

Competition Brief – Horticulture 2018

Date

Date and location of regional heats to be confirmed.

Entry Requirements

This competition is for learners working at Entry level 3.

Participants must be 16 years of age or over.

A statement of support that outlines any individual needs of the participant within the competition must be submitted along with entry form.

Maximum of 3 competitors per organisation may enter.

Competition Task

Participants will be required to prepare a Seasonal planter.

This competition will test participant's knowledge and skills in the following areas:
Health and safety, horticulture, garden design, creativity, plant knowledge and planting skills.

Participants will be given 1hr to prepare and present a seasonal planter.

The competition will require each participant to:

Task 1

- On paper...
 - Draw a plan/design of the planter, highlighting a theme for the planter.
 - Indicate on the plan/design where each plant selection will be placed
 - Include a planting list (a selection from the master plant list), a key for the design and reasons why you chose to include particular plants in the design

Task 2

- Practical assessment...
 - Demonstrate horticultural health & safety while constructing the planter
 - Construct the planter according to your plan/design
 - Clear away equipment and clean down work area ready for the presentation
 - Present you planter to the judges, explaining your selections/choices of planting and plants
 - Demonstrate after-care of the planter, explaining what you would have to do to extend the life and vigor of the planter

Your competition host will have a selection of 8 plant available from this master plant list

- Box
- Carex
- Chamaecyparis
- Cordyline
- Pteris Fern
- Ivy
- Pansy
- Primrose
- Polyanthus
- Viola
- Bellis
- Seasonal Bulbs

Participants must provide their own uniform and PPE.

All plants, pots and compost will be provided. The pot will be 30cm diameter

Marking and Assessment

Competitors will be marked against the criteria:

- Plan/design of planter
- Health and safety
- Maintenance of work area
- Correct use of tools
- Preparation of the planter
- Planting skills (Correct depth and facing)
- Appropriate density of planting.
- Appropriate combination of plants (height/spread/ longevity and match with theme)
- Details of aftercare.

Additional information

- Participants will receive a health and safety briefing at the start of the showcase.
- Participants will start and finish work as instructed by the judges.
- Participants must provide their own tools and PPE (at a minimum this is to include gloves and should include safety boots/shoes).
- Plants and equipment (unless stated) will be provided.
- Participants will have 1hr to complete their tasks.
- A statement of support that outlines any individual needs of the learner within the competition - i.e.: support with communication etc. will need to be completed by the day prior to the competition.
- Participants who arrive late will not receive additional time.



- Participants will start and finish work as instructed by the judges.
- If there is a power stoppage, breakdown of equipment or accident, the participants must act accordingly to the instruction of the organiser.
- If during the competition a participant feels they must leave their work (e.g.: medical reasons, toilet break), they will have the time recorded on a 'time out' sheet by a member of staff.
- No mobile telephones are allowed in the showcase room.
- The judges' decision is final.
- Photographs will be taken during the event that maybe used for marketing/publicity purposes – if the participant / support staff cannot have their photo taken it is the responsibility of the college to notify the organisers beforehand and at the event.
- If a participant / support staff have any dietary requirements or allergies please notify when completing the competition application.
- Participants must only receive agreed support that is outlined in their support statement. Support that is deemed to be outside that given in the support statement could result in the participant being disqualified from the competition.
- Please advise your competition host prior to the event how many support staff will be accompanying the participants from your organisation.

If you require further information, please contact

<p>For information specific to this regional competition, contact your regional competition lead: TBC</p>	<p>For information about the content or technicalities of the competition, contact the national competition lead:</p> <p>Phil Tremayne General Manager Association of Professional Landscapers Phil.tremayne@hta.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 07808775175</p>	<p>For general information about Inclusive Skills Competitions,</p> <p>Louise Keevil the Inclusive Skills Manager at Natspec. email: louise.keevil@natspec.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0115 854 1322</p>
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