

Bio and background.

I was unsure about what career i wanted to pursue when i left school and I was introduced to floristry from my mother in law, who trained as a florist when she was younger, and she asked me to lend a helping hand as she was doing the flowers for a friends wedding. I helped make buttonholes and set up the venue for the big day and thought this could be what i was looking for. I enrolled on a course at my local college that year and never looked back.

I trained for 2 years reaching my level 3 at college and found a job at a local farm shop, where i still work [today](#). and whilst at college i was encouraged to enter a competition called Worldskills UK where i won a bronze medal. I fell in love with competing immediately and wanted to go all the way. I was selected, after 2 years of training and selection processes, to represent my country in Euroskills Lille 2014 and then Worldskills Sao Paulo 2015 where i achieved a Medallion for Excellence. Since then i have won a silver and a silver-gilt medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show for the young florist of the year competitions. I believe competitions are such an important learning source for gaining knowledge and experience in the floristry industry. The British Floristry Association organize so many wonderful competitions year round, it's hard not to enter all of them. I am so looking forward to competing for my country again this year in Eurofleurs 2017, where i hope to make my country proud.