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Westminster Kingsway College Hospitality Management students win sustainability pitch at Institute of Hospitality London Colloquium



A group of Foundation Degree Hospitality Management students won the award for the best sustainability pitch at the recent Institute of Hospitality 6th Annual London Colloquium. The degree level students were taking part in the competition against a team from the University of Brighton as part of a full day conference organised by the London Branch of the Institute of Hospitality on the theme of sustainability.



Westminster Kingsway College students Jack Simpson, Oliver Brand and Joseph Quilter presented their one minute video which showcased their ideas about sustainability in the Hospitality Industry and followed this with a short presentation. The pitches were judged by Fellows of the Institute of Hospitality London branch and students were presented with their award by London Branch Chairman Eamonn Cole.

Hospitality Management student Joseph Quilter said: *"We were asked to create a video and pitch on the theme of sustainability and what it means to us. We focused on the financial aspects and how it can help businesses to remain in business if they are sustainable and reduce waste."* Joseph is in the first year of the Foundation Degree in Hospitality Management after progressing from the Professional Chef Diploma also at Westminster Kingsway College. *"Events such as this conference are great as we can network with industry professionals and also practice our presentation skills. I am really enjoying my degree course as I can concentrate on developing my management skills in Hospitality."*

The Institute of Hospitality 6th Annual London Colloquium on the theme of sustainability saw speakers from across the Hospitality Industry including: Ciaran Fahy, Managing Director, The Cavendish Hotel; Philippe Rossiter, Chief Executive, Institute of Hospitality; Geoff Booth, Assistant Principal Westminster Kingsway College; Nick Mead, Director, Eden Caterers; Ed Franklin, Membership & Marketing Manager, Sustainable Restaurant Association; Tahel Bar El, Corporate Fundraiser, FareShare; John Firrell, Director, Considerate Hoteliers Association; Katie Haycock, Project Manager WRAP.

The 6th Annual London Colloquium was organised by London Committee members, Ioannis S Pantelidis, Vice Chairman of the IoH London Branch and Senior Lecturer at the University of Brighton and Monica Or, Education and Student Officer of the IoH London Branch and Hospitality Lecturer at Westminster Kingsway College. Monica Or said: *"The Institute of Hospitality London Colloquium was fantastically well received by both students and industry professionals. It is a great opportunity for networking and students can meet employers from the Hospitality Industry. Our industry professionals also have the opportunity to share their knowledge with students from the participating institutions and I know that our students here at Westminster Kingsway College have enjoyed the day."*

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