# NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER-TEAM 2013

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LOT HAS HAPPENED AT THE WORLD SKILLS 2013 HEADQUARTERS IN LEIPZIG! IN THIS NEWSLETTER, WE HAVE GATHERED INSIGHTFUL INFORMATION FOR YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH OUR MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS!

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THIS INFORMATION. IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

SINCERELY HOPING YOU ENJOY READING THIS NEWSLETTER, YOUR VOLUNTEER-MANAGEMENT-TEAM!

Since the beginning of June our application form is available and every interested person has the possibility to become a volunteer at the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 event until February 2013. Spread the word to all your family and friends. Tell your people about the chance of becoming a part of the WorldSkills family as a volunteer.

#### THE FIRST VOLUNTEER-INTERVIEWS ARE DONE

Since October 1<sup>st</sup>, we have begun to invite and conduct interviews with the first applicants in our Headquarters at Leipzig, since we would like to get to know you as soon as possible. In those interviews, you also get the opportunity to ask your own questions, and to learn more about WorldSkills and the volunteer program. Moreover, we have the chance to discuss the various volunteer



















specialization areas, and possible working areas – we strive to find the best volunteer job for each applicant.

During the interviews period we are supported by our volunteer assistants, and we will introduce you to the support team in the next newsletter. After the first interviews, we, together with our volunteer assistants, are impressed and delighted by the variety of personalities who have applied and whom we have had the honor to meet and get to know so far. As diverse as you are, you are already connected by an enthusiasm to participate in this mega-event, and to contribute to the World Championships of professions.

In case you are still waiting for your invitation to your own volunteer-interview, we kindly ask you to be patient, since we are just in the process of screening all incoming applications.

Please make sure to check your application via our volunteer web portal <u>www.volunteers-wsl2013.com</u> if your application data is complete (you can see this via the 100 percent info on your starting page): Please be aware that we can only invite you to an interview if your application is completed.

As soon as you receive an invitation from us, you can choose an interview appointment via our volunteer web portal. In case you should not be able to find a suitable interview date, we strive to add new interview appointments to our calendar constantly.

Moreover, we would like to offer applicants outside of Leipzig the opportunity to present themselves to our interview team. For this reason, we will be offering special weekend-interview appointments regularly.

#### Following our next weekend interview appointments are:

- November 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Saturday/Sunday
- November 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Saturday/Sunday

You will find the exact time slots in the calendar of our volunteer web portal.















Our international applicants from all over the world will also have a chance to get to know us, and vice versa. Starting December 2012, we will conduct telephone and/or Skype interviews with our applications from abroad and who are not currently living in Germany. We will inform you about the procedure separately.

### **GET TOGETHER! - OUR WSL-VOLUNTEER-HOTSPOT**



VOLUNTEER**TEAM** 2013 The is continuously growing, and, starting in the month of November, we are happy to invite you to our exclusive "Volunteer Hotspot". Every second Wednesday of a month, you will have opportunity to meet other the applicants and to get to know the

team of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH.

Starting 6 pm, the historical Leipzig student meeting point "Moritzbastei", located in the center of Leipzig, has reserved an exclusive meeting point for us. There will be offered a "Special Drink" to a reduced price. Moreover, all participants of the Hotspot will be granted free entry and access to the "ALL YOU CAN DANCE"-Party in the Moritzbastei from 9 pm to midnight.

So, save the (next) Date:

1<sup>st</sup> WSL-Volunteer-Hotspot on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012, 6 pm, at the Moritzbastei in Leipzig

You can also save already the dates for the following HOTSPOTs: + + + 10.12.2012 + + + 09.01.2013 + + + 13.02.2013 + + + 13.03.2013 + + +

















# WORLDSKILLS LEIPZIG-TEAM PRESENTS ITSELF -PART II

#### Team Technical (2/2)

In the preceding newsletter, we have already been presenting the first part of our Technical Team. Now, you will get to know the other colleagues of this department – and, who knows, maybe you will soon meet Andreas, Kerstin, Therese or Jörn at our first Volunteer Hotspot in the Moritzbastei Leipzig.

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We will continue to introduce the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 team in the next volunteer newsletters.















#### **REVIEW: EUROSKILLS SPA-FRANCHORCHAMPS 2012**

As announced in the previous newsletter, from October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>, the EuroSkills Spa-Franchorchamps 2012 took place at the race tracks of Spa in Belgium. Some team members of the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH were also there to gain an impression of what it means to organize such a magnificent event.



Notably from the perspective of WorldSkills Germany e.V., the European Championships of professions were resoundingly successful. On the three competition days at the venue of the racing track, the European elite of professionals (until the age of 25) competed in 44 professional disciplines to acquire the European title and awards of excellence. Among 400 participating professionals from the disciplines of handcraft and technology, one girl and 24 boys from Germany represented the team of WorldSkills Germany. The young people are trainees industry, handcraft and services, and gained 6 gold-, 4 bronze medals, as well as 7 excellence awards.

Apart from winning a gold medal in their discipline the team of "mobile robotics", consisting of Martin Reichert and Steve Urban, received not only the















Albert-Vidal-Award for the "Best of Nations", because of the best result in the German team, but also the prize as "Best European" during the medal ceremony.

Daniel Hartmann (Light Vehicle Technician) was awarded second place and runner-up in the overall ranking of score winners of all participants and professional disciplines. "Out of our 25 German participants, 22 were awarded a medal or an award of excellence. Within the national ranking, Germany has reached 5th place, which is a wonderful achievement", concluded an overjoyed delegation leader, Elfi Klumpp, executive member of board of WorldSkills Germany. "The excellent preparation, as well as the wonderful cooperation of participants and their experts has been fruitful. We would like to express our gratitude and would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the excellent performance of our team. We have also left a very good impression, and made a good performance in the competition: The performance of Spa was an excellent "test drive" for the upcoming World Championships of professions 2013 in the city of Leipzig.



The CEO of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH, Hubert Romer, confirmed that team Germany has achieved "an excellent accomplishment and positioning on the













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way to the World Championships of professions in Leipzig. Herewith, we can gain excellent impulses for upcoming WorldSkills 2013 in Germany. We also recognize that we are at an excellent stage of preparations in Leipzig."

Furthermore our team organized an event at the EuroSkills and invited representatives of the entire WorldSkills Family as well as their partners. Jos de Goey (president of the WorldSkills Europe), Elfi Klumpp (CEO World Skills Germany) and Hubert Romer (CEO WorldSkills Leipzig 2013) welcomed the guests and introduced the current strategies for the upcoming world championship next year. The get-together gave everybody the opportunity to share their experience and deepen the networks with potential partners. Everybody is already looking forward with high expectations to the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013.

# TEAM LEADER WORKING GROUP - AGAIN A TIME TO MAKE FRIENDS IN LEIPZIG

From October 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, the Team Leader Working Group took place in Leipzig. For this event, the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH welcomed representatives from eight countries all over the world in the trade fair city of Leipzig, who will also accompany the team from their country next year.



















The team leaders from the following countries gained information on the present organizational stage, and could gain an immediate impression of the host city of Leipzig:

Steven Low aus Singapur, Luc Morin from Canada, Lilja Sæmundsdóttir from Iceland, Marcelo Coelho de Mendonça and Fabiano Bachmann from Brazil (host of WorldSkills São Paulo 2015), Rachel Wallace from Australia, Ahmed AlBakhit from the United Arab Emirates, Pia Hegner from Denmark as well as Andreas Kuri and Saskia Eggert from Germany.

The team leaders enjoyed a special appearance within the announcement of school partnerships ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY. In front of a curious audience, the team leaders could report from their own experience at WorldSkills competitions and draw the first pairings.

# ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY - DRAWING OF SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

We proudly welcome the participating schools for our ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY program of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013! During the Team Leader Working Group the drawing of the school partnerships took place. Overall 55 elementary schools from Leipzig and the surroundings applied for being partner of a participating nation or region.



"The goal of the partnership program ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY is to foster the intercultural competence of each student. At the same time, we will be creating a space for international encounters, and we will demonstrate the vital













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importance of language skills", states Kjell Eberhardt, Director of Educational and Political Affairs of WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 GmbH.



ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY has a long tradition of being part of the World Championships of professions. During their regular class schedule, the students will get to know the customs, the geography and the language of their partnership country. The highlight will be the visit of the

national team in the school, as well as the school visit of their partner at the WorldSkills Leipzig 2013 event. Brunhild Kurth, the State Minister of Saxony for cultural realms, is the patroness of the program.

Ralf Berger, Head of the regional Leipzig branch of the Saxonian Educational Agency, is counting on the school contributions with various innovative ideas, and their work with their partnership country that will prepare the event: "During the Leipzig application process, I had the opportunity to experience WorldSkills in London. The ONE SCHOOL ONE COUNTRY activities I had the honor to experience were truly inspiring. This will be an enriching experience, since our schools will serve and participate as true and valuable partners. Starting this day, the school-country partnership program will start to blossom and thrive."

So guys, this was a short review paired with hot news from our last weeks.

See you until our next Newsletter and if there are some questions, don't hesitate to contact us

Your Volunteer-Management-Team

















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