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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE SKILLBUILD NATIONAL FINAL 2026.

Over the next two days, you'll see construction skills at their very best. Every finalist here has worked incredibly hard to reach this stage, and it shows in the skill, focus and pride they bring to their work.

They also represent the future of the construction industry. What you'll see here is what great training and apprenticeships make possible: turning talent into opportunity and ambition into rewarding careers.

To our finalists, congratulations. Getting here is a real achievement, whatever the result. To our guests, thank you for joining us in celebrating and supporting the next generation of construction professionals.

I hope you enjoy the event and leave as inspired by our finalists as I am.



TIM BALCON

CITB CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMPETITION TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

08.30 – 16.30
COMPETITION

Finalists across ten different disciplines will be competing to be crowned UK champion of their trade. Lunch break between 12.15 – 12.45.

09.00 – 15.00
CONSTRUCTION SHOWCASE

Visit 10 interactive and immersive experience stands. Each one offers a different and unique 'have a go' activity to showcase just some of the amazing careers on offer across the UK construction industry.

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SEND DEMONSTRATION

Come along to Balcony 2 to celebrate the talents of learners with special educational needs and disabilities as they showcase their skills across a range of construction trades in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

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AWARDS EVENING

18.45 - 20.45
INVITE ONLY
Competitor award dinner with 3-course meal.

20.45 - 21.00
OPEN TO ALL
Doors open for award ceremony guests.

21.00 - 00.30
OPEN TO ALL
Our winners are announced at the SkillBuild awards ceremony.



INTRODUCING THE 80 FINALISTS EACH COMPETING TO BECOME THE CHAMPION OF THEIR TRADE



HEALTH & SAFETY

Welcome to SkillBuild. To ensure the safety of all participants and visitors, please follow these important guidelines:

- Stick to the visitor walkways: Please keep to the designated visitor walkways and remain behind the crowd barriers when walking around the competition. Do not enter the competition areas at any time. Only authorised personnel wearing correct PPE will have access to the competition areas.
- No contact with competitors: To ensure the competition is as fair as possible, please refrain from making any contact or communication with the competitors, whether you're an employer, teacher, trainer, tutor, parent, or part of the general public. Breaking this rule may result in penalties and/or disqualification for the competitor.
- First aid: A first aid station is on site if you need it. You'll find it in the main arena, through the doors next to the Plastering competition area.
- Any queries? Head to the organiser's office, located in the main arena. Find it by going through the double doors at the end of the room, just beyond the Joinery competition area. You'll spot a sign above the doorway to guide you.



OVER 1,100 REGISTRATIONS ACROSS 10 CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND 17 REGIONAL HEATS WITH UP TO 8 FINALISTS PER TRADE...

WHO WILL WIN?

OUR SKILLBUILD FINALISTS

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SKILLBUILD

BRICKLAYING FINALISTS



THOMAS HUGHES

BLOOR HOMES

BAY 1



RHYLLAN TAPEREK

STOKE-ON-TRENT COLLEGE

BAY 2



RHYS SHIELDS

FIFE COLLEGE

BAY 3



CHARLIE THOMPSON

YORK COLLEGE

BAY 5



NATHAN GAMBLE

BLOOR HOMES

BAY 6



JACK SMITH

CORNWALL COLLEGE

BAY 7



ALFIE HEAD

LEE MARLEY BRICKWORK

BAY 8



LEAD

JON MELLOR

JUDGE



JED SMITH

JUDGE



KEITH BINNS

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

CARPENTRY FINALISTS



BROOKLYN HUNTER-MCCONNELL

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 1



MATTHEW RUTHERFORD

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 2



JAMES ONIONS

SHREWSBURY COLLEGE

BAY 3



JONAS LEAR

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 4



OLIVER HARRISON

LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

BAY 5



ANTHONY WRIGHT

SUNDERLAND COLLEGE

BAY 6



ROBBIE BUCHANAN

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 7



ODHRAN BARLOW

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 8



LEAD

PAT PHILLIPS

JUDGE



HARRY SCOLDING

JUDGE



DAVE DANCE

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

DRYLINING FINALISTS



CIRO RICCIO

CGR TRADE ACADEMY

BAY 1



JAMES MCCARTHY

ERRIGAL CONTRACTS

BAY 2



HARRISON PRIESTLEY

DSP INTERIORS

BAY 3



BRADLEY GORMAN

ERRIGAL CONTRACTS

BAY 4



JAMES NAYLOR

LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

BAY 5



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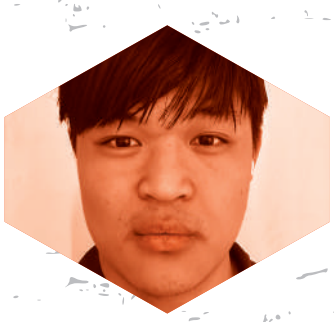
BAY 6



MATTHEW HARRISON

CGR TRADE ACADEMY

BAY 7



METHASIT HANNASAENG

ERRIGAL CONTRACTS

BAY 8



LEAD

DAVID HALL

JUDGE



ZARA DUPONT

JUDGE



DANNY MEREDITH

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

FURNITURE & CABINET MAKING FINALISTS



CONOR SPOONER

BILL CLEYNDERT & COMPANY

BAY 1



TAYLOR SIMPSON

SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 2



MATTHEW DENTON

MOULTON COLLEGE

BAY 3



NOAH PERROTTON

HOWARD BROTHERS JOINERY

BAY 4



BOBBY BYNOTH

COLCHESTER INSTITUTE

BAY 5



AEDDAN BATE

YORK COLLEGE

BAY 6



TAYLOR LEWIS

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 7



MATTHEW PISANO

MOULTON COLLEGE

BAY 8



LEAD

CHRISTIAN NOTLEY

JUDGE



IAN VICKERY

JUDGE



ADAM KEENE

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

JOINERY FINALISTS



OAKLEY WHITE

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COLLEGE

BAY 1



TAYLOR CROOKS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 2



ROSIE PAYNE

PARK FARM JOINERY

BAY 3



IVAN RYSHCHAK

TMJ INTERIORS

BAY 4



MARK WOODS

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 5



KIRA ALLIN

TMJ INTERIORS

BAY 6



CHARLIE FLECK

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 7



LUKE NEWTON

TMJ INTERIORS

BAY 8



LEAD

ANDY PENGELLY

JUDGE



CONOR WILLMOTT

JUDGE



DAVID MARSHALL

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

PAINTING & DECORATING FINALISTS



LEAH KING

DERBY COLLEGE

BAY 1



CRAIG CORCORAN

THE COLLEGE MERTHYR TYDFIL

BAY 2



CHLOE BLACKWELL

BAGNALLS

BAY 3



ELLIE FOX

NEWCASTLE COLLEGE

BAY 4



LIBBI HITCH

SOUTH AND CITY COLLEGE BIRMINGHAM

BAY 5



JOE DEAS

BAGNALLS

BAY 6



IZZY COBBOLD

COLCHESTER INSTITUTE

BAY 7



FAITH LOYNES

BAGNALLS

BAY 8



LEAD

KEVIN O'DONNELL

JUDGE



BEN DEER

JUDGE



JACQUI HAWTHORNE

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

PLASTERING FINALISTS



LUKE QUARLESS
COLEG MENAI LLANGEFNI
BAY 1



ROSS MCDOUGALL
EDINBURGH COLLEGE
BAY 2



DAVID JOHNSTON
SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE
BAY 3



RYAN JONES
COLEG MENAI LLANGEFNI
BAY 4



RONAN PHILLIPS
NPTC GROUP OF COLLEGES
BAY 5



ALFIE DAVIES
THE CITY OF LIVERPOOL COLLEGE
BAY 6



CAMERON MCDOUGALL
EDINBURGH COLLEGE
BAY 7



KADEN DAVIES
NPTC GROUP OF COLLEGES
BAY 8



LEAD

COLIN McCAUGHEY
JUDGE



CURTIS JOHNSON
JUDGE



STEVE SYERS
JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

ROOF SLATING & TILING FINALISTS



JOHN WATSON

S. NIVEN & SONS

BAY 1



CALUM MITCHELL

EXETER COLLEGE

BAY 2



LUKE LEWIS

LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

BAY 3



KIERAN LORD

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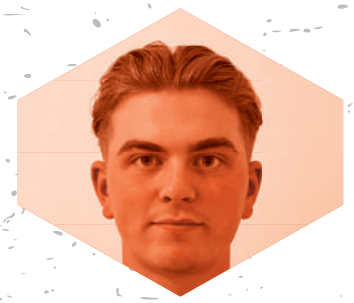
BAY 4



AIDAN PHEE

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE

BAY 5



HARLEY CATCHPOLE

EXETER COLLEGE

BAY 6



BROOKLYN SMITH

NEWCASTLE COLLEGE

BAY 7



RUDI POWCH-SCOTT

EDINBURGH COLLEGE

BAY 8



LEAD

BOB COUTTS

JUDGE



ANDY ROWLANDS

JUDGE



MATT TIMBY

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

STONEMASONRY FINALISTS



SETH MORAN

THE BUILDING CRAFTS COLLEGE

BAY 1



LUKE MCKEE

BATH COLLEGE

BAY 2



NATHAN SCHRIJVER

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND

BAY 3



FRANK BENNETT

BATH COLLEGE

BAY 4



JOSEPH ROWAN

THE BUILDING CRAFTS COLLEGE

BAY 5



ANDREW PYPER

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND

BAY 6



SOL WILDER

BATH COLLEGE

BAY 7



BEN TEALE

HISTORIC RESTORATION LTD

BAY 8



LEAD

JAMES PRESTON

JUDGE



CHRIS BERRIDGE

JUDGE



TOM WHITEHEAD

JUDGE

SKILLBUILD

WALL & FLOOR TILING FINALISTS



JACK ROGERS

NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 1



ALAN HOLUBOWICZ

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 2



JOSEPH MORT

DM TILING

BAY 3



KRISTOPHER MCILRATH

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 4



JAY ARMSTRONG

NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 5



PEARSE MCDONNELL

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 6



ASHTON WEBBER

PARKER TILING

BAY 7



TAYLOR BOWMAN

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

BAY 8



JOHN CHAMBERS

JUDGE



DAVE ROWLEY

JUDGE



MARK SIMS

JUDGE

CONSTRUCTION SHOWCASE

09.00 – 15.00
WEDNESDAY 18

THURSDAY 19
09.00 – 15.00

GET INSPIRED WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND INDUSTRY EXPERTISE



BRITISH GYPSUM

Discover the art of plastering with British Gypsum, the UK's leading manufacturer of gypsum-based construction products. Try your hand at skimming, applying a thin 2mm layer of plaster to create a smooth finish, with guidance from industry experts. You can also learn about training and support available through British Gypsum's Thistle Partnership.



CROWN PAINTS

Put your skills to the test with the Crown Paints Putting Challenge! Take aim, sink a putt and you could win a prize. Crown Paints has proudly supported SkillBuild and the Painting and Decorating competition for over 40 years. Visit the stand to join the fun and discover how Crown continues to support the next generation of painters and decorators.

FINISHES & INTERIORS SECTOR (FIS)

Discover the traditional craft of decorative plastering with FIS and the Worshipful Company of Plaisterers. Get hands-on with moulding, casting and plastering activities, and learn how skilled craftspeople create intricate architectural details, from decorative mouldings and cornices to bespoke plasterwork. Explore how technical skill and creativity combine to produce beautiful finishes in both modern and historic buildings.

CURE IT

Take on the buzzer challenge, test your skills with a roofing-themed ping-pong activity and compete for prizes at the Cure It stand. You can also explore demonstration models of Cure It GRP roofing systems and speak to the team about their products and training courses. Come along, get involved and discover more about the roofing industry.

GO CONSTRUCT & GO CONSTRUCT CAREERS

Curious about a career in construction? Visit Go Construct to explore the opportunities available across the industry. Discover free careers advice, job profiles and pathways, and browse apprenticeships, work experience and vacancies through the Go Construct job board. You can also take part in interactive activities and challenges while learning more about where a career in construction could take you.

KEYMER

Get creative with Keymer and try carving your own design from alluvial clay, the same versatile material used to make traditional roof tiles. See a handmade clay sculpture by wienerberger Brand Ambassador Ian Martinson, who'll be sharing his techniques and explaining the skills involved in creating three-dimensional artwork. A chance to explore the craftsmanship behind clay.



THE TILE ASSOCIATION (TTA)

Try your hand at tiling with The Tile Association (TTA), the UK trade association representing the tiling industry. Visit the demonstration stand to explore the skills involved and learn about career opportunities in the trade. TTA is supporting SkillBuild alongside its members Building Adhesives Ltd (BAL), N&C Nicobond and Schlüter-Systems, helping to inspire the next generation of tilers.

REGATTA PROFESSIONAL

Test your speed and coordination with the Regatta Professional Skills Challenge! Hit illuminated targets as quickly as you can and see how your score compares on the live leaderboard. You can also enter a prize giveaway and discover Regatta Professional's latest workwear, designed to keep construction workers comfortable, protected and ready for the job.



LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

Team up and race against the clock in Leeds College of Building's roof slating challenge! Working in pairs, you'll put your teamwork, communication and practical skills to the test, with a goodie bag for the fastest team each hour. Have a go, climb the leaderboard and discover the skills and career opportunities involved in the roofing trade.



WIENERBERGER

Ever fancied trying your hand at bricklaying? Visit the wienerberger stand to get hands-on experience with guidance from industry experts. Discover the skills involved in the trade, ask questions and learn about career opportunities in bricklaying. As a SkillBuild sponsor, wienerberger is helping to inspire and support the next generation of skilled construction professionals.

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SEND DEMONSTRATION

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 09:00 ON BALCONY 2

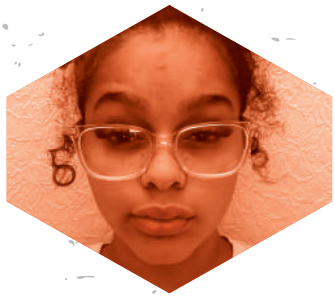
The SkillBuild SEND Demonstration celebrates the talents of learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), giving them the opportunity to showcase their construction skills in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

Delivered in partnership with the Build Academy, participants will work alongside other learners to create a unique construction-themed display using a range of practical skills from across the industry, including bricklaying, painting and decorating, wall and floor tiling, and wood trades.

MEET THE LEARNERS



ALICIA BAILEY
BUILD ACADEMY



FAITH MOORE
BUILD ACADEMY



JOSEPH SADAGOS
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CROWN PAINTS

Crown's latest ESG report is here!

At Crown, we believe every pot of paint is brimming with potential. It can change a space, shift a mindset – even change a life.

That's the spirit behind our Project Possible report, our commitment to creating real, lasting impact for people and the planet.We're proud of how far we've come and more inspired than ever to keep pushing what's possible.

This year's edition showcases how we're turning purpose into action through five key pillars:

Sustainability

>0.1%

We are continuously reducing reducing VOCs in our products. 84% of all paint we sold in 2025 had VOCs levels lower than 0.1%.

Charity

£25k+

Raised throughout 2025 for Mind and Mental Health Ireland.

Community

990+

Community groups and good causes were supported in 2025 with paint donations*

Education

885+

Professional decorators, architects and designers supported with our career boosting training programmes

People & Culture

37.1%

of our workforce are women – an important milestone on our journey to better diversity and inclusion.

Explore how we're helping everyone paint their own possible and what's next for Crown.

Now and always,

It's not just paint, *it's personal.*®



FINISHES & INTERIORS SECTOR

Interested in a career in the finishes and interiors sector?

Shape the spaces where we live, work and play.

Why you should consider a career in this exciting sector

- The sector needs new talent and offers huge opportunities for growth
- Earn while you learn through apprenticeships
- Training opportunities available for all levels
- Get skills for life

To start your journey in this fast-paced sector email info@thefis.org





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The Tile Association (TTA) represents all aspects of the wall and floor tile industry in the UK, from manufacture to installation.

Our purpose of building excellence in tiling and the tiled environment has resulted in our contribution to the formation of British Standards, which all TTA members follow. At The Tile Association we don't just meet the standards, we help to set the standards.

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We're building with vision.
We are building for what's next.



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