

Apprentice of the Year

WINNER Chris Makin – Derry Building Services



Chris has worked hard to establish himself as a competent and reliable member of the Derry Building Services workforce, with his attention to detail and eagerness to learn making him a favourite with the site foremen. Always keen to demonstrate his skills, he never shies away from responsibility, remaining confident in his abilities and happily taking charge of work sections despite his young age. He has already worked on many prestigious projects including the Warner Brothers Studios project in Watford.

The benefits that Chris has brought to the business are hugely apparent. He has proved that he is versatile in his abilities and capable of working alone, as well as showing the confidence and leadership skills to manage a small team. He is highly reliable and his exceptional workmanship means his managers trust him to work unsupervised.

Chris is focused on the next stage of his career and is currently deciding whether to remain on-site and train to become a gas engineer or to take a position within the office as a design or contracts engineer.

“Chris is very mature and dedicated, willing to take responsibility and his loyalty and dedication mark him out”

Judges' comment

Highly commended

► Samuel Tanti – Westway Services

Samuel already demonstrates a level of maturity and a capacity to improve and learn at a good speed. His recent electrical qualification was undertaken over two years rather than the standard three; this was a pilot scheme run by the college. While the workload was challenging, Samuel prioritised well.



Finalists

► Matthew Edge – TSG Building Services

After completing his ACS and carrying out gas installations, Matt showed an interest in being upskilled for the renewable sector and TSG could see his potential to learn and develop new skills. Since the firm started undertaking works in the renewable sector, Matt has also shown a real interest in being involved in this side of the business.



► Nicholas Payne – J S Wright & Co

Nick has demonstrated excellent attitude and commits himself 100 per cent in everything he does. He has achieved above and beyond what would be expected of an apprentice, has shown an inquisitive nature and is not afraid to speak up. The company says that whatever task is given to Nick, he performs well and at a good pace.



► Shane Trevitt – NG Bailey

Shane's career at NG Bailey has gone from strength to strength since starting with the business and his achievements are described as inspirational by NG Bailey. Since winning the WorldSkills 2011, Shane has gone on to be an ambassador not just for apprenticeships, but for the building services industry as a whole. Shane has been invited to discuss his experiences and views with Nick Clegg and the Confederation of British Industry.

