



Destination Downpatrick for SkillBuild NI regional finals

THE Construction Industry Training Board NI (CITB NI) in partnership with South Eastern Regional College (SERC) has announced the **SkillBuild NI 2025 regional competition** will take place on **Tuesday 20 May 2025, at the college's Downpatrick Campus.**

SkillBuild NI 2025 - the annual search for the top performers within construction apprenticeship and traineeship programmes from across Northern Ireland - will see hundreds of competitors head to Downpatrick for a showcase of the wealth of talent and professionalism throughout the industry.

Designed to test skills, technique and ability within tight time frames, the competition will identify the top performers in 11 different trade areas ranging from brickwork to wall and floor tiling as they compete against each other in their chosen trades.

Winners will have the opportunity to represent Northern Ireland in the **SkillBuild UK National** finals later in the year.

Supported by the Department for the Economy, local suppliers and construction companies, the competition provides an opportunity to showcase the high level of skills and the impressive talent within the workforce, as well as raising the status and standards of professional and technical education and training.



Helping to announce **SkillBuild 2025** in Northern Ireland, which will take place on Tuesday 20 May 2025, at SERC's Downpatrick Campus, are (from left): Francis Rice, Principal Lecturer SERC, with SERC apprentices, David Magee (19), from Annahilt, Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery, and Aleesha Gribben (19), from Ballynahinch, Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery, and Rachel Dorovatas, **CITB NI**.