

YOUNG ROOFERS TRIUMPH AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

Preston College played host to the national skills competition SkillBuild, which promotes excellence amongst the UK's young crafts people. The competition is comprised of ten categories of which roofing, managed by National Federation of Roofing Contractors Ltd (NFRC), is one.

During the three-day competition a steady stream of visitors, including a high number of school children, watched the young roofers demonstrate their skills making the final result a close call. The roofing category itself is split into three main disciplines, Roof Slating and Tiling, Roof Sheeting and Cladding and Reinforced Bituminous Membrane. The winners and runners-up were as follows;

Roof Slating and Tiling was won by **Nathan Shaw** of **M.A.R. Roofing Services Ltd**, second place went to **Neil Campbell** of **Crescent Roofing** and third place going to **Jack Wimbush** of **Jackson Jackson & Sons Ltd**.

The Reinforced Bituminous Membrane was won by **Mark Dunn** of **Starfish 9 Ltd**, with **Jordan Lane** of **Lane Roofing Ltd** coming second.

First in Roof Sheeting and Cladding competition was **Craig Owens** of **Topek Ltd** and second was **Kane Scott** of **North East Contracts Ltd**.

NFRC would like to thank all the competitors and tutors for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the entire competition. We also thank the colleges who helped facilitate the learning and hosting regional finals.

Whilst NFRC manages the roofing competition, it's with the continued support of the Federation's Associate Members who kindly provide materials throughout the heats on the run up to the Final as well as support and additional training to the Competitors. This year, this was provided by SIG Roofing and Roofline, Kingspan Insulated Panels, Solarcentury, SFS Intec, Icopal, Sandtoft Roof Tiles, SR Timber and Klover.

The winner of the Roof Slating and Tiling discipline, Nathan Shaw will be presented with an additional prize by the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers, the Mason Elliott Award for Roof Tiling and Slating next year, at their annual awards.

NFRC now turns to the next competition on the horizon, the IFD World Championship for Young Roofers, taking place this coming November in Lucerne, Switzerland. Competitors who have the honour of representing the UK were competitors and winners from previous SkillBuild competitions.

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Notes to Editor:

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