Take the Chance. Show Us What You Can Achieve.

Could you be one of our next competition winners?

The SPARKS Learner of the Year and SPARKS Female Skills Competition give aspiring electricians the opportunity to showcase their abilities, push themselves further and discover what they're capable of achieving.

Whether you're studying at Level 2 or 3, or working as an apprentice, entering is a chance to put your training into practice, compete alongside other talented learners and gain recognition for the hard work you're putting into your future.

You don't need to know exactly how it will go. You just need to be willing to give it a go.

What makes a great competitor?

You might think competitions are all about technical ability, but there's more to it than that. Confidence, determination, a positive attitude and a willingness to take on a challenge can all help you stand out.

Competition judge Andrew Duffen from NAPIT encourages anyone considering entering to take the opportunity, highlighting the benefits beyond the competition itself:

"For anyone thinking of entering, I'd tell them to just do it. It's good for you, good for your CV and good for your confidence. It's great preparation for their end point assessment as well."

Just ask Samuel Stevely, who was named SPARKS Learner of the Year 2026 winner, representing HRUC Uxbridge. Impressing the judges with his accuracy and technical skills, Sam also found the experience enjoyable thanks to the friendly atmosphere among competitors.

Reflecting on his win, he said:

"Surreal. Fantastic. Top of the world. I did my best. It was good. Everyone was perfectly friendly, we're all competing against each other but it's like meeting up with mates."

It's a great reminder that taking part is about more than the final result. It's also an opportunity to meet like-minded people, enjoy the challenge and celebrate your skills.

See where it could take you

Taking part in a national skills competition is an achievement you can be proud of, whether you go on to win or not. It's something you can add to your CV, talk about with future employers and use to demonstrate your commitment to your chosen career.

Competitions also give you the chance to put your knowledge into practice in a different environment, work under pressure and identify areas where you can continue to develop.

For learners preparing for the next stage of their training, that experience can be particularly valuable. The 2026 SPARKS Female Skills Competition runner-up, Brienny Allard from Choice Training highlighted how competing can help reinforce the skills needed for the AM2 assessment, explaining:

"For electricians, the most important part is it prepares you for your AM2. It puts you under time pressure, getting to grips with testing and inspection."

It's a great example of how competing can support your development beyond the event itself, helping you build confidence in your abilities and prepare for life as a qualified electrician.

And if you make it through to the Grand Final, you'll have the added opportunity to represent your college on a national stage alongside some of the most promising emerging talent in the electrical industry.

What have you got to lose?

You might not know how you'll perform or who you'll be up against, but you won't discover what you're capable of until you give it a try.

Entering is an opportunity to challenge yourself, learn from the experience and show the industry what you have to offer. You could even surprise yourself with how far you go.

This could be your opportunity

You're already putting in the work, developing your practical skills and building the foundations for your future in the electrical industry.

Why not take the next step?

Whether you enter SPARKS Learner of the Year or the SPARKS Female Skills Competition, you could gain valuable experience, grow your confidence and give yourself something to be proud of.

Get involved. Put your skills to the test. See what you can achieve!

Click here to find out more about the SPARKS Learner of the Year and SPARKS Female Skills Competition, including how to enter.

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