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University of Derby captures the moment

University of Derby has invited students throughout the East Midlands to take part in a series of master classes to help raise their game and enable them to take on the rest of the world at UK skills events.

The Digital Photography and High Definition Video Tasters are just two of over 60 master classes to be held across the East Midlands from 12 May 2008, with the rest planned over the coming months. The aim is to inspire talented young people to improve their vocational skills and learn about specialist opportunities in their chosen careers.

The classes are open to young people already demonstrating an interest in the photography and filmmaking worlds or pursuing an Apprenticeship in the creative arts arena. Each student will experience first-hand demonstrations and one-to-one support by expert tutors during the class. The learners chosen to attend the master classes will gain an insight into the skills required to work at the highest levels in their profession.

Scott Knight, acting coordinator of the Creative Exchange, said: "I am delighted that we are bringing the master classes to the University of Derby. This event will provide local trainees with an opportunity to explore new skills and I am sure that they will enjoy the challenge. The students will have the opportunity to use our excellent facilities and gain a greater understanding of the demands of the industry."

The programme of UK Skills master classes is funded by the Learning and Skills Council; Derbyshire area director, Mick Brown, said: "The UK participates in prestigious vocational skills competitions and it is hoped that some of these learners may have the opportunity to compete at a national level in the UK World Skills competitions or to represent our country at the next World Skills event in 2009. These master classes can be a stepping stone to global competitions and are an exciting opportunity for young people."

Ends

Other master classes being held at the University of Derby:

Digital Photography Taster	12 May 2008 10.00am – 4.00pm
	13 May 2008 10.00am – 4.00pm
High Definition Video Taster	22 May 2008 10.00am – 4.00pm
	23 May 2008 10.00am – 4.00pm
Skills Olympic for Food Preparation	16 May 2008 10.00am - 3.00pm
	16 May 2008 10.00am – 2.00pm
Skills Olympic for Food Service	16 May 2008 10.00am – 4.00pm

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The University is home to a diverse community of over 20,000 students from the UK and overseas. Subjects offered to students include a wide range of disciplines in Arts, Design and Technology; Business, Computing and Law; and Education, Health and Sciences, all leaders in their field.

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UK Skills is a not for profit organisation which champions skills and learning for work through competitions and awards. The organisation was established in 1990 with the primary purpose of raising skill levels in the UK through skills competitions and managing the UK team, which competes in the WorldSkills competition. In recent years we have widened the scope of our operations to include management of the National Training Awards and organising of skills related events. www.ukskills.org.uk

The master classes are open to a selection of trainees from across the region. There is also information on all local master classes - that range from motor engineering at Silverstone race track to beauty therapy with some of the UK's top hair stylists. www.fcte.co.uk

