



Paul Taylor, Unity's learning representative at Ideal Standard International and Karen Riley, director of Axia Solutions, hold the joint awards, together with members of the winning partnership.

Ideal learners share in top UK training award

Our members at Ideal Standard International who have benefited from Skills for Life training are delighted that the company and its training provider have been honoured with a prestigious National Training Award by UK Skills.

Ideal Standard, of Middlewich, and Axia Solutions received the award in recognition of their outstanding contribution and commitment to training, learning and development in the workplace at the North West regional ceremony, held in Manchester in September.

Response

Paul Taylor, Unity's learning representative at Ideal Standard said: "The response from Unity members, including myself, to the offer of training to help us improve our skills has been tremendous.

"We have undertaken Skills for Life training to help us improve our numeracy and literacy skills and NVQ training in various subjects including Business Improvement Techniques. We have received brilliant support from Paul Bailey, our training manager, and everyone at Axia Solutions."

Simon Bartley, Chief Executive of UK Skills, said: "Now more than ever it is essential for organisations to continue to invest in the development of their staff. The UK's future, after all, can only be strengthened and sustained by people who have the skills needed to meet the demands of today's globalised economy."

• Ideal Standard and Axia Solutions went on to take part in the national finals of the National Training Awards 2010, held on December 1.



David Hare, managing director of Construction Skills College (left) with Unity's Assistant General Secretary Garry Oakes after signing the partnership agreement.

Discount deal for building training

Unity has signed a partnership agreement with training provider Construction Skills College Ltd.

The Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent company delivers building industry related training courses for those wanting to acquire new skills, whether for DIY work or as an alternative trade.

As part of the agreement, Unity has negotiated a 10% discount on courses for members.

Garry Oakes, Unity's Assistant

General Secretary, said: "The arrangement with Construction Skills College is yet another service for our members. The courses it offers should be of particular interest to those in the ceramics industry who have been made redundant or are worried about the future of their jobs."

For details of the courses available go to www.tradeteacher.co.uk/ or call the Construction Skills College on 01782 837 007.