

Inclusive Skills

Young people with disabilities and learning difficulties got to show off their skills in the Inclusive Skills competition at the NEC, Birmingham.

Natspec, in partnership with Derwen College and the Association of Colleges, supported by WorldSkills UK, was thrilled to have taken a growing selection of Inclusive Skills competitions to this year's Skills Show: Carpentry - Entry Level 3, Catering - Entry Level 2, Health and Social Care - Level 1, ICT - Entry Level 2, Media, Level 1.

Regional heats were held across the country over the course of 2016, with the top-scoring competitors seizing their place within the national finals at the show.



"This is such an important area of work for us and we will continue to push forward the programme for inclusive skills to be recognised at a national and international level," said Louise Keevil, Natspec Inclusive Skills Manager.

"Students with learning difficulties and disabilities have a huge amount of potential to offer employers and we want to make these skills as accessible as possible for employers.

"Everybody that is in learning should have the opportunity to be the best that they can be. All of those reasons why national competitions are good for mainstream young people, apply to everybody, including people with a learning difficulty or disability."

This achievement is another step within the Inclusive Skills journey. This week in order to drive forward the inclusive skills agenda Louise will be meeting with other European countries to consider a joint European project for vocational skills for adults with learning disabilities and difficulties.