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The Plaisterers' Training Awards 2011

The 13th Annual Plaisterers' Training Awards were held at Plaisterers' Hall in the City of London on Wednesday 19 October 2011 attended by an audience representing a wide cross-section of the plastering and dry-lining trade, Training Colleges, Independent Training Providers, City Livery Companies with particular links to construction trades and other organisations actively involved in construction skills training.

The Awards were presented by The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of the City of London Alderman Mike Bear, who is the first Lord Mayor to come from a property and construction background. The Lord Mayor acknowledged that the Awards had rightly become known as the '***Oscars of Plastering Training***'. He said:

I am delighted to know that these awards recognize the colleges and institutions who train the very best. I congratulate all the winners on their excellent efforts. You make me feel very confident about the future of the property and construction industry – my industry.

He also remarked:

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I know the importance of skills and innovation to our great City and this great country. These are the very foundations on which our success is built. As the Ambassador for UK financial, professional and business services, I have travelled to 22 countries this year – I just returned from India this weekend.

A recurring theme of all my visits, has been the UK's strength in design and construction. Our skills and experience, refined over years, is *highly-valued* overseas.

He went on to congratulate the Plaisterers' Company for their care in preserving, passing-on, and promoting the skills of their trade. Through:

- Co-founding City & Guilds;
- Awarding training bursaries;
- Launching the Master Plasterer Certificate in April – an important addition to the annual Construction Liveries Award Ceremony;

and Sponsoring the British Plastering and Dry-lining Team for **Worldskills London 2011**.

He concluded by thanking the **Master of the Plaisterers' Company (Mr Peter Baker)** and the commercial sponsors of the Awards, British Gypsum, Webber and Formula, for celebrating *excellence* in craftsmanship and for helping to secure the success of our proud plastering industry.

The Master (Peter Baker) welcomed everyone attending the lunch and said:

I congratulate all those colleges, students and others who have received awards today. It is a great achievement. Both individually and collectively it is an inspiration to us all to see you strive for excellence in the craft of plastering and you should be immensely proud of your success. In these difficult times of global financial woes and recession, it is uplifting to be able to recognise and reward achievements such as those that have been mentioned today, which make us realise that all is not doom and gloom and that there is indeed light at the end of the tunnel, where we have young people ready, willing and skilled to meet the future challenges facing our industry when we will inevitably turn the corner towards better times.

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Winners of two special Awards were announced at the Ceremony:

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The aim of this Award is to recognise individual excellence in achievement. It may be that the candidate was simply the best student at the college or that personal goals were gained in the face of hardship, disability or difficult personal circumstances. It might also have been through spectacular personal improvement through training or outstanding performance in practical work.

This year's winner is:

ELERI EVANS

Eleri began her training once her three children were of school age and went on to achieve her NVQ2 in Solid Plastering. Starting first in maintenance covering a range of skills, Eleri has steadily progressed in this area and recently completed her ACA award with a Distinction and will complete her NVQ3 at the end of this academic year. She has gone on to work as an apprentice plasterer for a Housing Association who have encouraged her to progress on to HNC in Construction. Eleri has been nominated by Daniel Meredith of Neath Port Talbot College who says that she has "proven to be an exceptionally good role model and has shown that there do not need to be barriers because of age or gender. She is an inspiration to staff and fellow students alike".

Eleri received an inscribed copy of Millars (the plasterers' bible), and a cheque for £300.

LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO TRAINING AWARD

The Lifetime Contribution to Training Award for 2011 is made to **Denis Crook**. Denis's career as a Plastering Lecturer spanned 37 years, rising to Head of Plastering at ManCAT before moving to Accrington & Rossendale College in 2003. He was actively involved in all aspects of the trade influencing qualifications through his membership of the Occupational Working Group and National Working Group, maintaining National Standards through the Plasterers Craft Guild and latterly being instrumental in the setting up of the National Association of Plastering Lecturers. Denis was known and respected by all. He retired in 2010 and sadly lost his battle with cancer in July this year. The Industry has lost a colleague who has been a major influence on the teaching of plastering.

Denis's widow Gaynor Crook and their two sons Matthew and Jonathan received the Lifetime Achievement Salver from the Lord Mayor of London.

Other Certificates and Trophy together with prizes totalling £7,000 were awarded as follows:

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REGIONAL AWARDS:

- **London & Home Counties region** - EALING, HAMMERSMITH & WEST LONDON COLLEGE
- **South & South West region**- BOURNMOUTH & POOLE COLLEGE
- **Midlands and East Anglia region**- LEICESTER COLLEGE
- **Northern region**- CRAVEN COLLEGE.
- **WALES**- NEATH PORT TALBOT COLLEGE
- **SCOTLAND and NORTHERN IRELAND** - CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE.

The **COLLINO TROPHY** is for larger colleges with the highest conversion of registered students in NVQ, SVQ, ICA and Diploma level 2.

- Runner Up with a cheque for £250- BURNLEY COLLEGE
- Winner with prize money of £750- LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING

The **SIR JOHN PIRIE CUP** This category is for the Colleges with a *smaller* intake but also with the highest conversion student rate at NVQ, SVQ, ICA and Diploma level 2.

- Runner up, with a cheque for £250- BARNFIELD COLLEGE
- Winner, with a cheque for £750- OTLEY COLLEGE

The **HARMER TROPHY** is for colleges with over 50 registered students who have achieved top rating at academic *level 3*.

- The runner up with a smaller cheque for £500- EALING, HAMMERSMITH AND WEST LONDON COLLEGE
- The winner, with a cheque for £1250- BURNLEY COLLEGE.

The **SIR THOMAS KELLY CUP** is presented to smaller colleges with less than 50 registered students but also competing at level 3

- Runner up with a prize of £500 - NEATH AND PORT COLLEGE
- Winner, with a cheque for £1250- ACCRINGTON AND ROSSENDALE COLLEGE.

The final award for Colleges is the coveted JOHN G ROBINSON TROPHY which goes to the best overall performing plastering department from the regions.

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The '**winner of winners**' is awarded a cash prize of £1500

- The winner - LEEDS COLLEGE OF BUILDING.

AWARDS TO INDEPENDENT TRAINING PROVIDERS

The **SNELLING CUP**. This is awarded to the independent training provider with the best combined results at levels 2 and 3 ICA, ACA and Diploma in Plastering.

The winner is **GTG SERVICES**.

The **BRITISH GYPSUM TROPHY** was established two years ago to promote *the training of dryliners of all ages to become fully qualified and fully skilled*. Like the Snelling Cup, it is presented to the independent training provider who achieves the highest level 2 and 3 pass rate but in the world of **drylining**.

The winner is **FORUM TRAINING LTD**

The SWORD OF EXCELLENCE

- Awarded to the Plastering or Drywall Company who, in the opinion of the judges, has shown the greatest commitment to training and in particular, in-house training.
- It acknowledges that the training an organisation is delivering is worthwhile, and in turn improving its business performance.
- This year the panel went to their headquarters and interviewed the Managing Director, the Company Secretary, an Apprentice and a Buyer who herself has progressed through the ranks having started as office receptionist.
- The Chairman of the judges said they found the experience inspiring and had no doubt as to the company's investment and genuine commitment in developing and promoting its own workforce.
- The winner is **GT CONTRACTS**.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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The Worshipful Company of Plaisterers is the 46th Livery Company out of 108, having obtained its first Royal Charter from Henry VII in 1501. It has been actively involved in the plastering trade since the middle ages.

Further information about the Company, its activities and its support for the plastering and dry-lining trade can be obtained from the Clerk (Chief Executive), Nigel Bamping at Plaisterers' Hall. (020 7796 4333).

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