

INTRODUCTION VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SKILL COMPETITIONS BY THE STUDY PATHS

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INTRODUCTION

- The purposes of Study Paths were to use skills competitions as a support for educational and career decision-making of the students in basic education.
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- The idea of the Study Paths was risen in the St. Gallen World championships
- **Main questions:**
- “How can the visitors take in everything this massive event has to offer in a matter of few hours?”
- “How can students and their counsellors and teachers use skill competitions as a tool for vocational and career planning?”



WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION HELSINKI 2005

- The international skills competition for young top talents - World Skills Competition - held in Helsinki in May 2005 formed the first framework for the Study Paths.
- The aim was to offer a new and meaningful approach through which young people can become acquainted with vocational know-how and training



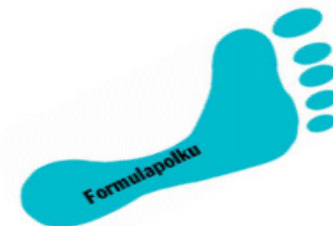
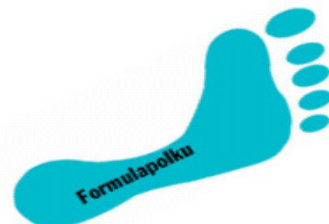
THE STUDY PATHS WITH MATERIALS WERE OFFERED BY THE COMPETITION SITE

- Five Study Paths with background materials were planned at the competition site.
- The students visit to the event were structured by the Study Paths
- The Study Paths provided information on education, training and career options for supported educational and career decision-making.



THE STUDY PATHS

- The names of paths are formulated in an interesting way for the teenagers
- Concrete symbols are used: footmarks and colours
- THE SERVICES PATH
- THE FORMULA PATH
- THE AESTHETICS SAFARI
- THE CITY PATH
- THE TECHNO PATH



THE STUDY PATHS WERE CONTINUED IN THE NATIONAL SKILL COMPETITIONS

- The Study Paths with the net-based exercises have been provided four times in Finland after the WSC 2005
Helsinki
- Tampere 2006
- Joensuu 2007
- Espoo 2008
- Vaasa 2009
- Oulu 2010
- Kuopio 2011



MEANING OF THE MATERIALS

- The pre-material and information are useful before Skill Competition
- The results show that the advance material is useful and it was structured a visit to the skills competitions.



THE CONSELLORS WERE FOUND ONE NEW WAY IN THEIR PRACTISE



- The counsellors were able to use Skill Competition as a support for their guidance
- The Skill Competitions offered new opportunities for educational and career counselling of the students
- It was needed co-operation between organizer and schools



THE STUDENTS GOT MORE INFORMATION FOR THEIR CHOICES

- The students noticed the Skill Competitions had a positive correlation to their career choice
- The students got a realistic view of vocations and the needed qualifications



MORE SIMPLE, MORE BETTER

- Starting point of the Study Paths was important
- Arrangements at the starting point of the Study Paths were very essential



THE STUDY PATHS ARE ONE PART OF THE SKILL COMPETITIONS

- After the WorldSkills 2005 the Study Paths have been permanent part of the national skill competitions
- The handbook, how to organise the Study Paths, has been published
http://www.skillsfinland.com/julkiset/taitaja9/Opintopolkukasikirja2009_1.pdf
- The Study Paths are an excellent example of the co-operation between SkillsFinland and JAMK University of Applied Sciences
- There exists the theory and practice with a good blending



THANK YOU, MORE INFORMATION

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