

Press Release

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Invitation for Nominees to Attend TVET Youth Forum

The 44th biennial **WorldSkills Competition** will be held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on October 14 – 19, 2017. During that same period, on October 14th – 15th, young people from around the world will also gather to attend the first ever **International TVET Youth Forum** to discuss the future of technical and vocational education and training (TVET). TVET is education for the world of work.

The TVET Council (TVETC) Barbados is therefore inviting young persons in the 18 – 24 age range, who are currently enrolled, or, have graduated from TVET institutions, to nominate themselves for the chance to become one of these youth leaders who will help to champion the future development of TVET.

Education and training institutions, whether public or private, are also being invited to nominate two young persons (*n.b. one male and one female*) who are enrolled in TVET programmes to participate in this exciting opportunity.

The ideal candidate must be able to meet the following criteria:

1. Be in the age range 18 – 24 during April to December 2017
2. Be either enrolled or a graduate of a public or private TVET institution (*e.g. SJPP, BVTB, BCC, BIMAP*)

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3. Be able to communicate well in English
4. Be open to other opinions and cultures
5. Be willing and able to participate fully in the International TVET Youth Forum
6. Have an awareness/understanding of the needs and issues surrounding topics such as Skills Development, Education and Training, Employment, Innovation, Industry 4.0, Entrepreneurship, Green Economy, Global Citizenship, Happiness and Tolerance.
7. Have a valid passport.

The deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**. Nominations can be made by submitting a cover letter - briefly explaining the nominee's perspective on at least two or three of the topics listed above - and Curriculum Vitae by visiting www.worldskillsbarbados.org.bb.

Up to 300 young people from countries around the world, of which 150 will represent WorldSkills member countries including Barbados, are expected to gather in Abu Dhabi to share ideas and opinions on the global development of TVET. Among other things, they will participate in several think tanks on topics ranging from Innovation, Industry 4.0, Entrepreneurship, Green Economy and Global Citizenship to Happiness and Tolerance.

The **WorldSkills Competition** is a unique, live, biennial competition which is hosted by the WorldSkills International, the global hub for skills excellence and development. WorldSkills is a global organisation that promotes vocational, technological, and service oriented education and training. It promotes skilled careers in 75 Member countries and regions, all working with youth, educators, governments, and industries to help prepare the workforce and talent of today for the jobs of the future.

The **WorldSkills Barbados Competition** targets students in the 16 –21 age group who are enrolled in TVET institutions. In May 2016, the TVET Council organized the third biennial WorldSkills Barbados Competition. The four

winners Tinisha Hall (Culinary Arts), Akeil Craig-Browne (Automotive Technology), Takiya Jordan (Hairdressing) and Roshida Griffith (Garment Making) will comprise the first ever team to represent Barbados at the international WorldSkills Competition; **WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017**.

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