

Press release



Our apprentice goes for gold!

A Nottingham City Homes plumbing and gas engineer has been recognised nationally for her commitment to her apprenticeship.

Rae Crown has been named the Housing and Building Apprentice of the Year for 2008 (in the female mechanical and electrical category). She was awarded the accolade by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) at an awards ceremony last week.

Rae finished her apprenticeship in August this year and now works full time as a plumbing and gas engineer for Nottingham City Homes. The APSE accolade was not her first award as she was granted the Master Plumbers Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire title in 2005.

She said of the win: "I'm really pleased to have won this award. I thoroughly enjoyed my apprenticeship and am now looking ahead to my career as a fully qualified plumbing and gas engineer."

As an organisation, Nottingham City Homes is also not new to the APSE awards as it was successful in achieving other accolades in 2004 and 2005.

Carol Aaron, Learning and Development Manager, said: "We are delighted for Rae. Not only has she shown a real commitment to her training, but she is a well respected and valuable member of our plumbing and gas team.

"Apprenticeships are such an important part of the trades we rely on at Nottingham City Homes and we have supported many of our employees over the years in their learning and development."

More than 200 local people will soon have the opportunity to pursue an apprenticeship in a range of different areas with Nottingham City Homes through its One in a Million training scheme.

The One in a Million scheme is part of our Secure Warm Modern (SWM) programme, which started on April 1 2008. It is a promise from us that for every £1m spent on SWM programme, we will take on an apprentice.

We will be offering apprenticeships in bricklaying, plumbing, heating carpentry, joinery, window fitting electrics, plastering and business administration.

For further information on how to sign up, please see our website www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk, email oneinamillion@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk.

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Notes to editors:

Nottingham City Homes was created on 1st April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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