

LONDON CALLING FOR THE PACE LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2016

The Professional Association for Catering Education (PACE) is bringing its respected learning and development forum to the capital for 2016.

The **PACE Learning & Development Forum 2016** will take place on 9-11 March at the Hilton London Docklands.

Entitled '*Sharing and shaping the future together*', the forum is the only UK conference that brings together catering educators and hospitality operators. It supports PACE's ongoing work to build mutually-beneficial links between industry employers and colleges and spotlight the exciting career opportunities within the hospitality industry.

New for 2016, the 'meet the employer' networking brunch and showcase will facilitate and strengthen interaction between schools, colleges and universities offering culinary and hospitality courses and sector employers.

The forum is also dedicated to the sharing and upholding of best practice, promoting innovation and excellence and offering relevant guidance and advice for all hospitality and culinary education professionals and associated organisations*.

The relevant programme of workshops, round table discussions, live culinary and hospitality masterclasses, respected speakers, networking sessions and dedicated exhibition will focus delegate attention on the latest topics, trends, advances, government legislation and funding developments affecting the sector, plus product innovation in the market place.

Confirmed speakers and presenters include: Ainsley Cheetham, College Consultant; Adrian Valeriano, Vice President, Restaurant Sales and Services, OpenTable International Ltd; Julian Tomlin, Director of Group Operations, Pennyhill Park; Matt Anderson & Adam Routlege, Co-Founders, Edible Bug Farm; Martin Morales, Founder, Ceviche; and motivational speaker, Nigel Risner.

2016 forum topics include:

- The future of food
- Courses and resources
- Mixology
- Taste of London: global food trends
- Edible bugs
- Housekeeping from 5* Pennyhill Park
- Hospitality technology

- Good practice in teaching English and Maths
- Commercialisation
- Front of house technology

Geoff Booth, National Chair, PACE, comments: “PACE is dedicated to raising the profile of the UK Hospitality sector as an exciting and viable career option, and highlighting the diverse range of job opportunities. For 2016 we are definitely upping the ante.

“We believe that strong partnership between colleges and employers is vital to facilitate progressive work experience placements and structured traineeships, as well as apprenticeships and employment on graduation. The PACE Learning & Development Forum is an excellent platform for all parties to meet and discuss how colleges and employers can work together for the benefit of the next generation of hospitality professionals and, of course, the future of the industry.

“The exciting new venue and action-packed programme covering topical and relevant issues and skills will give delegates a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and gain new perspectives that will enhance and excel training and education for our industry.”

PACE Awards 2016

The forum is home to the esteemed annual PACE Awards dinner. On the evening of Thursday 10 March, hospitality and culinary education professionals will recognise and celebrate excellence and exceptional contributions in the field. Individuals, departments, schools, colleges and partnerships that have introduced outstanding learning initiatives or techniques in hospitality training and development over the last 12 months will be honoured.

Awards categories being contested include *Partnership with Industry Award*, *Best Chef Lecturer*, *Best Hospitality Lecturer*, *Best Restaurant Service Lecturer* and *Award for Environmental Sustainability*. Nominations are now open with a deadline of 5 February 2016.

For more information about the PACE Learning & Development Forum 2016 and the PACE Awards 2016 visit www.mcculloughmoore.co.uk/pace

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Notes to editors:

*The PACE Learning & Development Forum 2016 is relevant to those responsible for hospitality and culinary education, including all further education and higher education colleges, universities offering hospitality qualifications, teachers in secondary schools delivering hospitality education, employers, awarding bodies, training providers, manufacturers and suppliers of hospitality and culinary products and equipment.

About PACE

PACE, the Professional Association for Catering Education, is the representative body for the hospitality and catering education and training sector in England. PACE also has links to colleges in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The recognised and respected industry association represents and unites lecturers, programme managers and head of catering schools with the common aim of championing the sector, promoting continued innovation and excellence, offering guidance and advice, facilitating the exchange of ideas and knowledge and upholding best practice.

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