *Enterprise Challenges* aimed at developing new or budding entrepreneurs. There will also be competitions for visitors to take part in or watch for inspiration, including the heats for the official games development WorldSkills UK competitions.

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5. Digital Skills Summerfest and Arts Shows, 3 July, 10am – 6pm

Venue: Hackney Community College, Falkirk Street, London, N1 6HQ

Themes: Digital Technology, IT, Creative Media, Fashion, Hospitality tech, Arts.

Description: The Digital Summerfest and Arts Shows at Hackney Community College is part of the Digital Summer Camp 2014 and the Skills Show Experience. The day will showcase the increasing range of skills and careers that utilise digital technology. The event is situated in the heart of Tech City - Europe's fastest-growing technology hub. Visitors can also view media and art exhibitions and the annual high-profile fashion catwalk show.

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