

Patricia Fox from Aralia Garden design commented:

'I am thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to design for such a prominent & rewarding competition, designing for such a small space is never easy but I look forward to the challenge, and wish the contestants the very best of luck'

The landscape gardening competition is part of a set of over 70 skills competitions called WorldSkills UK which are run UK wide, in association with UK Skills. Every year the landscape gardening competition attracts, on average, 50 competitors from colleges and industry. Competing within regional heats; those scoring highest are invited to compete in a National Final.

The 2010 regional heats will be hosted as a live feature of: Malvern Spring Gardening Show and Gardening Scotland (funded by the Scottish Government). Malvern Autumn Show will host the national final. Attracting over 180,000 visitors between them, these venues provide an excellent publicity platform to showcase products and skills to the horticulture and landscape industry.

Outstanding national finalists across the UK may then be considered for inclusion in Team UK. The UK compete in the biennial International Worldskills competition where almost 1200 competitors from around 50 countries compete to win medals . This year at WorldSkills Calgary 2009, the Landscape Gardening team won a medallion for excellence.

The next International Worldskills competition will be held in London 2011 between 5th October and 2010 is the last year people can enter to be in with a chance of competing with Team UK in front of a home crowd.