

Learner Case Study

Construction and the Built Environment

Lewis's Story

Lewis enrolled on a plastering course 3 years ago and since then has shown nothing but commitment, hard work and enthusiasm in everything he strives to do. Whilst on his plastering course at Leeds College of Building, through his own drive and ambition he has competed in numerous plastering competitions winning two regional Skill Build finals for the Yorkshire & Humberside region which enabled him to compete in the National Skill Build Final in October 2008. Through his own hard work and commitment Lewis won first prize obtaining the Gold medal and beating opposition from all over the country. He will now hopefully go out to Calgary in Canada to observe the World Skills Final and compete in London 2011 World Skills Final. In addition to this Lewis has won Apprentice of the year two years running, recently meeting Sir Alan Sugar at the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

Since completing his plastering Level 3, Lewis has now embarked on a Level 4 qualification in Site Management which is now enabling him to go out on site and undertake management duties including quotations, submitting tenders, ordering materials, organising staff, H&S requirements and the completion of projects.

Lewis has expressed an interest in putting something back into training and in sharing his experiences in what is required to compete at top level in competitions. He recently took part in a plastering masterclass at Leeds College of Building where he delivered a short presentation and helped out in the workshop explaining and inspiring young learners in the art of competing.

In June 2009 Lewis won a learner award in the Construction & Built Environment category at the West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learning Awards.