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Care Cook of the Year 2011

The countdown has begun to the final of The NACC –The National Association of Care Catering’s 2011 Care Cook of the Year Competition (CCOTY).

Semi finals have been held across the United Kingdom to select the final six. The finalists are set to compete to gain the overall title of Care Cook of the Year 2011 at Unilever’s Knorr Kitchen, Leatherhead on the 6th July. The finalists took up the challenge of creating a two course meal meeting stringent criteria with a total cost per head of £1.30.

The competition is recognised as the longest standing independent recipe competition in the UK and attracts top chefs from across the Care Catering Sector.

New to the competition this year is a finalist from the Republic of Ireland and the competition has attracted its youngest entrant from Harrogate Neighbours Housing Association, North Yorkshire who is just 20 years old.

The final line up is

Emanuele Ferri	Haven Bay Care Home, Republic of Ireland
Edward Zammit	Helen Court, Essex
Jose Manuel de Freitas	Silver Springs Care Home, Jersey
Margaret Stewart	Methilhaven Home, Fife
Malcolm Shipton	Wren Hall Nursing Home, Derbyshire
Stephen Wilkins	Harrogate Neighbours, Yorkshire

Derek Johnson, NACC National Chair commented : “ The competition continues to expand, and attract a high quality of skilled practioners working in the care sector. The quality of their finished product would not be out of place in a restaurant. With malnutrition awareness rising this is a good platform to showcase what can be achieved within budget.

Derek added “Stephen Wilkins proved at 20 perseverance can pay off as he first entered as an 18 year old. It is good to see someone so young excelling in our industry”

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

The NACC's Award Winning campaign "No One Should Go Hungry" is on going with the aim to promote and raise awareness of good nutrition in the care sector.