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NRC Apprentices Compete in SkillbuildNI Heats



Kyle Parry, Coleraine, winner of the joinery section of the SkillbuildNI intercampus competition with David Cooper, CITB NI chairman.

NORTHERN Regional College construction apprentices from all campuses pitted their skills against their peers in the annual intercampus competition hosted by the College in partnership with SkillbuildNI at Newtownabbey campus.

Organised locally by CITB NI, SkillbuildNI is the largest multi-trade competition in the UK for young students and apprentices and the first step on a journey that could lead to the world finals.

The category winners in the skills areas of Joinery, Carpentry Plumbing, Electrical Installation and Brickwork, progress to next month's Northern Ireland regional finals. Regional winners go forward to represent Northern Ireland at Skills Show UK later this year to be in with a chance of securing

a coveted place at the World Skills finals in Russia.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, David Cooper, chairman of CITB NI, congratulated all the competitors.

"Taking part in competitions like this is a very important part of your career development and you should all be very proud of what you have achieved here today. This is the first step of an important journey which could take you all the way to the world finals which are held every two years.

"Competitions challenge your ability and while they can be very daunting, if you have the ability and the mental stamina, you should be able to build on what you have achieved here today and go on to do very well."

Adding his congratulations

to the participants, Matt Murray, Head of Engineering and Built Environment at Northern Regional College, said: "We encourage all our students to participate in competitions as it is an excellent way to enhance their skills and knowledge.

"The Intercampus Skillbuild competition contributes to the learners' experience and improves their confidence, while providing them the opportunity to test their skills against their college peers."

The local category winners of the Skillbuild 2018 were:

Joinery, 1st, Kyle Parry, Coleraine

Carpentry, 1st, Samuel Gilmore, Coleraine; 2nd Patrick McCloskey, Coleraine; 3rd, James Drennan, Magherafelt

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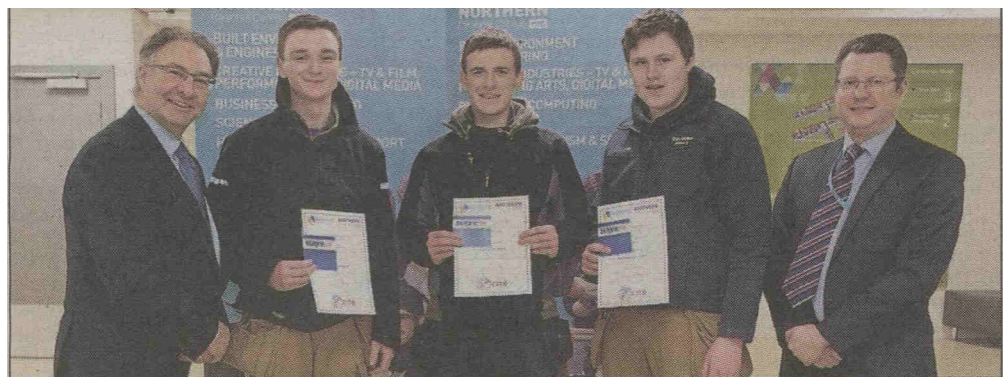
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Some of the Northern Regional College apprentices who participated in the **SkillbuildNI** intercampus competition at the College's Newtownabbey campus, from left to right, Matt Murray Head of Engineering and Built Environment at the College, Samuel Gilmore, Coleraine, James Drennan, Magherafelt, Levi Cowden, Magherafelt, Niall Doyle, Magherafelt, Patrick McCloskey, Coleraine, Daniel Fenton, Farm Lodge and David Cooper, CITB NI chairman.



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