

Using competition activity in the vocational curriculum

**with learners with special
educational needs and
disabilities**



Introductions

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Aims



- How competition activity can be used to strengthen the vocational curriculum, helping learners on a path to employment
- Explore a newly developed competition activity toolkit and get practical ideas on how to get started with competition activity
- Planning to enliven the curriculum through use of competition.



What is skills competitions activity?

Any task where a **measured objective** or **subjective judgement** can be made could be a competition

Why?

- Raise aspirations
- Improve learners' skills and employment prospects
- Strengthen learning programmes
- Introduce an element of excitement into the vocational curriculum



How?

A toolkit that includes:

- Guidebook
- Video
- Sample briefs and marking schemes, along with templates
- Self assessment and personalised learning plan templates
- Invitation for employers
- Everything you need that will help you design and run competitions in your setting



What could the competition activity look like?

It can range from in-class to national competitions. From competing against yourself for a personal best to taking on learners from across the country.

Activity:

- Using the competition activity pyramid (guidebook page 4) consider what could be beneficial in your organisation
- Discuss your thoughts with the person sat next to you
- Feedback to the group – sharing ideas



What next?

Are there barriers and if so how could we overcome them?

- CPD
- Support
- Networks

Thank you
Rob and Louise
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