

COMPETITORS SELECTED FOR ROOFING FINAL AT SKILLBUILD

The finalists for this year's SkillBuild competition have now been chosen and we look to the final which will be taking place at Preston College from the 12th – 14th September. Competitors will be battling for first place in the following roofing disciplines; Slating and Tiling, Sheeting and Cladding, Single Ply and Reinforced Bitumen Roofing.

However, for them to have been selected to compete in the finals the trainee roofers had to either go through heats or via an equally tough selection process; all to ensure that they meet the standards required.

Heats for Roof Slating and Tiling were held in Bolton, St Austell, Erith, Birmingham, Newcastle, Leeds, Arbroath, East Kilbride and Inchinnan and in all involved sixty competitors across the four disciplines. All competitors had to tackle a six-hour practical piece of work which was designed to test them for skill, speed and temperament, all qualities which will be needed in the finals.

The heats and the selection process were organised in conjunction with the National Construction College, the Single Ply Roofing Association, and the numerous colleges affiliated with NFRC. The materials were once again kindly supplied by our sponsor SIG Roofing and Roofline.

The roofing competitions at SkillBuild have always had a tradition of being high in quality with competitors coming from all parts of the UK, and to ensure that continues, only those amongst the high scorers will make the finals this year, with a maximum of two per heat going through.

We wish all competitors, their employers and colleges the very best of luck for the finals would encourage all readers to come along to see some of the best young roofers in the UK ply their trade at the finals.

We also thank our manufacturing members for stepping forward to provide materials and support for the final; Kingspan Ltd, SFS intec Ltd, Icopal Ltd, S R Timber Ltd, Sandtoft Roof Tiles Ltd, Klobber Ltd, Solar Century, and once again SIG Roofing & Roofline

The winners will be celebrated at a Gala Dinner in the prestigious Guild Hall, in Preston, on the evening of the 14th September.

To find out more information about the competition and who this year's finalists are go to www.nfrc.co.uk.

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Notes to Editor:

- Images available on request.
- SkillBuild is a highly important national competition that takes place annually aiming to promote excellence amongst the UK's young crafts people.
- NFRC is the UK's largest roofing trade association representing over 70% of the roofing industry by value. NFRC actively ensures that members offer high standards of workmanship and sound business practice through a strict code of practice and vetting procedure, including site inspections and adhering to the Government endorsed TrustMark standards. NFRC also offers training services, technical advice, and represents member interests to the wider construction industry and Government. For more information please visit www.nfrc.co.uk.