



'Best in the business'

Apprentices from across England, Scotland and Wales gathered in Manchester to attend the APSE Housing and Building Services Apprentice of the Year Awards 2010.

Presenting the awards, Mark Bramah, APSE's Assistant Chief Executive said *'APSE initiated these awards 10 years ago to recognise three things - that apprentices make a vital contribution to the work of councils in helping to maintain and repair people's homes and civic buildings across the UK; to recognise the councils as providers of training which helps to maintain a skilled workforce; and finally to highlight some individual apprentices, both the finalists and the winners here tonight, who stand out above the crowd as examples of hard working young craftspeople.'*

The winners of the awards were

- Adam Marshall a Building Maintenance Apprentice from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council who won the Male Building Skills category
- Aimee Bond, a joiner from Blackpool Coastal Housing who won the Female Building Skills category
- Andrew Emmerson, an electrician from Darlington Borough Council who won the Male Mechanical and Electrical category
- Elizabeth Ahmed, an electrician from South Tyneside Council who won the Female Mechanical and Electrical category

The awards were sponsored by UCATT and the Baxi Group. John Thompson, representing UCATT said *'This kind of event celebrating the achievements of young people as they acquire skills supported by local councils are rarer than they should be. These young people will be making a significant contribution in the future, UCATT fully supports the help they receive from their council employers and applauds the efforts they have made to further their own careers.'*

Richard Calladine, Business Development Manager, Baxi Group, said *'As an organisation that works with many local authorities, we appreciate the need for both ourselves and councils to look to the future when producing and installing appliances that provide heat and power to households. Investing in apprentices is another way of investing in the future and Baxi Group is happy to support these APSE apprentice awards.'*

All the finalists are listed below:

Male Building Skills category

Adam Marshall – Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Ronson Slater – Glasgow City Building
David Allen – Fife Council
Shane Evans – Carmarthenshire County Council

Female Building Skills category

Aimee Bond - Blackpool Coastal Housing
Hannah Douglas – Clackmannanshire Council
Michelle McGowan – West Dunbartonshire Council
Fiona McKinney – Homes for Haringey

Male Mechanical and Electrical category

Andrew Emmerson - Darlington Borough Council
Mark Rason – 2010 Rotherham
Jordan Black – South Lanarkshire Council
Glenn Sullivan – City and County of Swansea

Female Mechanical and Electrical category

Elizabeth Ahmed - South Tyneside Council
Emma Booth – Kirklees Council
Jessica Pell-Taylor – Doncaster MBC
Lindsey Brooksbank – East Riding of Yorkshire Council

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Notes for editors

- The Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) is a not-for-profit local government body working with over 300 councils throughout the UK promoting excellence in public services including housing.
- The Apprentice awards were introduced by APSE and kindly supported by our sponsors to recognise the role of local authorities in apprenticeship training encouraging skills training in construction and women into construction.
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