



Press release

THE KNX STARS AT WORLDSKILLS LONDON 2011

The WorldSkills London 2011 event in London, 8-11 October 2011, proved to be a highly successful event for the KNX Association. Not only was KNX used as the protocol of choice for the very first time in the Electrical Installation category, but also hundreds of students took the opportunity to visit the KNX stand to see why KNX represents the future of intelligent building technology. Full details of KNX at WorldSkills 2011 can be seen at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/knxAssociation?feature=mhee#p/u/0/ax90WmnRAjU>

35 competitors in the Electrical Installation category used KNX as the platform for their work to demonstrate their remarkable craftsmanship and practical electrical engineering skills. The selection of KNX reflected the global trend in home and building technology where KNX is the worldwide standardised bus technology. Michael Hourihan, WorldSkills Chief Expert for the Electrical Installations category, said: "We have to move on and make sure our skills are up to date with modern technology. So an important step for us was the inclusion of KNX"

All competitors achieved extremely high standards of craftsmanship, with the eventual worthy winners being Benjamin Houghton of Australia (Gold Medal), Gian-Andrea Casaulta of Switzerland (Gold Medal) and Kieran Doherty of Ireland (Gold Medal); Bernt Erlend of Norway (Bronze Medal) and Seon Jung Hwang of Korea (Bronze Medal).

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Picture 1. Winners of Worldskills London 2011, skill18

The KNX Association also had a major presence at WorldSkills 2011 through its exhibition stand that attracted eager students and school children throughout the four day event. They grasped the opportunity to find out more about KNX and to make their own imaginative, funny and thoughtful videos to promote an understanding of KNX technology. Videos can be seen and you can cast your vote at <http://contest.knx.org>

Heinz Lux, Director of the KNX Association commented: “WorldSkills 2011 was an excellent event, not just for KNX but for a whole generation of young people who were given a great insight into the opportunities open to them in the world of electrical installations in the future.”

About KNX

KNX Association is the founder and owner of **KNX** technology – the worldwide open standard for all applications in the field of home and building system technology, from lighting and blind control to security systems, heating, ventilation, cooling, monitoring, alarm, water regulation, energy management and meters as well as household appliances, audio/video and more. **KNX** is the worldwide standard for home and building automation. It offers a manufacturer-independent tool for design and deployment (ETS) which controls a variety of transmission media (TP, PL, RF and IP). Different configuration modes are supported (System and Easy Mode). **KNX** is recognised as a European norm (CENELEC EN 50090 and CEN EN 13321-1) and an international norm (ISO/IEC 14543-3). This standard is based on over 20 years of experience in this market. Over 250 member companies all over the world offer almost 7000 **KNX**-certified product groups in their catalogues. The **KNX** Association has partnership contracts with more than 30000 installation companies in more than 100 countries. www.knx.org

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