

Local Young Roofer Matthew Timby brings home the Gold Medal

Local young roofer Matthew Timby and his team mate, Martyn McAllister from CarrickFergus in Northern Ireland, were officially crowned World Champions in the pitched roofing category at an awards ceremony for the 23rd World Championship for Young Roofers at the Europa Hotel, on Friday evening; hosted by the UK's National Federation of Roofing Contractor's.

A total of 23 two-man teams from 12 countries competed for the distinguished title of World Champion in three different roofing disciplines, pitched, waterproofing and metal. The competition was marked by six international judges working to a specially designed marking scheme, a continual marking process occurring every thirty minutes over a two day period. The competition commenced each day at 8:30am with competitors able to stop for lunch for a thirty minute period and concluded daily at 5pm. Many would be fooled into believing that the team quickest to finish first would be the winners, but in fact the key to success was accuracy and as a result team UK were awarded the Gold Award in the pitched roofing category with Silver going to Germany and Bronze to Austria.

Both Matthew and Martyn were awarded a cheque of €750, a gold medal and a personal trophy to keep, as well as a box of tools from Hilti, one of the competition's sponsors. The main trophy however will be kept at Telford College, Edinburgh where their mentor, Bob Coutts will proudly display their achievement.

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Photo Caption:

Martyn McAlister (Left) and Matthew Timby (right) along with their mentor Bob Coutts (middle) competed at the 23rd World Championship for Young Roofers at the King's Hall, Belfast which was hosted by the UK's National Federation of Roofing Contractors. The two man team walked away with the distinguished title of World Champion in Pitched Roofing.