



The BBC Gardeners' World Live Young Landscapers Award sponsored by Marshalls



2019 marks the second year of the **BBC Gardeners' World Live Young Landscapers Competition** supported by the APL (Association of Professional Landscapers). This important industry competition encourages newcomers to the profession as well as showing visitors ways to use Marshalls landscaping materials for very different results in an inspirational small garden layout.

The competition launched in 2018 with two Diarmuid Gavin Show Gardens with Bespoke Outdoor Spaces duo, Jacob Botting and Laurence Senior, taking home the winning trophy.

The 2019 contestants are the four young landscapers who took the top spots at the WorldSkills UK Finals in November. In a national final held at WorldSkills UK Live at the NEC, **Matthew Wood** was crowned champion in landscaping with the Gold award, with fellow Myerscough College apprentice **Sam Gordon** from The Gardenmakers in Warwickshire, being awarded Silver. Both from the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE), **Reece McKay** took Bronze and **Brian Hughes** was achieved Highly Commended. For 2019, multi award-winning designer **Professor David**

Stevens has designed two gardens to challenge the teams. Prof. Stevens, with a back catalogue twenty-six Chelsea Flower Show medals and author of twenty-one books, explains “This year the competition highlights front gardens which are so often overlooked, after all first impressions count! The link between house and garden is vital and the two designs, one contemporary and the other more traditional, link strongly with the adjoining building. While planting naturally plays an important role so too does the hard landscape elements of paving, steps and boundaries. It’s fantastic to be working with Marshalls as sponsors of the competition, with their huge range of excellent materials that can be chosen to suit virtually any situation.”

The competition is as inspirational for the visitors as for those involved, as David explains “While the gardens will be an exciting challenge for the young teams, they will also be an inspiration to the public who can take many of the ideas home to enhance that all important plot at the front of the house.”

In just its second year, this competition is certainly making its mark. David Stevens says “After the success of the *Young Landscapers Award* last year it's a real thrill and pleasure to be working with the two teams in 2019.” He continues “It's vital that young people entering the trade are taught the skills they need, and APL members have wholeheartedly embraced the competition.”

You’ll be able to see the two Show Gardens and discover which team has won the accolade of BBC Gardeners’ World Live Young Landscapers of the Year at the Show which takes place from 13-16 June 2019 at The NEC Birmingham. For info and tickets visit bbcgardenersworldlive.com

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