

HepcoMotion apprentice wins prestigious national award

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A talented young apprentice from linear motion expert HepcoMotion has won a prestigious national apprentice award at this year's EEF Future Manufacturing Awards. Tobias Cowan, aged 21, came up trumps by taking gold in the Engineering Manufacturing Apprentice Award, held in London last week.

The award recognises the outstanding contribution being made by manufacturing apprentices across the nation. The award is highly-respected and hotly contested with winners selected by a panel of judges drawn from business leaders, industry experts and academics.

Tobias beat off competition from across the country and won the title after impressing judges with his commitment, ambition and drive to pursue a career in manufacturing. Tobias' passion, hard work and attention to detail, along with his ambitions for a teaching role within the sector were the deciding factors for the judging panel. Judges were also impressed with the extensive work Tobias is doing within the community.

Tobias Cowan, apprentice at HepcoMotion, says: "I'm speechless. To win the national award is absolutely fantastic. It's an amazing feeling to be recognised for doing something I genuinely enjoy and is setting me up for my future. I was rather surprised to win the regional award, let alone this. I'm only at the very start of my career and HepcoMotion have been great in supporting me, to receive gold at these awards and be singled out in this way is a real boost and will motivate me even more."

Stephen Phipson, CEO at EEF, the manufacturers' organisation says: "Tobias is clearly an incredibly gifted individual and I must congratulate him. The judging panel were extremely impressed with the calibre of nominations this year and Toby is at the top of that pile. The future of this industry rests with the next generation and Tobias is a clear role model. Although he's at the start of his career, I'm sure Tobias would agree that manufacturing's a challenging yet rewarding sector to be in".

HepcoMotion is committed to the development of young, enthusiastic engineers who have the desire to progress up the career ladder. Offering a well-renowned apprenticeship scheme, Hepco has a strong history working with apprentices as many of the managers and even the chairman himself, started work at HepcoMotion as apprentices.

For more information about the awards visit: www.eef.org.uk/awards/.