

THE BURNT CHEF PROJECT

# SERVING UP THE TOOLS

TO END THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH IN HOSPITALITY



#### A WORD FROM KRIS

2022 saw the impact of COVID begin to subside releasing the global hospitality community to get back to some degree of normality.

Unfortunately, what waited for us after the 'waters' receded was a troubled financial climate, supply chains under pressure due to lack of resource and availability, and increasing reports of mental health issues within our sector.

This resulted in greater challenges for The Burnt Chef Project as the global need for our training, supportive structures and awareness, had never been felt as strongly.

We met those challenges head on as we got to work increasing our marketing and training team in order to scale up operations enabling us to roll out in-person training sessions in the UK, whilst also beginning to run virtual sessions in Canada, USA and Europe.

Our suite of services and gathering of data also continued to grow throughout 2022 in order to address the unique challenges we faced as an industry.

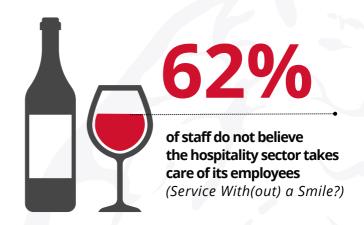
We re-launched a Level 4 Hospitality Workplace and Mental Health Apprenticeship with Performance Learning Group and set about creating a partnership with Thrive Mental Wellbeing.

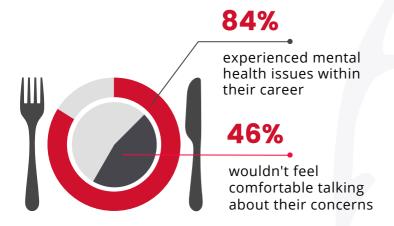
Work also began on The Burnt Chef Accreditation Scheme which is backed in scientific data and designed to highlight the businesses leading the way in sustainable, people-focussed, workplaces and due to be piloted in 2023.

I want to say a big thank you to our supporters and partners, to those who have fundraised, to our international volunteers and most importantly to The Burnt Chef Project Team. Without you, we wouldn't be able to continue to grow, build awareness, and most importantly, save lives.



In a profession that operates 7 days a week, diminishing resources that result in turnover rates far above average, and little to no training in leadership or health and wellbeing, the demands on our workforces are high and the impacts to mental health are startling and require immediate action.





We continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we can REACH as much of the industry as humanly possible through:

#### RESEARCH

With unique partnerships and reach we can survey businesses and individuals to provide detailed reports on 'hot spot' areas



Train professional individuals, college students and management teams in mental health awareness plus more

#### AWARENESS

We challenge stigma through our clothing lines, open conversations, published resources and podcast

#### **CULTURE**

We work with the hospitality community to impact cultural changes through educational tools and affiliation



By focusing on the physical, emotional and mental health of our teams we can improve the health of your business and ultimately the whole industry



1 in 4 adults are reported to experience a mental health problem in any given year. However, multiple reports show that hospitality professionals are more at risk than the national average with 4 out of 5 experiencing high levels of stress and mental illness.

We are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of every person connected to the hospitality industry whilst also building the capability of owners, line managers and employees, through training and enhancing awareness.

#### MEET THE SENIOR NON-EXECUTIVE TEAM

With the mission to proactively protect the mental health of those working in the hospitality sector, we announced the appointment of a new board of non-executive Directors and to further support our global expansion as we move into 2023.

Bringing a wealth of experience, the new members will bring additional strategic thinking to further support the growing business. Helping to raise the profile of our invaluable work, the group of non-executive directors each brings a unique skill set.

Geoff McDonald is a global advocate, campaigner, and consultant in addressing the stigma of mental ill-health in the workplace. Previously the Global Vice-President of HR, Talent, Marketing and Communications, at Unilever, Geoff's experience goes hand in hand with the work The Burnt Chef Project is doing to address the stigma linked to mental health issues within workplaces today.

Sabira Kanji MBA FCMA comes with over twenty years of experience in leading financial strategies and facilitating ambitious growth plans, particularly for companies in the not-for-profit sector as Financial Director for Social Enterprise UK. Hailing from a journalistic background both **Simon Clifford** and **Cara Houchen** join the board. Simon worked as a local, regional, and national journalist and editor, in newspapers and then BBC radio and TV. He covered major national and international news events and then moved into a new role as Head of Communications with a local authority, before becoming Deputy CEO.

Cara Houchen is well respected in the industry as a strong female leader as the Editor of The Staff Canteen for the past nine years, running regular panel discussions and recording and producing the popular podcast, Grilled.

Finally, **Andy Lennox** hopes to further the work in creating sustainable focussed strategies for hospitality businesses. He his Founder and Owner of The Fired Up Collective which consists of the restaurant brands Nusara and Zim Braai.



2022 WAS THE YEAR OF GROWTH FOR OUR TRAINING OPTIONS TO REACT TO THE DEMAND OF THE INDUSTRY.

**WE GREW OUR IN-HOUSE** TRAINING **TEAM TO** 





CATERING COLLEGE LECTURERS TRAINED IN MHFA FOR FREE

WITH THANKS TO SAVOY **EDUCATIONAL TRUST** 



WE'VE **ALSO TRAINED**  **COLLEGE STUDENTS** 

This was an excellent session, very informative with a friendly style of presentation which put the students at ease from the start.

Milton Keynes College



BURNT CHEF PROJECT **AMBASSADORS** WERE GIVEN FREE MHFA TRAINING AT A COST OF £8,000 MHFA England



WELLBEING CHAMPIONS TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS** 

**NEW MODULES DEVELOPED** AND DELIVERED FOR FREE TO THE BURNT CHEF **ACADEMY** 

#### EDUCATION



## 346

HOURS OF TRAINING PROVIDED IN PERSON



It's ok not to know the answers it's not about diagnosing it's about signposting



Kris is very professional but personable. The session was great, interactive and informative. I will have better conversations and ensure we have wellness action plans

Very informative, good interaction, good at getting people involved.



MANAGERS TRAINED IN MENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS** 

**TRAINED** 

CMI | Collaboration with PLG and also certified by the CMI. Anyone that enrolls with the Level 4 Hospitality Workplace Apprenticeship receives complimentary access to CMI.





**iFATE** | The Burnt Chef Project worked with iFATE to implement positive mental health and wellbeing learnings to their hospitality specific qualifications



#### WE TRAINED EVEN MORE PARTNERS









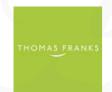


















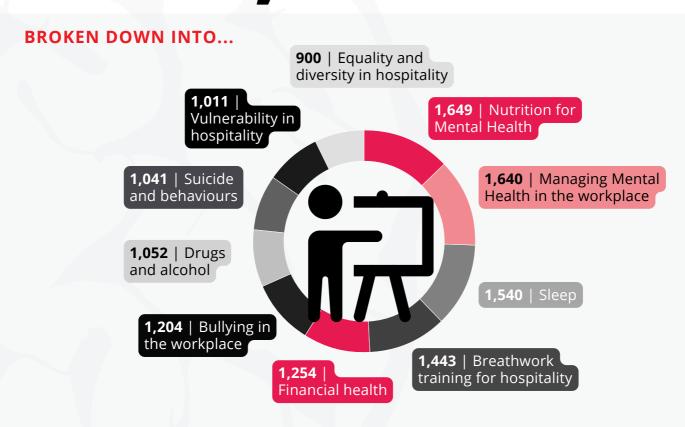




## MODULES COMPLETED BY THE BURNT CHEF ACADEMY DURING 2022

7,084

HOURS OF TRAINING DELIVERED FOR FREE!



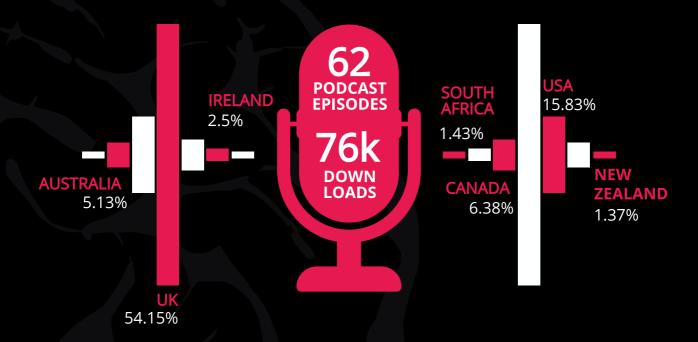


#### New modules added included:

- Suicide Awareness
- · Bullying in the Workplace
- Financial Health
- Menopause for Employees
- Sleep
- Managing Mental Health in the Workplace
- Equality and Diversity in Hospitality
- Impact of Drugs and Alcohol
- Breathwork Training for Hospitality
- Mental Health Awareness for Managers
- Effective Communication
- Nutrition for Mental Health
- Vulnerability in Hospitality
- Menopause for Managers
- Retention of Employees
- Psychological Safety
- Gambling Awareness

## THE BURNT CHEF JOURNAL

Over 100 countries reached, including:





OUR COMMUNITY HAS CONTINUED TO GROW...





Highest engagement rated post



## EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS

We put a spotlight on mental health & spoke to more than

50 amazing live audiences during 2022













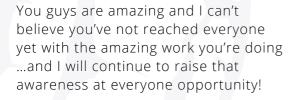














Sarah Hammond UK Head of People













### GLOBALLY SUPPORTED...

Our ambassadors act as a central team to provide peer support to each other and the wider hospitality community. They also deliver grass roots mental health awareness, stress reduction and personal resilience training to catering and hospitality collages across the globe.





AMBASSADORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

19

UK, Australia, Canada, USA & Europe (Ireland/ Spain/Germany)

**CHIEF AMBASSADORS** 

I was lost. I was numb. I was anxious I lost all my motivation. I thought I had no-one to turn to. I was burnt. It was dark in there, alone with my thoughts, but I found a light that flickered and burned brighter each day. We will not be ignored, each one of us represents a beacon of hope. Together we silence stigma. Together we give hope Together we support. Together we care. Together we believe in a better tomorrow. Together we are The Burnt Chef Project. DANIEL EDWARDS AMBASSADOR



ANXIETY STRESS
ANXIETY SADNESS
ANXIETY

2% 8% 1% 15% 17% 18%

HELP. 24/7

1,508

CONVERSATIONS THROUGHOUT 2022 38%

85%

SAID THEY FOUND THE CONVERSATION HELPFUL

**AVERAGE COST TO THE PROJECT PER TEXTER = £5.98** 



**K** 54,000

The number of steps taken climbing up and down Snowdon whilst undertaking the Snowdon Six to raise money for TBCP with 40 Brunning & Price team members! They raised over £15,000.





### **1million**

The number of feet fallen by hospitality pros to raise funds and awareness for The Burnt Chef Project

£12,000

Donated to other hospitality industries, including The Drinks Trust, Mental Health Innovations, Eat Well MCR







## OUT OF THE SHADOWS GALA

gala dinner at AFC Bournemouth, taking things back to Dorset where The Burnt Chef Project begun three years ago was a stake in the ground for us to reflect and celebrate how far we had come and how much we'd achieved in this time. With over 200 hospitality professionals, a bespoke spoken word performance from Joe Bellman and Frank Bruno joining us for the evening. We couldn't have hoped for a better event, raising over £32,000!

OVER £32,000 RAISED



















2022 saw us launch Thrive Mental Wellbeing to the hospitality industry. The only NHS digitally compliant, clinically effective app supporting the prevention, early detection and self-management of common mental health issues for organisations.



Dr Adam is online

Hey there James. I'm Adam and I am one of the psychologists here at Thrive

Hi Actam.

I have noticed from your progress notes that you have been struggling at work recently. Would you like to discuss it?

Yes. It's been difficult recently as we are all going through a porals als and they have introduced new rading that we all have to complete. That on top of encrything elso we still have to do

OK, let's go through those things in details and figure out what can be done to manage it better.

82% Thrive Recovery Rate

COMPARED TO THE NHS AT 56%

93%

OF PEOPLE HAS SAID IT HAS HELPED THEM MODERATELY OR EXTREMELY

"I have been using the Thrive Mental Wellbeing App daily for a good few months now. I have worked through the CBT program and will revisit it often. I have done CBT as group therapy as part of my addiction recovery program and the model on Thrive is very informative and easy to use.

The wise words brain teaser is a welcome distraction when I need to forget about the world for a few minutes and the sleep/breathing sections are equally worth a try.

As a recovering addict I have learnt that a toolbox full of things to maintain abstinence is incredibly important."

## NEW RESEARCH REVEALS FRIENDSHIPS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE SECTOR

New research conducted by BRITA Professional in partnership with The Burnt Chef Project has revealed that three-quarters (77%) of hospitality employees have a work best friend and that these relationships are essential in developing support networks and fostering better collaboration in the sector.

The research, found that strong support systems are intrinsic to quality work, with over half (51%) of employees recognising that they are more efficient, productive and energetic when working with their best friend. A further 46% stated that their customer service also improves.

This is underpinned by a shared sense of understanding, including:

- Appreciating each other's strengths (74%)
- Knowing their weaknesses (47%)
- Acting as a calming presence in stressful situations (58%)

Friendships are also key to good mental health, as nearly two-thirds (62%) of UK hospitality professionals say working with their best friend helps to minimise stress, while one in two (50%) acknowledge the anxiety-reducing benefits.

Without these means of support, sector workers warn they would feel isolated (57%), bored (48%), and lonely (49%) at work. What's more, they caution that businesses may see reduced performance as teamwork (51%), morale (44%) and engagement (37%) suffer.

#### Strong workplace friendships...



These relationships are so vital they can also affect presenteeism and loyalty:

- 93% of hospitality professionals would stay longer in their role if they had close friendships within their team
- Over one-third (38%) would be more likely to call in sick if their best friend wasn't at work

Despite this, one in six (16%) employers don't throw social events for their staff, while the majority (54%) of businesses only run socials once a quarter or less. Furthermore, according to another survey conducted by The Burnt Chef Project, 72% said they "never" or "not very often" spend time outside of work as a team.

While there are numerous benefits, businesses also need to be conscious of the pressures that friendships can have on employees, such as extra pressure not to let their team down (10%) and making it harder to take time off (9%).

Kris Hall, CEO and Founder of The Burnt Chef Project, said: "The research conducted in partnership with BRITA Professional continues to highlight one of the many reasons that a career in hospitality should be considered by all, something we are intensely committed to at The Burnt Chef Project. The relationships forged within hospitality are strong, life-long bonds and now the data shown in this research backs this up."

Best friendships aren't the only perfect pairings that drive success in the industry. Professionals say it's also vital to buy the perfect equipment (70%), find the ideal suppliers (60%), and one in three (31%) state reliable equipment servicing is a key consideration. They even place establishing sustainable business partnerships high up the agenda (41%).

Chris Fay C.F.S.P, Business Account Manager at BRITA Professional, comments: "The friendships forming quietly in UK hospitality venues have a loud impact on the sector. We know the power that establishing the right partnerships and connections can have, both within teams and with third-party suppliers, especially considering the challenges facing the industry today"



AMBASSADOR SCHEME

An international peer support network to host weekly chats with trained volunteers



#### MHFA England

We provide 1/2 day, 1 & 2 day MHFA training through in-house and 3rd party trainers to upskill hospitality professionals



THE BURNT CHEF



Level 4 Hospitality and Workplace Mental Health Management accredited by the CMI



THE BURNT CHEF

Thrive

Access to therapists, daily check-in and 100+ stress reduction tools

Trusted by the NHS





THE BURNT CHEF

Peopleful

A powerful diagnostic tool designed to show, for-the-firsttime, where high levels of stress and burnout are present and predict the costs associated



Free online training and resource center offering hospitality specific mental health knowledge and training



A free text based service available 24/7 to anyone involved in hospitality who wishes to talk about their mental health, bullying, relationships and more



The Burnt Chef Podcast. Fighting mental health stigma and inspiring change one guest at a time



We have a collection of high quality clothing cookware and accessories with proceeds going back to supporting the work of the project







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