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According to WHO statistics, there are **490 million** people with hearing impairments in the world.

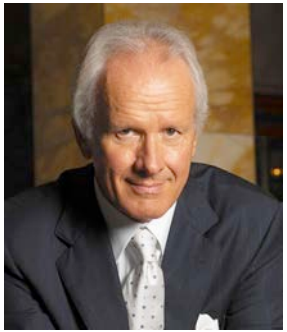
According to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), there are **70 million** sign language speakers in the world.

According to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), more than **80% of people** with hearing impairments do not have any education.

The issue of the development of education and professional rehabilitation of people with hearing impairments is relevant on a global scale.

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History of success



Roberto Enrico Wirth *(Italy)* is a hotelier, owner and manager of the five-star hotel Hassler.



Marlee Matlin *(USA)* is an actress, she became the first and only deaf actress to receive an Oscar for Best Actress.



Adam Kosa *(Hungary)* is a politician, a member of the European Parliament.



Alexey Nashivochnikov *(Ukraine)* is an architect, the author of several stations of the Kiev underground.



Dmitry Barulin *(Russia)* is an animator, designer, head of animation studio Deafilm, where deaf are working.



Vladimir Orlov *(Russia)* is a businessman. Now he has 50 employees, almost all of them people with hearing disabilities.

What to do?

An effective tool for the development of vocational education, career guidance and employment, motivation of young people, as well as raising the level of professional skills are the **championships** of professional skills: **WorldSkills** (*among young people, International WorldSkills championships have been held since 1950*) and **Abilympics championships** (*among disabled people of all categories, International championships have been held since 1981*).

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But

Deaf people in the **WorldSkills** championships are practically not involved. In the **Abilympics** championships, the participation of the deaf is negligible *(about 5% of competitors)*.

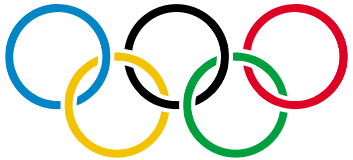
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Reasons for that:

- The communicative features of the deaf are not taken into account;
- The role of sign language interpreters in conducting mass events is not taken into account, the experts (judges) are not prepared to interact with a deaf person;
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- Age restrictions do not allow graduates of correctional schools to participate in the WordSkills championships;
- Most of the Abilympics tasks are too easy for people with hearing impairments and championships does not solve the problem of finding employment for the deaf in the open labor market.

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An example of separation is the development of the Olympic movement



Olympics
since 1896



The Paralympics
since 1960



Deaflympics
since 1924

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What is DeafSkills?

- **A system of vocational guidance and educational activities** aimed at improving the accessibility of education for deaf and hard of hearing people, their employment and changing the stereotypes of society about the capabilities of people with hearing impairments;
- **The system of professional skills championships for people with hearing impairments** (deaf and hard of hearing) with tasks according to world standards WorldSkills as an institute for the development of vocational education that will allow people with hearing impairment to be competitive in the open labor market;
- **A community of experts** in the field of education and work for people with hearing impairment;
- **Development of methodological support** for state and corporate educational organizations (curricula, textbooks, teaching aids, standards, etc.).

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Международная Ассоциация DeafSkills

- Established by public organizations of the hearing impaired (deaf) of Armenia, Belarus, the Netherlands, Moldova and Russia in 2015.

- Now more than 25 countries are involved in the development of the movement.

Purpose of the organization:

development of vocational education for people with hearing impairments around the world and their employment in the open labor market.

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DeafSkills International Association

The Mission

- Increase the commitment of the deaf to professional independence and improve their professional skills.
- To raise up to a new level the public perception of the professional capabilities of the deaf and their participation in social and economic life.
- To support the full integration of the deaf into society, paying special attention to their professional development.
- Promote international exchange and friendship between participants.

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Supported by international organizations:

World Federation of the Deaf (135 countries). A support letter was signed in which priority is given to the International DeafSkills Association for the development of access to vocational education and employment of the deaf.

Rehabilitation International (RI Global) (International Organization for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with offices in all regions of the world).

International movement WorldSkills (80 countries-participants). Cooperation in the development of the expert community.

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Expert community

- **United Kingdom:** City, University of London.
- **USA:** Gallaudet University, University of Rochester.
- **Russia:** Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Moscow State University of Psychology & Education, Kazan National Research Technical University named after A. N. Tupolev, Moscow State Linguistic University, Novosibirsk State Technical University.

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Our strategic goal:

Raise the education of the deaf in the world by 80% by 2050

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Agreement signed with the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)



During the demo championship in Kazan, a historic document was signed – an agreement on cooperation and support between the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the DeafSkills International Association (DSIA).

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DeafSkliis championships have been held in Kazakhstan, Armenia, Belarus and Moldova since 2017

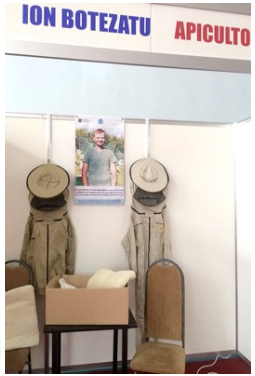












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The first demonstration championship DeafSkills 2017 in Kazan













The first demonstration championship DeafSkills 2017 in Kazan

Kazan (Russia) 28-19 April 2017

71 participants

10 competencies

- Brickwork;
- Laboratory chemical analysis;
- Painting and design work;
- Hairdressing;
- Cooking business;
- Welding technologies;
- Network and system administration;
- Joinery;
- Floristics;
- The photo.

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UNDEF Support

Project theme: **Participation in social processes, independence and employment for young people with hearing impairment in the Russian Federation.**

The culmination of the work under the grant was the holding of the DeafSkills National Professional Skills Championship for young people under 35 with hearing impairment in Kazan on 09-11.12.2021.

The project was implemented with a grant from the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

National championship DeafSkills 2021



First National DeafSkills Championship

- **222** participants from **49** regions of Russia
- **26** professions (list)
- **130** experts
- Guests **from 7 countries**
- **COVID Free** Safe Mode

From December 9 to 11, 2021, the **First National DeafSkills 2021 Professional Skills Championship** was held in Kazan.

The championship is supported by the **United Nations Democracy Fund** (UNDEF) (established by the UN in 2005), the **All-Russian Public Organization of the Disabled "All-Russian Society of the Deaf"**, the **World Federation of the Deaf** (WFD).

List of championship professions

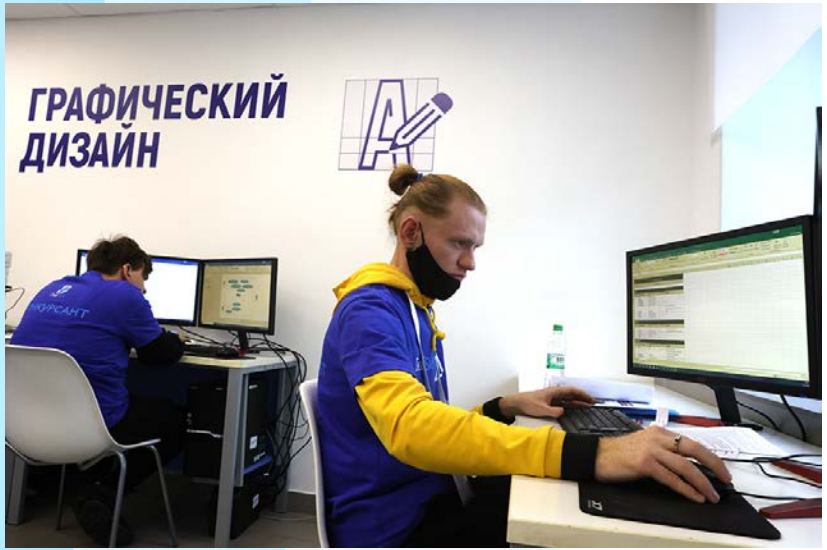
1. Web design
2. Visage
3. Graphic design
4. Decorative arts
5. Character Design/Animation
6. Dental Technician
7. Brickwork
8. Landscape design
9. Painting
10. Furniture maker
11. Multimedia journalism
12. Nail service (manicure)
13. Tiling
14. Hairdressing art
15. Cookery
16. Salesman
17. Software Development
18. Robotics
19. Welding technologies
20. Plumbing
21. Joinery
22. Fashion technology
23. Floristics
24. The photo
25. Wiring
26. Jewelry



System result

- **Over 20 thousand** views online.
- **Database of resumes** of participants of the championship.
- **5 new educational programs** in open access for educational organizations.
- **DeafSkills has been highly praised by experts**
  from the UN and the World Federation of the Deaf and is recommended for dissemination as the best practice for career guidance, improving the quality of vocational education and employment of deaf people around the world.

First National DeafSkills Championship





First National DeafSkills Championship





All-Russian Society of the Deaf

The All-Russian Society of the Deaf has decided to make the **DeafSkills Championship** its annual event

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DeafSkills International Center for Professional Training of People with Hearing Impairment has been established

- The center provides **two-month training programs** with accommodation in a hostel and further employment. Currently, **training is underway in 7 competencies**, by the end of 2022 **heir number will be increased to 25**.
- **International students** can also study at the center.

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Strategic plans for the development of the DeafSkills movement

- Hosting the **DeafSkills Championship** – Asia.
- Holding the **First International DeafSkills Championship** (at least 30 countries) – candidates Finland and Azerbaijan.
- Creation of the **Association of Educational Organizations**, teaching People with Hearing Impairments.

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