

# Phillip Green – Self Employed Bricklayer, Gold medal winner, WorldSkills 2011



**Phillip achieved Gold Medal in bricklaying at WorldSkills London 2011 where more than 150,000 spectators from across the world watched 1,000 young skilled people from 50 countries compete over four days to be the best in the world in their skill. Phillip's first taste of the construction industry was whilst on work experience with a local builder and he then went on to complete his apprenticeship working in the family business D.G. Green & Sons whilst attending Belfast Metropolitan College.**

It was during this apprenticeship that Phillip's Skillbuild journey began and he achieved silver medals in brickwork in the 2008 & 2009 competition, winning gold in the 2010 competition. Phillip successfully went on to compete in the UK National Finals in 2009 and 2010 winning bronze medals on both occasions. It was due to this success that Phillip was selected as part of the UK Squad and underwent intense training and selection before being selected as a Team UK member for WorldSkills 2011. Speaking on his success Phillip said,

“As you can tell a lot of hard work, commitment and sacrifice was needed to get to WorldSkills but it was all worth it as I won the Gold Medal for Bricklaying, the definite highlight of my career to date. Skillbuild has had a major impact on my career, both personally and professionally, it created great opportunities for me and my business and I would encourage any young apprentice to consider competing.”

Working now as a self-employed bricklayer Phillip is involved in designing, pricing, building brick and block work, dealing with clients and architects, supervision of other bricklayers if required and importantly dealing with the finance of invoicing and credit control.

As Phillip is a practical person he enjoys the physical and mental aspect of his job. Working outside in all sorts of weather can have its good and bad points but you know what to expect living in Northern Ireland.

Phillip is very passionate about his job and on speaking about his career route he said, “I have served an apprenticeship and have gained vocational qualifications and fully endorse this route into the construction industry. You can earn a good wage and if you have ambition and drive, the world can literally be your oyster.”



*Phillip Green D.F.Green & Sons Bricklaying Services displaying his WorldSkills gold medal bricklaying*