

Teacher and Guidance Counsellor Information Pack

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Teacher and Guidance Counsellor Information Pack.

We're excited to welcome you and your students to WorldSkills Ireland 2024! While WorldSkills Ireland competitions have been running since the 1960s, in 2017, a decision was made to highlight Skills, Apprenticeships, and Further and Higher Education opportunities in Ireland. This led to the creation of the WorldSkills Ireland event at the RDS. Now in its fourth year, the event is set to be the largest yet, with over 30,000 students, teachers, guidance counsellors, and parents already registered to attend.

The opening times for the event are:

Wednesday, 25th September	9am – 12 noon & 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday, 26th September	9am – 12 noon & 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Friday, 27th September	10.30am - 1.30pm

WorldSkills Ireland 2024 will take place at the RDS Simmonscourt Complex. We are running this event alongside our neighbours, Higher Options 2024, which will be held in the RDS Main Hall Complex.

This information pack is designed to make your and your students' experience as smooth and rewarding as possible. Inside this information pack, you'll find everything you need to plan your visit to WorldSkills Ireland 2024.

Please note, we have a waiting list of schools hoping to attend fully booked time slots, so we encourage you to find the registration confirmation email we recently sent and confirm the day and time slot you selected for your visit to WorldSkills Ireland 2024. It's important that all allocated slots are used. If your school is unable to attend, please inform us as soon as possible so we can offer your slot to another school on the waiting list. To adjust your group size or cancel your registration, please email info@worldskillsireland.ie.

For a full list of FAQ's click here or simple email us on info@worldskillsireland.ie

We look forward to welcoming you and hope WorldSkills Ireland 2024 will inspire and guide your students as they explore their future opportunities.

Kind Regards The WorldSkills Ireland Team

MINISTER'S **WELCOME**

Welcome to WorldSkills Ireland 2024, an event which has Imagination and Innovation as its cornerstone. WorldSkills celebrates the best in Irish talent, shining a light on the exciting possibilities that lie ahead for all learners.

WorldSkills Ireland presents a valuable opportunity for skilled young people countrywide to meet and showcase their abilities. Sharing their experiences and skills provides real encouragement and support to those learners visiting WorldSkills who may be thinking of joining an apprenticeship programme.

As Minister for Further and Higher Education I have prioritised growing the education options for skills-based careers. Apprenticeships are now on the CAO website and there is a dedicated apprenticeship helpline where you can get advice.

Over the next few days, I invite learners, teachers, parents and guidance counsellors to enjoy the competition and visit as many areas of the exhibition as possible. There are so many possibilities and some career paths you may not even have thought of for your future pathway to work.

There are more than 160 finalists competing in over 30 challenges displaying their expertise and craft.

You will also have an opportunity to try out careers with the interactive "Try A Skill" tasks. It's a great way to discover what is for you by giving it a go.

This includes demonstrations of latest exciting technology in AI and Virtual Reality along with the latest advances in sustainable and green technologies.

Ireland is a young, vibrant country and the skills we are fostering will encourage innovation, grow our economy and make Ireland more competitive on the world stage. Collectively, we can make a positive impact and use our skills to build a better tomorrow.

I hope you all enjoy and discover all the opportunities available at this vear's WorldSkills at RDS Simmonscourt. Dublin.



PATRICK O'DONOVAN Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and

YOUR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS



HEROES STAGE:



NATIONAL COMPETITION FINALS:





CAREERS ZONE:

Visit 50 of Ireland's most progressive employers who are ready to recruit, will also be in attendance to talk through training and apprenticeship opportunities. Don't forget to check out our dedicated 'Careers in Motoring' and 'Careers in Construction' areas too!



#ThisIsFET ZONE:

Try over 30 skills for yourself and speak to the experts at the #ThisIsFETZone. Get ready to experience the most exciting and innovative skills such as, cake decorating, tree cutting, robotics, 3D printing, pipe fitting, make-up and prosthetics, prop design and virtual welding.



EDUCATORS' ZONE:

Turn your passion into a rewarding career. Make sure to drop by the Educators' zone to meet and chat with many of the top education providers including every ETB across Ireland, to get informed about the amazing opportunities available.



PLAN YOUR VISIT: GET READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED DAY!

WorldSkills Ireland 2024 is more than just an event—it's a celebration of skills, apprenticeships, and careers! From hands-on demos to career zones and meet-and-greets with employers, you'll be spoilt for choice. Whether you know what you're looking for or just exploring, here's everything you need to plan for a great day:

Your 6-Step Checklist for Success!

1) Review your Registration:

Please locate the registration confirmation email to note which day and timeslot you selected your group to attend. As 3 out of 5 time slots are now fully booked, it's essential that every allocated slot is used. If your school is unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. This will allow us to offer your slot to another school eager to participate and on our waiting list. Please email info@worldskillsireland.ie if you wish to amend a group booking size or cancel your registration.

2) Plan ahead:

Spend some time with your students going through our pre-event activities and checklists. We also have a 5 minute highlight video available to view as a group before your visit to WorldSkills Ireland 2024 which explains what to expect when you arrive. We highly recommend watching this, especially if your students haven't attended before. Plan which panel discussion your students want to hear from on the Heroes Stage and review the list of companies / education providers they would like to speak to at the Careers' Zone, Educators' Zone and #ThisIsFETZone – check out the floorplan <u>here</u>, which can help get the lay of the land before vou arrive.

3) Check out the National Competition Finals:

Over 170 of the top apprentices in Ireland are competing in over 30 competitions at the RDS. Do you know anyone competing in the National Finals? Make sure you stop by the competition area so you can cheer them on and see for yourself what an apprenticeship within that skill could entail. The winners of each competition will go on to represent Ireland in the Skills Olympics in 2026.

4) Try a Skill:

Speak to further education experts at the #ThisIsFET zone and celebrate the diversity of opportunity and value that skills-based jobs can bring. While you are there, try out a new skill - there will be a lot on show including make up artistry and prosthetics, animation and video production, cake decorating, advanced manufacturing and virtual welding, to name but a few.

5) Win:

Amazing prizes with MTU our 2024 Pocket Guide Sponsor. From Laptops and Smart Watches to Ipads and Bluetooth Speakers, don't forget to pick up your pocket guide when you arrive to take the MTU WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Challenge! For more information, check out the pre-event activities and checklist page.

6) Teacher Focus:

The Institute of Guidance Counsellors (IGC) are the Official WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Education Partner. The IGC will host a panel discussion on the Heroes

Stage on Thursday 26th September at 10:00am and we encourage all teachers and Guidance Counsellors attending Thursday Morning time slot to attend this panel discussion. We will be recording this discussion and will share with all schools post event.

Fact File: Ahead of your arrival

Travel & Parking Info:

- With over 30,000 students expected to attend, the RDS will be pedestrianised to allow visitors to move between each venue quickly and easily.
- In order to accommodate the high number of student visitors attending on coaches, we have a no visitor car parking onsite policy.
- Coach Parking: Each school will be emailed a pass ahead of the show with details on where to park.
- Upon arrival, an appointed teacher must proceed to WorldSkills Ireland registration area to check in and receive their wristbands before returning to the bus to distribute to students.

Food & Drink:

There will be a range of food trucks outside similarly to last year such as Eddie Rockets, Camile Thai, Zambrero, Pizza and Kiosk. We also have a café for those who wish to purchase food at the event and a dedicated lunchroom upstairs for any students who bring a packed lunch with them. Vouchers can be pre ordered before the event for the outdoor Food Trucks at a cost of €16. This will cover a Main and a Drink at any of the Food Trucks. If you want to avail of lunch vouchers for the outdoor food trucks, please email johnh@madigan.ie

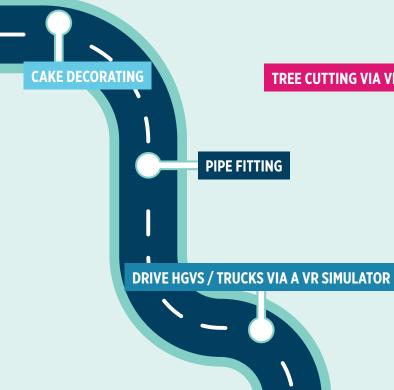


#ThisIsFET ZONE

LEARN WITHOUT LIMITS

Explore the #ThisIsFETZone which will house all 16 Education and Training Boards (ETBs) from across Ireland! Learn all about Further Education and Training and discover the amazing skills and apprenticeship opportunities they have to offer.

Think you need a university or college degree to start out on your dream career? Well, think again! At the #ThisIsFET zone at WorldSkills Ireland, you'll learn about the huge number of apprenticeships that are currently on offer across Ireland, including access to new progressive pathways through further education and higher education through tertiary courses.



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Covering an array of industries, from nursing to advanced manufacturing, there are a huge number of apprenticeship programmes available to help you navigate the next steps and move closer to securing your dream job.

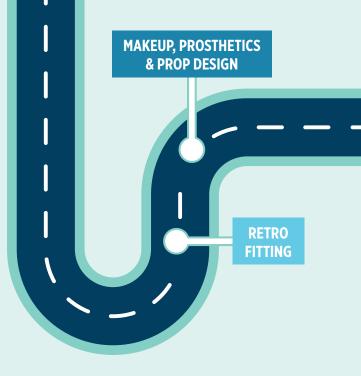
As well as being able to gain advice from industry experts at the Try-A-Skill area, you'll be able to try your hand at anything that sparks your interest including film and television, sustainability, engineering and cookery - we have dozens of the most exciting and innovative skills to choose from with real live demo areas onsite



PIPE FITTING

TREE CUTTING VIA VR

HEALTH SKILLS INCLUDING NURSING & EMT



Carve out your dream career path and visit the **#ThisIsFET zone at Worldskills Ireland 2024!**

VIRTUAL WELDING





OVER 30 LIVE COMPETITIONS

160 students and apprentices are set to compete across 32 National Skills competitions for a chance to win the prestigious skills medals alongside an opportunity to represent Ireland at Worldskills Lyon 2024.

The categories and associated competitions are:

AUTOMOBILE & HEAVY VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY



- Automobile Technology Construction Plant Fitting
- Heavy Vehicle Maintenance

CONSTRUCTION



- Architectural Stonemasonry
- Bricklaying
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry Electrical Installations
- Joinery
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering and Drywall Systems
- Plumbing & Heating
- Digital Construction BIM

CREATIVE ARTS



• Beauty Therapy

- Hairdressing
- Visual Merchandising

MANUFACTURING **& ENGINEERING**



- Industrial Insulation
- Industrial Control
- Industrial Mechanics
- Metal Fabrication
- Polymechanics Automation
- Toolmaking
- Sheetmetal Work
- Welding



"In today's world, the notion that a university degree is the only route to success is being challenged. Many careers that once seemed exclusive to university graduates can now be accessed through tertiary courses, from nursing to advanced manufacturing, the options are vast, and the opportunities are growing.

"At WorldSkills Ireland, we are committed to celebrating the diverse range of skills careers and apprenticeships available in Ireland, from National competitions to offering insights into the numerous pathways young people can pursue, the three-day show is an opportunity to explore, learn, and see firsthand the dynamic, future-proof careers that are available right now."

in the years to come."

"A skills-based career or apprenticeship is not just an alternative; it's a rewarding path that can lead to a fulfilling and very successful future. As the landscape of education and employment evolves, apprenticeships are no longer seen as a secondary option but as a dynamic choice that provides realworld experience and job readiness.

"However, we acknowledge that there is still work to do in changing attitudes towards skills-based careers. It's vital to understand that these paths are not only viable but essential to the Irish economy. Skilled trades are the backbone of our infrastructure, innovation, and growth. Choosing this route is not just about securing a job; it's about building a career that is both valuable and future-proof.

everyone to thrive."

HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



- Craft Butchers
- Cookery
- Restaurant Service

- ICT
- Digital Construction BIM
- Logistics and Freight Forwarding
- Cloud Computing
- Cyber Security
- Digital Infrastructure Design Mechanical Engineering CAD



Ray adds: "We hope to inspire the next generation to consider apprenticeships and skill-based careers as not just a choice, but as a brilliant, forward-looking career path that can lead to success and satisfaction



RAY ENGLISH Chair of WorldSkills Ireland

"Whether you're unsure of your next steps, didn't get the grades you hoped for, or are simply drawn to a more hands-on, practical approach to learning, I encourage you to explore the wealth of opportunities available through apprenticeships and skills training. The future is bright, and there's a place for



DONAL KEYS Joint Chair WorldSkills Ireland National Competition



HEROES STAGE





RORY'S STORIES







AOIFE COMERFORD Chef Network





GARETH MCGRANE Chadwicks



CONOR BRANNIGAN DFHERIS



LIAM RYAN







COLIN WALSH SIMI

Volkswagen Group Ireland

Emma grimmis DFHERIS









CAROLINE BYRNE Fáilte Ireland



AMANDA FENNELL Autodesk



EVIN COUGHLAN Team Ireland EuroSkills 2023 Bus Eireann

'The full Heroes Stage timetable will be published on our website. We will notify you when this is complete. For more information on the Heroes Stage, click here.

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GETTING TO THE RDS

There is comprehensive traffic management plan in place for WorldSkills Ireland 2024 and The Irish Times Higher Options. This plan involves input from the RDS, Security Suppliers and the Gardai.

In order to accommodate the high number of student visitors attending on coaches to both events, we have no car parking available onsite. Therefore, the recommended mode of the travel to those not attending via Coach to the RDS each day is by Public Transport.

For more information on Public Transport Options to the RDS click here

Coach Traffic Management Plan



Traffic is being managed by Garda, Freeflow Traffic, Frontline Security, & APOCA (RDS). Coahces/Buses will be told to approach the RDS and Simmonscourt Road from the Anglesea Road.

Simmonscourt Road will be coned off by the Garda. Teachers/Group leaders should print the relevant bus pass within this teacher pack and place it at the front of bus for arrival. Two bus pass options are available:

- 1. Schools attending Higher Options first (BLUE)
- 2. Schools attending WorldSkills Ireland 2024 first (PINK).

All buses will be directed into Simmonscourt via the Embassy Gate/ Gate N. If buses are dropping off, they will be show to the drop off point inside the carpark.

If a bus has a BLUE pass, it will be instructed to park in the designated area and to follow the blue route to Higher Options.

If a bus has a PINK pass, it will be instructed to park in the designated area and to enter direct to WorldSkills Ireland in Simmonscourt.

Buses will be numbered upon arrival into Simmonscourt and parked according to length of stay (full or half day). All traffic into Simmonscourt will exit via Shrewsbury gate.



Pedestrian Plan



There will be two manned pedestrian routes through the RDS complex:

- i. BLUE Route going to HO
- ii. PINK Route going to WSI

These routes will be manned by Freeflow Traffic and Frontline security.

There will be one entry point into RDS main complex – Gate M

There will only be one exit point from RDS complex – Gate L

There will be one crossing point manned by the Garda at Wiley Gate into Simmonscourt Complex

What to do when you arrive to the RDS



Arriving via Bus:

Teachers are instructed to leave students on the bus, Head to the registration area alone, check-in and retrieve their students wristbands, distribute wristbands on the bus, and then the group enter together via the pink route.

Arriving via walking:

Groups will follow the pink route, the teacher will leave the students in the temporary holding area, go inside to the registration area and check-in to retrieve their students wristbands, distribute wristbands, and then the group enter together.

TEACHER FOCUS



This year, the Institute of Guidance Counsellors was announced as the official education partner of WorldSkills Ireland 2024. This collaboration underscores the critical importance of skills development in future-proofing Ireland's workforce and maintaining the nation's competitive edge on the global stage. The partnership also ensures that attendees will have access to comprehensive career advice and guidance, helping them make informed decisions about their futures. There are now diverse and progressive pathways for learners, enabling progression across and between different institutions. Further Education and Training Colleges, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Tertiary Courses offer a huge variety of ways in which people can reach their full potential. Guidance Counsellors are there to help people make the right decision and choose the right direction to go in. Contact them through Schools, Adult Guidance Services, Further Education and Training Centres and see more information on our website www.igc.ie

Catríona Rodgers, President of The Institute of Guidance Counsellors for 2024, expressed her enthusiasm for the collaboration: *"We are delighted to be named the official education partner of WorldSkills Ireland. This collaboration signifies a tremendous opportunity to inspire and guide our youth towards dynamic and rewarding career paths in skill-based jobs and apprenticeships. By championing the importance of hands-on learning and practical experience, we are committed to nurturing the next generation of skilled professionals, who are shaping the future of our industries.*

"Events like WorldSkills Ireland are crucial in celebrating and promoting talent and showcasing the vast array of opportunities available with employers right across the country."

CATRÍONA RODGERS IGC President



More and more people are choosing Generation Apprenticeship to build their careers – here's why'

A transformed apprenticeship system in this country has opened up careers and skills development options for school leavers and career seekers of all ages and backgrounds. Now with over 70 diverse programmes under the 'Generation Apprenticeship' banner, there is a career option for everyone.

Ireland is proud to have apprenticeship options front and centre in its education and training system. Craft apprenticeships for the construction, electrical, engineering and motor industries continue to be hugely important and vibrant options. Alongside these, there are now more than 50 apprenticeships introduced over the past 5 years, from cybersecurity and software development, to international financial services, wind turbine maintenance, horticulture and farming and so many more. New programmes are continuously being launched and the range of choice continues to grow.

Not only do apprenticeships offer a pathway into a career where skills are in high demand, but they offer the opportunity to 'earn and learn'. Apprentices earn a salary while in training. And they access practical work opportunities with an employer alongside learning off-the-job.

You can speak directly with the National Apprenticeship Office team at WorldSkills Ireland 2024.

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DR MARY-LIZ TRANT Director of the National Apprenticeship Office





PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES & CHECKLIST

1. WorldSkills Ireland 2023 Highlight Video

WorldSkills Ireland 2023 was a huge success where over 24,000 students, teachers and parents attended. This year, we have over 32,000 visitors registered to attend the RDS in 2 weeks time. Play this video in class to your students before your visit to WorldSkills Ireland 2024, to get a better understanding of what your students will experience at the event. Click the image below or scan the QR to watch the WSI 2023 Highlight video on Youtube now:



2. WorldSkills Career Personality Quiz

The WorldSkills digital quiz measures and analyses personalities, as well as provides information about jobs that are most interesting for young people to build their career.

The Quiz takes less than 10 minutes. Students can tell us about their skills, what they like to do, and then they can discover jobs which that might interest them and match with their personality and skill sets (current or future). It's a fun quiz which can help your students get to know themselves better and can be shared with friends.

Results will be anonymous unless decided to share them with friends. The input collected through this quiz will also remain anonymous.

Share this Quiz Link with your students to complete: https://survey.worldskills.org/

(or) Print the QR code for your students to scan themselves.

Take the career personality quiz now. Scan here



3. Checklist of what to visit at WorldSkills Ireland 2024

Competitions:

- Automobile Technology
- Construction Plant Fitting Heavy Vehicle Maintenance
- Architectural Stonemasonry
- Bricklaying
- Cabinetmaking
- Carpentry
- Electrical Installations
- Joinery
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering and Drywall Systems
- Plumbing & Heating Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Uisual Merchandising
- Craft Butchers

Educators' Zone

	DSD PRODUCTION
	Public Jobs
	FIT (Fastrack Into Information Tec
	ATU
	MTU
	TDNE
	Griffith College
	National Hairdressing Apprentices
	TUS
	St Andrews Education and Trainin
	TU Dublin
	University of Limerick
	South East Technological Universi
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Educators' Zone

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	Kerry ETB
	Donegal ETB
	GRETB
	KWETB
	LMETB
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	LCETB
	DDLETB
	KCETB
	CMETB
	WWETB
	TipperaryETB
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Print off these activity sheets for your students to build a checklist of who to ensure to visit and talk to at WorldSkills Ireland 2024

Cookery Restaurant Service Digital Construction BIM Logistics and Freight Forwarding Cloud Computing Cyber Security Digital Infrastructure Design Mechanical Engineering CAD Industrial Insulation Industrial Control Industrial Mechanics Metal Fabrication Toolmaking Sheetmetal Work Welding

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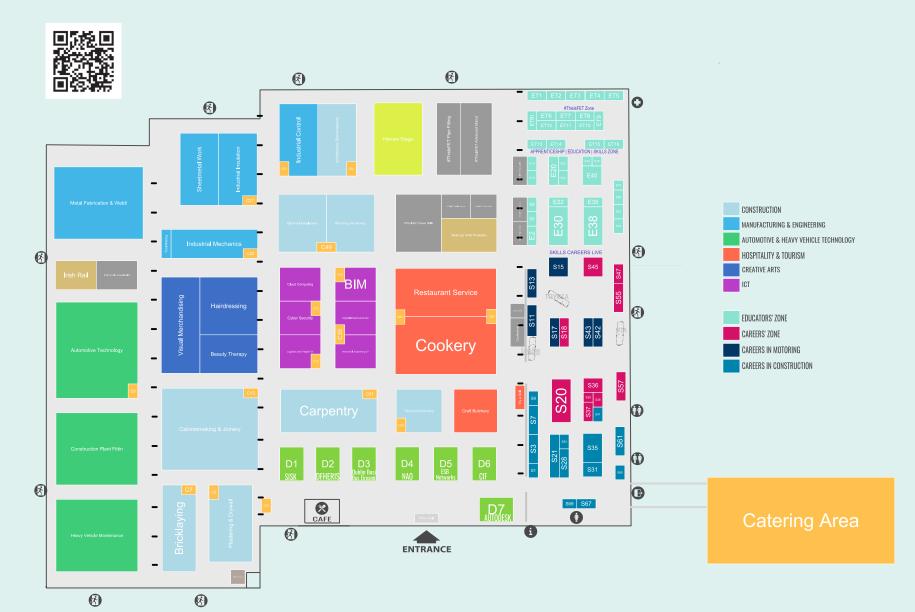
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STS Group	
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Kilsaran	
Designer Group	
Dornan Engineering Ltd	
CJK	
Kirby	
Clancy Construction	
Suir Engineering	
John Paul Construction	
Crewit Resourcing Ireland	
Mount Lucas /Scaffold Apprenticeship	
Defence Forces Air Corps	
Atlantic Aviation Group	
Dublin Aerospace	
Freight transport As/logistics association	
Tourism Careers – supported by Failte Ireland	
MABS	
Hardware Association	
Bord Na Mona	
AWS in communications	
Parentline	E47
Mellon educate	E50
Didactic Services Ltd	
"Bowsy.com"	
Independent Motor Sector	S17
SIMI	S43
Kia Motors	
Toyota	
Scania	
Volkswagen Group Ireland	

PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES & CHECKLIST

4. Get the lay of the land before you arrive

Review the event layout with you students before your arrive to WorldSkills Ireland 2024. We have a live and interactive floorplan in which you and zoom in and out, search for educator providers by name or search by area. To get familiar with the floorplan layout, study the image below before you arrive to the RDS.

If you wish to access this on your phone or computer, scan this QR now.



5. Heroes Stage Timetable

The Heroes Stage is a must-attend feature at WorldSkills Ireland 2024. We run multiple panel discussions each day which cover a range of Industries from Construction and Hospitality to ICT and Automotive. Hear from current apprentices on how their career journey is going since leaving school as well as Industry Heroes on how they began their as an apprentice and worked way up the ladder. We're delighted to announced that we will have Rory's Stories guest speaking on the Hereos Stage at 11am.

The Heroes Stage Timetable will be published on the website. Scan the QR to access.



Rory's Stories

6. WIN amazing prizes with our **Pocket Guide Sponsor, MTU**

MTU WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Challenge

Get ready for an exciting competition hosted by our WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Pocket Guide Sponsor, Munster Technological University! They will be giving away fantastic prizes over the next 3 days to kickstart an incredible school year for your students. MTU is a dynamic hub for education, research, innovation and collaboration. It offers over 140 courses from apprenticeships to PhDs. For more information visit www.mtu.ie

Prizes include:

- iPad 9th Gen 10.2-inch Wi-Fi 256GB silver.
- Huawei Band 8 55020ANQ, Smart Watch/ Fitness Tracker, Pink
- Samsung Tab A9 SMX110NZXXEUB, 8.7", 64GB, Galaxy Tab, Graphite
- HP 14SDQ0034NA, 14", Intel Celeron, 128GB SSD, Laptop, Black
- Huawei Watch Fit SE 55020BEG, Medium Smart Watch Black
- Sony SRSXB100L, Portable Bluetooth Speaker, Blue
- Sony SRSXB100L, Portable Bluetooth Speaker, Black
- JBL CLIP4 ECOBLU
- Sony WFC500WCE7, In-Ear Wireless Bluetooth Headphones, White
- Avita Pura NS14A6IEG431CB, 14" AMD A6, 4GB/128BH, Laptop, Pink

To enter the MTU WorldSkills Ireland 2024 Challenge, participants must answer a list of questions. Answers to these guestions can be found throughout the event. Make sure you pick up a Pocket Guide on your way into the event to take the MTU WorldSkills Ireland 2024 challenge!

Once complete, submit your entry at the MTU WorldSkills stand E40. Correct entries will be entered into hourly raffles, with winners announced on the MTU website.

Good Luck!



Avita Pura NS14A6IEG431CB, 14" AMD A6, 4GB/128BH, Laptop, Blue





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