



Previous Skillbuild winners Stuart Millar, Luke Hawthorne and Bryan Craig who all study at South Eastern Regional College, who have launched this year's Skillbuild NI national competition.

College helps launch search for top construction apprentice

THE South Eastern Regional College has teamed up with Skillbuild NI Ltd in a bid to find the Province's most talented construction apprentice.

Downpatrick apprentice and former Skillbuild winner Luke Hawthorne helped launch the Skillbuild NI national competition which will be held in Newtownards next month.

It is designed to challenge the best young talent in the construction industry and has been developed to promote excellence among young craftspeople throughout Northern Ireland.

Local apprentices will be taking part in the competition where there

are 13 different construction craft areas ranging from brickwork to wall and floor tiling.

Mr. Brian McMullen, the South Eastern Regional College's competitions manager, said local students have enjoyed great success over the years at Skillbuild NI's national competition.

He added: "We currently have three students who are in Squad UK and challenging for a place at the London WorldSkills this October. They are Luke Hawthorne (carpentry), Stuart Miller and Bryan Craig (both refrigeration), who are representing both the College and Northern Ireland."