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Harry Wins Gold at Skillbuild Final

The Skillbuild 2011 National Final took place from the 14th to 16th September at Leeds College of Building, with the College's own Harry Coyle taking 1st place in the Wall & Floor Tiling category.

The competitors tackled a competition piece which incorporated the laying of a simulated sand/cement screed and tiling a wall with a themed design based on the white rose of Yorkshire. Using materials donated by Johnson Tiles and Building Adhesives Ltd, they faced the challenge of only being able to cut their tiles by using a manual tile cutter and nippers.

The final comprised of six entrants, with the exceptionally high quality of workmanship being commented on by all visitors. Harry Coyle won the competition; John Morgan of South Regional College came second 3 and a half point marks behind Harry. Mark Woods finished third half a mark behind John.

Rubi UK Ltd donated a TS60+ manual cutter and ND180 electric cutter as the first and second prizes respectively and Building Adhesives Ltd donated a wash boy as the third prize.

The prizes were presented at the Awards dinner held at Savilles Hall at the Royal Armouries Museum. TTA Board member Bob Howard, Managing Director of Wilson & Wylie Contracts Ltd, presented the prizes on behalf of TTA and John Clay of Rubi UK Ltd is shown here presenting Harry with a prize donated by Rubi.

The Skillbuild final was held in conjunction with the Skill M&E final, which comprises of competitions in electronics, plumbing, refrigeration and pipe work.

The Tile Association also gave the estimated 1500 visitors to the event an opportunity to try their hand at tiling in the 'Have A Go' area which was sponsored by World Skills. Visitors were given the chance to tile the Union Flag to the walls of the area; the tiles were designed by CP Group as part of the 'Have A Go' activity that will be on offer at World Skills in October. An example and a CAD drawing of the design, which had been drawn by Les Inkpen of Skillbuild, were both on display within the area and it proved to be both a challenging and popular activity for visitors to undertake, with many being surprised by the level of skill required to set out and tile the design correctly.

The Tile Association will now take their 'Have A Go' area on to WorldSkills London 2011, being held over four days at the ExCeL London exhibition and conference centre in London's docklands from 5-8 October 2011, where three-time NI Skillbuild winner and Skillbuild National Final Bronze medallist Ian McMahon will be going for gold in the Wall & Floor Tiling section.

For more information on WorldSkills London 2011 and to register for your free ticket visit:
www.worldskillslondon2011.com

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