

A career spanning four decades recognised by the EWF members Best Welding Coordinator Award

This year's EWF Award for Best Welding Coordinator has been given to Dr. Clint Wildash, currently a Senior Principal Welding Engineer at Onesubsea UK Ltd, Leeds, UK.



Dr Clint Wildash – the winner of EWF Best Welding Coordinator Award 2015

The award's recipient has completed a master's degree in materials science with elements favored to welding and subsequently carried out a PhD examining methods of reducing hydrogen cracking risk in high strength steel weld metals through consumable and microstructural control.

After this he studied for his **European Welding Engineering (EWE) Qualification**, and is now studying for a diploma in technology management.

Here is his own account of a fruitful and rewarding career, and the challenges that lie ahead to all professionals involved.

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1. What was your first interaction with the welding area?

I did a work vacation placement when I was at school in a local welding company and then when I left school, because I had enjoyed the placement, I went back to the same company to complete an apprenticeship in fabrication and welding.

2. What does winning the EWF Best European Welding Coordinator Award mean to you?

I have dedicated my life to welding engineering and so it is a great honor to receive this prestigious award from the EWF whom have contributed through my education for the European welding engineering qualification.



Dr. Clint Wildash receiving the Best Welding Coordinator Award from Mr. Henk Bodt, EWF President

3. How you would define the steps for a successful career in welding?

It is essential to ensure as much experience is gained as possible in practical welding, so this can be combined with theoretical studies to ensure a fuller understanding of how to achieve successful welding practices.

4. Did the I/EWE Diploma make a difference in your career?

The reason the diploma provided a positive effect on my career is that it built on my learning from job experience and provided relevant learning that helped make me a more competent, skilled and proficient welding engineer and so I highly recommend the course.

5. What is your advice for young people who are at the beginning of their career in welding?

Welding is one of the most complex of engineering disciplines and as such offers the greatest challenges and sense of achievement when met. Our society today would not have progressed to the high technological state it is in, without the various joining technologies including welding.

So, remember although this is a challenging engineering discipline to study needing commitment and hard work, the rewards are substantial, since you will be making a real contribution to the quality of people's lives by enabling a manufacturing technology that is essential to many products we use or are influenced by on a daily basis.

To give greatest opportunity to be a successful welding engineer when starting out in this field, I advise not to stop learning or networking. Always look for the next opportunity to continuously learn for example by attending your next course or attending lectures or obtaining experience from on the job training. In this way, you will develop and become a better educated connected welding engineer making an invaluable contribution to society.

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About the European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting

EWF is a pioneer in implementing a harmonized qualification and certification system for joining professionals. Through European projects EWF has been innovating in training methodologies, and involved in the development of new technologies and uses for joining.

Through its member organisations, EWF has established a firm link to local industry, providing knowledge and training as well as participating in research initiatives that address the most pressing questions and challenges in the field of joining technologies.

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