**Welsh competitors named best in UK at WorldSkills final**

More than 105 Welsh competitors represented Wales at the national finals of the WorldSkills UK competitions, WorldSkills UK Live, and may go on to compete internationally.

Team Wales won a total of 15 gold, 19 silver, 12 bronze and 6 highly commended medals at the event which took place at Birmingham’s NEC between 15th and 17th November.

Wales also had one nominee shortlisted for the WorldSkills UK Local Hero award – Nicola Grant-Rees from Gower College Swansea.

WorldSkills UK Live, formerly known as The Skills Show, is designed to celebrate the achievements of young people in a variety of skillsets from patisserie and restaurant service, to web design and welding.

This year saw more than 450 competitors from across Great Britain compete to win medals for their respective countries and have the chance to represent the UK at the 2021 international finals in Shanghai, China.

Commenting on Team Wales’ success, Eluned Morgan, Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning said: “WorldSkills UK Live is a great event and reflects the outstanding young people we have across Wales.

“Each year Wales pushes the competition further and provides an amazing variety of talent from across the nation.

“This stage in the competition is highly competitive, so to get this far shows how talented these young people are and deserves to be celebrated.

“To come home with 52 medals to their name is a huge achievement that Team Wales can be very proud of.”

WorldSkills International takes place in cities around the globe and is the largest international skills competition. The next international WorldSkills Competition takes place in 2019 in Kazan, Russia and then in 2021 in Shanghai, China.

WorldSkills is supported by the Welsh Government and the European Social Fund, to promote the importance of a highly-skilled workforce for the future.

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**Cystadleuwyr Cymraeg wedi’u henwi fel y gorau yn y DU yn rownd derfynol WorldSkills**

Bu dros 105 o gystadleuwyr o Gymru yn cynrychioli Cymru yn rownd derfynol cystadleuaeth WorldSkills UK, WorldSkills UK Live, ac mae’n bosib y byddant yn mynd ymlaen i gystadlu ar lefel ryngwladol.

Enillodd Tîm Cymru 15 medal aur, 19 medal arian, 12 medal efydd a 6 o fedaliynau rhagoriaeth yn y digwyddiad a gynhaliwyd yn NEC Birmingham rhwng 15 a 17 Tachwedd.

Cynlluniwyd WorldSkills UK Live, a arferai gael ei alw yn The Skills Show, i ddathlu cyflawniadau pobl ifanc mewn amrywiaeth o setiau sgiliau o patisserie a gwasanaeth bwyty, i ddylunio gwefannau a weldio.

Eleni, bu dros 450 o gystadleuwyr o bob cwr o Brydain yn cystadlu i ennill medalau i’w gwledydd ac mae ganddynt gyfle i gynrychioli’r DU yn rownd derfynol ryngwladol 2021 yn Shanghai, Tsieina.

Wrth sôn am lwyddiant Tîm Cymru, dywedodd Eluned Morgan, Gweinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes: “Mae WorldSkills UK Live yn ddigwyddiad gwych ac yn adlewyrchu’r bobl ifanc arbennig sydd gennym ym mhob cwr o Gymru.

“Bob blwyddyn, mae Cymru’n gwthio’r gystadleuaeth ymhellach ac yn darparu amrywiaeth anhygoel o dalent o bob cwr o’r wlad.

“Mae’r cam hwn o’r gystadleuaeth yn gystadleuol iawn, felly mae cyrraedd mor bell â hyn yn dangos pa mor dalentog yw’r bobl ifanc hyn ac mae angen dathlu hynny.

“Mae dychwelyd gyda 52 o fedalau yn gamp heb ei hail y gall Tîm Cymru fod yn falch iawn ohoni”.

Cynhelir WorldSkills International mewn dinasoedd ledled y byd a dyma’r gystadleuaeth sgiliau ryngwladol fwyaf. Bydd y Gystadleuaeth WorldSkills ryngwladol nesaf yn cael ei chynnal yn 2019 yn Kazan, Rwsia ac yna yn 2021 yn Shanghai, Tsieina.

Mae WorldSkills yn derbyn cefnogaeth gan Lywodraeth Cymru a Chronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop, i hyrwyddo pwysigrwydd gweithlu hynod fedrus ar gyfer y dyfodol.

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