



Scottish Plumbing Apprentice of the Year competition

Invitation to host the 49th and 50th
Competitions



Why Host SPAY?

Beyond the obvious prestige, hosting SPAY positions your institution at the forefront of the plumbing and heating profession. It amplifies your commitment to promoting excellence and offers you a unique chance to introduce your establishment to a diverse audience, including apprentices, employers, trade professionals, and MPs/MSPs.

Competition Requirements: Snapshot

Commitment: 2 consecutive years.

Location: Within Scotland.

Timing: A Friday in early to mid-June, from 7am to 7pm.

Space: Accommodate three simultaneous competitions, an industry exhibition, an awards ceremony, and breakout rooms for competitors.

Copper, Lead and Renewable competition rooms

- Space for 12-18 candidates in each room.
- Specialised equipment and set-up requirements based on each competition.
- Essential safety provisions: ear defenders, gloves, goggles, masks, and barrier creams.
- Handwashing and toilet facilities.

Additional areas required

- **Exhibition Room:** For 20+ industry exhibitors.
- **Awards Room:** Seating for 125+ individuals with technical facilities.
- **Breakout Room:** For 40+ competitors.
- **Storage:** Secure storage space.
- **Canteen:** Seating and food provisions for 60+ attendees.
- **Visitor Area:** Relaxation and entertainment space.
- **Photography Area:** For post-ceremony activities.
- **Parking:** Space for 40+ vehicles.



Other essentials

- Wi-Fi access for event staff, judges, and professionals.
- Leadership presence for welcome and award ceremonies.
- On-site staff and logistic support.
- Local amenities for accommodation and entertainment.

Engage, Collaborate, and Celebrate!

As we jointly highlight the significance of plumbing and heating Modern Apprenticeship, we will work collaboratively on marketing and communication fronts. Together, we can leverage social media, press releases, brochures, and other promotional avenues to garner maximum attention.

SNIEF: Supporting You Throughout

At SNIEF, we understand the intricacies and demands of hosting an event of this magnitude. We want to assure all potential partners that our commitment extends beyond mere collaboration.

From the early planning stages to the closing ceremonies, our experienced team will be actively available to provide guidance, answer queries, and assist in any capacity required.

Our objective is to ensure the seamless execution of the SPAY competition, and we pledge our full support to make this partnership a resounding success. Trust in our experience; together, we'll create an unforgettable event for all participants and attendees.

Your success is our success. Hand in hand, let's elevate the Scottish Plumbing Apprentice of the Year competition to new heights.

Dale Thomson

Training Manager
SNIEF



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Detailed Competition Specifications

Copper Competition Room

- Space to hold between 12 and 18 competitors.
- Space for a minimum of 12 competitors to work on competition boards. These are either wall or rig-mounted.
- Ability to produce and fit a minimum of 12 wooden backboards for the competition in-house.
- Competitors usually bring their own kit; however, the hosting venue should have back tools such as pipe benders, pipe cutters, measuring tapes, etc.
- Supply of ear defenders, gloves, safety goggles, masks, barrier cream, etc.
- Hand washing facilities.
- Access to toilet facilities.

Renewable Competition Room

- Space to hold between 12 and 18 competitors.
- Desks and seats for at least 12 competitors to undertake their assessment work.
- Access to renewable technology equipment such as an above and below heat pump, cylinder, etc and an area where additional renewable equipment can be brought in for practical assessment.
- A minimum of 12 laptops with WI-FI access for competitors to use.
- Supply of ear defenders, gloves, safety goggles, masks, barrier cream, etc.
- Hand washing facilities.
- Access to toilet facilities.



Lead Competition Room

- Space to hold between 12 and 18 competitors.
- Individual welding equipment for a minimum of 12 competitors. These can be welding bays, portable welding kits, or a mix. There must be a supply of replacement welding nozzles. Extraction system for the welding fumes.
- Space for a minimum of 12 competitors to work on benches for forming a lead model.
- Ability to produce a minimum of 12 wooden formers for the competition in-house.
- Extraction fans for lead fumes.
- Competitors usually bring their own kit, but the hosting venue should have backup lead-forming tools such as a lead dresser, rubber mallet, bending stick, snips, clay hammer, steel rulers, etc.
- Supply of ear defenders, gloves, safety goggles, masks, barrier cream, etc.
- Hand washing facilities.
- Access to toilet facilities.

Information for Competition Rooms

- All competitions must have suitable risk assessments in place for each room, which must be provided to SNIPeF before the competition.
- All competitions should have an evacuation plan and evacuation point in place.
- There must be a First Aider and first aid equipment on standby for the duration of the competitions.
- An accident logbook.
- All rooms should have fire blankets and fire extinguishers.
- SNIPeF should be informed prior to the competition if there are any emergency drills, such as fire alarm testing, on the day of the competition.



Other Rooms & Areas Requirements

Exhibition Room

- Space to hold 20+ industry exhibitors for trade showcase.
- Car park space and power supply for exhibitor showcase vehicles.
- Tables, chairs, and power supply for exhibitor stands.
- Refreshments for exhibitors and guests to the exhibit.
- Suitable seating area for visitors

Awards Room

- Access to a lecture theatre or suitable room with 125+ seats to accommodate the awards ceremony.
- Overhead projector to announce the winners.
- Microphone and plinth for awards presenters.

Breakout Room

- One to two rooms that can accommodate 40+ competitors to relax after the competitions.
- Comfortable seating for competitors
- Refreshments for competitors.

Storage Room

- Storage area or areas to store competition materials, prizes and merchandise.
- The storage area must be locked and secure.

Canteen

- Reserved seating area for 60+ people for lunch.
- Provision of a hot lunch and refreshments for 60+ people.
- Availability to provide refreshments for competition registration.



Visitor Area

- Large seating area for visitors to the competition.
- Space for entertainment
- Refreshments

Photography Area

- Most photography and filming will take place in the competitions and exhibitor rooms however, after the award ceremony, we require a space to take photographs of the winners along with sponsors, etc. A dedicated room would be ideal.

Car Park

- Parking area reserved for 40+ vehicles.
- Power access to any industry trade vehicles for exhibition.

Marketing and Communications

A Marketing and Communication professional to work with SNIPeF equivalent to promote and market the event prior to, during and after the competition.

- Joint communications on media and social media.
- Joint content for competition brochure and industry magazine.
- Posters and stands around the venue and local area on the build-up to the competition.

Other Requirements

- Wi-Fi access is available to event staff, judges and industry professionals.
- Principal/Assistant Principal or Chief Executive/Director for welcome induction/award ceremony.
- 5+ venue employees to assist the event in addition to SNIPeF employees.
- Printer available to use.
- Steel rulers, measuring tapes, paper, and pens for competition judges.



- The venue must be in a suitable area with nearby hotel accommodation for competitors, judges and SNIPeF employees.