

# World Skills Conference

2018 Amsterdam

600 people - 78 Countries – Inspiring World Skills Development

# The Canadian Team – BC and Manitoba



# Theme of the Conference

- **Uniting For Youth: Building Networks for Innovative Skills Solutions according to the Goals of Worldskills: **Inspire, Develop and Influence****
  - 2 Key notes
  - 18 Workshops
  - 18 In Depth Sessions
  - 8 Business Visit Options
  - Several Networking Opportunities

# Conference Welcome and overview of The Dutch Way – Triple Helix education system

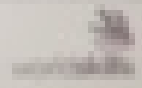
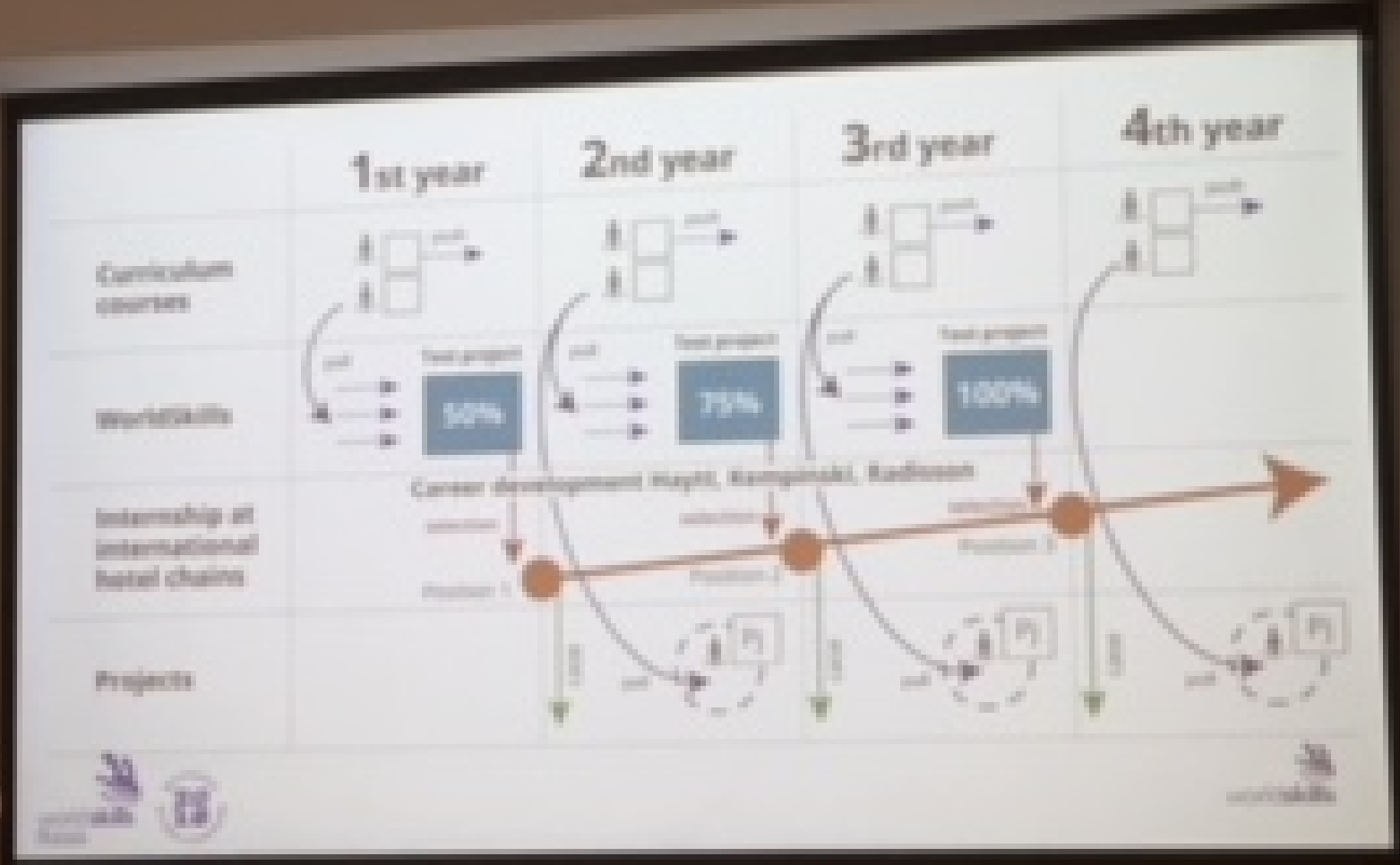
- Combines Education, Industry and Government
- Government provides funding for regional Labor Market Plans to each region
  - Focus is to profile Skills Events as part of the plan to inspire youth within a region based on local labour market needs
  - Focus is also on Skills Alumni – story telling and inspiring youth – maximizing past competitors
    - Research indicates a high percentage of Skills Alumni excel in their fields as Company owners, managers, teachers and experts.

# Workshop – X Factors - How to get more results from Skills Competitions

- Focus on Secondary Teachers
  - Tips and Tricks for Teachers (development of curriculum and assessment tools)
    - Using Skills Competitions as a classroom tool
    - Report includes best practices from Finland and the UK – pilot projects to be completed 2020
    - Tool kit development for educators – curriculum implementation and assessment methods
    - E-learning package for teacher training programs
    - Shifting message away from the focus on “competition” to “Learning Experience”
    - Consider how to improve and increase student motivation and reward students that register in competitions including offering training support for students to prepare for competitions
- Focus on Industry
  - Companies implement skills competitions with employees
  - Offer industry training to become World Skills experts
  - Diversify membership at competitions to include both Industry and Post Secondary

# Workshop – WorldSkills in Universities – Russia Examples

- Moscow Polytechnic University
  - Project – Redesigning educational programs and curriculum using WorldSkills Standards
    - CAD Competition – Engineering Bachelor students all complete the WorldSkills Competitions – in class preparation for the competitions
      - Industry sponsored competition that leads to employment opportunities
- MIDIS – Private Training Institution
  - Implemented WorldSkills framework in Bachelor Degree programs using assessment standards developed through WorldSkills collaboration.
  - Offer online competitions in Fashion Design, Graphic Design and Food Design



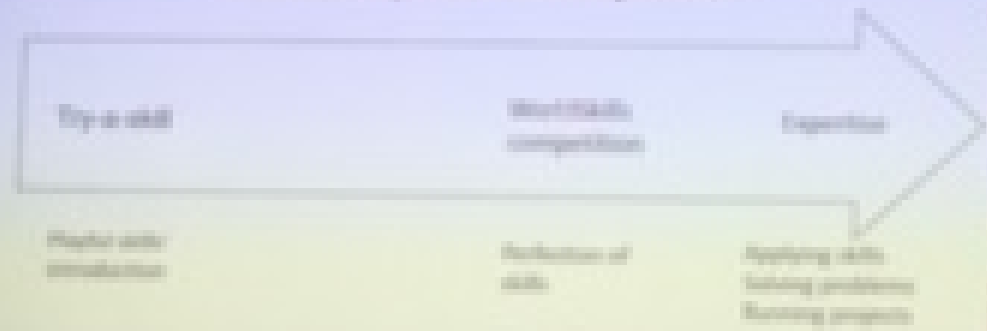
## Workshop – WorldSkills for Juniors (14-16)

- Russia making a case for the implementation of a WorldSkills Junior Competition series
- Canada is well positioned to participate with this age group as we currently hold Regional and National Junior Competitions
- The challenges: finding common ground with specific contest specialties and travel arrangements/costs for this age group

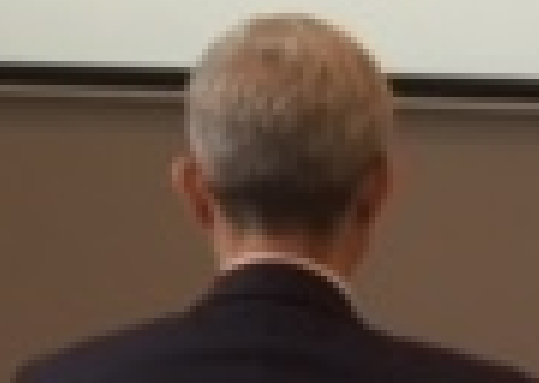


# WorldSkills Juniors: career inspiration and opportunity for teenagers to find their drive and passion for the future

## The development of competence



- The gap**
- How to know about skills?
  - How to choose?
  - How to try it at a school context?
  - How to be used?



# Workshop – The Holland Alumni Network: How to build successful alumni networks with international experience?

- Enroll youth early in the alumni network
- Find out what students want (ie. sharing experiences, career opportunities)
- Include partners in the network (PSI, Government and Industry)
- Get students involved a volunteers
- Holland Alumni Network is a national alumni strategy – online platform – website that is interactive to ensure engagement
  - Features – find alumni tools, help alumni connections, new and events section with option for partners to add content, forums with specific themes, career opportunities
  - Considerations – how to make participation valuable to the alumni – invitation to participate, ability to stay connected to other competitors after the competitions to create community; need enthusiasm and messaging from all stakeholders to support alumni; add a Champions Forum
  - Other ideas: Ambassador program to encourage competitors to stay involved as mentors to new competitors; “BC Champions” promotion – creates loyalty; industry sponsorships

# Business Visit - Westpoort Sloterdijk VET College

Toured facility and met instructors and 3 students shared their stories  
Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Technician programs



# Notes from the BC Delegates

Thank you Skills BC for supporting our attendance at the 2018 World Skills Conference! We were inspired by the dedicated and committed participants and presenters of the conference.

- The conference highlighted the need for Canadians to get behind **WorldSkills standards** and their development – not just **Skills** development - many countries are working towards being the best in the World maximizing World Skills Competitions and initiatives!! Really inspiring!!
- This conference also provided an opportunity for Skills BC board members to network with our Canadian colleagues and support Skills Canada

# British Columbia – Team Canada Members Preparing for World Skills Kazan 2019 Update

- Skills Canada BC is working to ensure that the seven (7) competitors, from British Columbia, who are eligible to compete for a spot on Team Canada, have the mentoring and coaching they need to win their competitions.
- The BC Government has expressed an interest in promoting BC competitors who will be competing in Russia, in 2019.
  - In 2017, in Abu Dhabi, Skills Canada BC became aware that BC competitors who were competing for Team Canada hadn't received much in terms of support from the Skills Canada BC organization to help them prepare for this international competition.
  - As a result, planning is underway to ensure that all BC competitors who secure a spot on Team Canada are provided with the support they will need to achieve the highest possible result in their competition areas.

# World Skills Conference Kazan - Aug 23-24 2019

- How can we train an agile generation of skilled young people for the future? How will they stay relevant in the face of economic, social and technological transformations?
- WorldSkills believes that skills make a difference. That skills change lives.
- From big data; to new education eco-systems - megatrends are shaping the future of skills and the future of our industries, our work, and our societies.
- At WorldSkills Conference 2019 industry leaders, policy-makers, education and training providers, researchers, and changemakers will turn Kazan into an international incubator for innovative solutions for change.
- Bring your influence to create skills-based solutions that will inspire and develop young people everywhere.