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BBC Gardeners' World Live Young Landscapers Award 2020 contestants and Show Gardens announced

At WorldSkills UK on 24th November, Mark Gregory, of award-winning landscaping company Landform, presented the two Show Garden designs to the landscapers going forward to compete in the BBC Gardeners' World Live Young Landscapers Award supported by The APL (Association of Professional Landscapers).

The four competing landscapers, who took the top spots at the WorldSkills UK finals, are **Nick Bundy** from Gadd Brothers in Suffolk (Gold), **Jamie Franklin** from Wiltshire College (Silver), **Mark Brown** from CAFRE in Northern Ireland (Bronze) and **Patrick Neild** from Pershore College (Highly Commended). As two teams of two, they will build their allotted gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live which will be assessed on 17 June and enjoyed by upward of 100,000 visitors between 18 to 21 June at The NEC in Birmingham.

Landform Consultants' Mark Gregory has come up with two designs to test the young landscapers' skills and ingenuity. Mark said *"We, at Landform, have been delighted to get involved with the Young Landscapers Award at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2020 and have come up with two exciting, yet challenging, front garden designs. Both gardens are very different and use a variety of materials, to show how it's possible to create a beautiful and practical space, despite being small."*

Mark added *“The teams will be thoroughly challenged to deliver the quality and tolerances the industry requires, especially given the time they have to create them.”*

For the second year running, the competition will highlight front gardens. Mark says *“Front gardens all-too-often overlooked, disappointing and bland – yet they can be transformed, with even a relatively simple design. Let’s not forget, first impressions count!”*

The competition launched in 2018 with two Diarmuid Gavin Show Gardens with the Bespoke Outdoor Spaces duo, Jacob Botting and Laurence Senior, taking home the winning trophy. In 2019, its second year, Prof David Stevens designed the two Show Gardens with Matthew Woods and Sam Gordon winning the coveted title.

Phil Tremayne, General manager of The Association of Professional Landscapers (The APL), said *“It is fantastic that BBC Gardeners’ World Live has decided to support this competition again for 2020. To give these young, up and coming talents the opportunity to build at this level, with mentorship from one of the best landscapers in the country, is truly amazing.”* Phil continues, *“The APL have organised the landscaping competition at WorldSkills UK, alongside its own apprenticeship, for the last 5 years. Supporting the industry, as well as the youth and career-changers entering it, combined with our high industry standards, is at the heart of what we do. I cant wait to see the results of the competition.”*

Come to see the **BBC Gardeners’ World Live Young Landscapers Award Show Gardens** at BBC Gardeners’ World Live, from 18 to 21 June at The NEC Birmingham. For info and tickets visit **bbcgardenersworldlive.com**

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