

UK YOUNG ROOFERS SWEEP THE BOARD AT 23RD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The UK young roofers have once again proven their considerable talent and skill by walking away with four awards at the 23rd World Championship for Young Roofers which took place last week in Belfast.

The three two man teams from the United Kingdom won the following awards, Matthew Timby and Martyn McAlister took gold for pitched roofing, Mark McAvoy and Neil Armstrong won silver in the waterproofing and Lee Mallin and Alan Fulton came away with silver as well as the coveted Presidential prize for metal roofing. The three teams were mentored before and during the competition by John Lindsay (Metal), David Ormesher (Waterproofing) and Bob Coutts (pitched).

The entire UK team were thrilled with the results as they were the only country to walk away with awards in all three disciplines as well as a Presidential Award. The last time the UK team picked up a medal was in 2005 when the team won a bronze medal in Cape Town and a gold medal dating back to 2000, when the event was hosted in Edinburgh.

NFRC's Chief Executive, Ray Horwood, said: "We are extremely proud of the UK team who performed magnificently. This is particularly heartening as this year, for the first time, the UK publicised the drawings of the roof work some 15 months in advance so allowing all nations to be equally prepared for the competition. The fact that the UK team did so well says much for their expertise and the good work of their mentors. We are very grateful for the strong support given by our manufacturing members and ConstructionSkills in helping to take the training forward."

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