

# Winners' stories

## Quarter Two, 2026

All stories have been summarised  
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your nominator.

**Be A Star helps you to recognise and thank your colleagues for all their great work and contribution to Compass UK & Ireland.**

Over the following pages you can now read all our Q2 winners' stories – celebrating and shining a light on our extraordinary people!

**Recognising  
the remarkable**

# Central Functions





Q2 winner **Millie Morgan**  
from Foodbuy Group,  
nominated by  
Kathryn Browne

## Anna Kiteley Workforce Management

Anna has been brilliant in supporting key labour efficiency work, providing clear, reliable data and guidance every step of the way. She's proactive, checks understanding and makes sure outcomes match what's needed. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others navigate complex areas have made a real difference.

“Anna’s attitude and willingness to help have been impressive.”  
- Nominator Laura Chapman

## Leander Ballarin Business Performance

Leander is the heartbeat of the team - bringing energy, creativity and a unique spark to everything she touches. She has a brilliant way of turning ideas into something engaging and genuinely inspiring, always breaking the mould, and showcasing the art of the possible.

“Our “work mum” and sister, Leander also supports the team, professionally and personally.” – Nominator Daisy-Mae Stacey

## Jake Leng Graduates Program

Jake has made a fantastic impact in his first six months, supporting audits, improving standards and protecting profit across the operation. Always ready to step up, he brings energy, attention to detail and a can-do attitude to every task. A positive influence on the team, he's quickly becoming a real asset.

“Beyond his operational contribution, Jake is a genuine asset to the team culture.” – Nominator Jamie Anderson

## Leanne Turk Foodbuy


Leanne has played a huge role in growing the Women in Food network into a thriving, 400-strong community. From leading listening sessions to shape the Parenthood Guide, to helping deliver industry-first initiatives like maternity chef jackets, she's helped drive real change - while mentoring others and championing inclusion every step of the way.

“She really embodies what Inclusion & Belonging is all about.” – Nominator Mel Aston

## Lee Watkins

### D&T

Lee led a complex upgrade of over 650 critical data integrations, keeping essential systems flowing across the business. He worked tirelessly to deliver and support the rollout – turning a behind-the-scenes challenge into a huge success.

 **He must have been keeping his eyes open with matchsticks for months to deliver this. D&T may be dull to many - but we breed stars like Lee!" - Nominator Lorraine Arscott**

## Millie Morgan

### Foodbuy Group

Millie has built strong relationships with NHS teams, supporting menu improvements, training and sustainability. She also stepped up to support NHS Chef 2025 - spending a full week on site, keeping everything running smoothly and earning standout feedback.

 **Calm, hands-on and trusted, she made a real impact at every level." - Nominator Kathryn Browne**

## Steph Callaghan

### Sales


Steph has completely elevated bid design, creating standout concepts that truly reflect each client. Her work for a recent win wowed the client so much they're now using her designs long-term. From clever visuals to sharp messaging, she's helped turn a key opportunity into a major success.

 **Thank you for all the things that Steph does to take our bids to another level." - Nominator Katie Ingram**

## Susan Field

### Finance

Sue is the go-to when things get tricky - whether it's supplier onboarding challenges or system questions, she either has the answer or knows exactly who will. Always approachable and willing to help she makes a real difference.

 **With her extensive experience, unwavering positivity and natural leadership, Sue is without question a huge asset to the organisation." - Nominator Louise Jones**

## Victoria Weston

### Foodbuy Group

Vickie drove the long-awaited launch of Foodbuy Online in Ireland, turning years of discussion into reality. She kept things moving through delays and complexity, using clear plans, regular check-ins and quick problem-solving to unblock issues.

 **Bringing teams together and keeping focus throughout, she's delivered a major step forward for the business." - Nominator Katie Ashdown**

## Wendy Morton

### Sales

Wendy brings ideas to life - like the wellbeing boxes for prospective clients - and plays a key role in driving sales activity from the very first interaction. She shares knowledge, supports new initiatives and keeps standards high, all while helping others succeed.

 **Her energy, influence and ability to connect people make a real impact every day." - Nominator Abby Devaney**

# CH&CO



## Alin Toth


### Gather & Gather Ireland

Alin has really come into his own, stepping up from a quiet start to become a go-to support across multiple sites. Whether it's extra shifts, weekends or helping where needed, he always says yes. His hard work, positive attitude and willingness to step in have made a big difference.

 **He is my "go-to guy" if I need help in other sites – he's a genuine superstar."**  
– Nominator Reon Estie


## Angela Hofacher Vacherin

Angela brings positivity and care to every shift, creating a welcoming atmosphere for both colleagues and customers. She goes out of her way to prepare extra food, support special requests and anticipate needs, with her kindness and team spirit making a genuine difference.

 **I am pretty sure she could solve most problems with a bit of cake and kindness!"**  
– Nominator Helena Franco


## Carlos Morales CH&CO Leisure

Carlos goes the extra mile every day, supporting colleagues across the whole team and building strong relationships with clients. He steps in wherever needed, solves problems quickly and always brings a warm, positive attitude.

 **Trusted and relied on by everyone, his impact is felt across the site, especially when he's not there."** -  
Nominator Aline Schmidt


## Christian Proios CH&CO Leisure

Chris has played a key role in turning the site around, helping improve service standards and boosting guest ratings from 3.9 to over 4.2. He's consistently recognised in guest feedback and praised by clients and partners.

 **He does all this while supporting and guiding the team to deliver standout service every day."** –  
Nominator Adam Quigley


## Daisy Gill CH&CO Central

Daisy has made a fantastic impact - confidently managing busy diaries, keeping the office running smoothly and building strong relationships across the team. From creating a warm welcome for visitors to launching her "Office Angel" initiative, she brings energy, organisation and a real sense of positivity to every day.

 **Daisy is admired by her colleagues for her positivity and the supportive environment she helps create."** – Nominator Phil Roker


## Estelle Cox Gather & Gather

Julie and Estelle bring community spirit to life, organising fundraising events like an Easter raffle and taking part in activities like a charity dragon boat race. They build great connections, create a real buzz on site and constantly find creative ways to give back and make a difference.

 **Their dedication, compassion and creativity shine even brighter when they work together, making them a truly inspiring team."** –  
Nominator Jess Thompson

## Jackie Haywood Gather & Gather

Jackie has grown in confidence and is a real support for the team, always noticing when someone needs help and stepping in without being asked. She's been a huge support during challenging times, showing genuine care and reliability and creating a stronger, more supportive environment.

 **Jackie is a valued and much-appreciated member of the team.” – Nominator Amanda Jordan**

## Jennifer Lawless Gather & Gather Ireland

Jennifer is a brilliant support to the team, always stepping in to help and putting in extra hours when it's needed most. She's built strong relationships, leads by example and plays a key role in keeping everything running smoothly - making a real difference to the team and day-to-day delivery.

 **She plays a vital role in the consistent delivery of the work we do.” – Nominator Laura Byrne**


## Julie Salmon Gather & Gather

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## Kub Duzova Gather & Gather

Kub has turned things around, rebuilding customer confidence through consistent service and strong relationships with key stakeholders. She's driven improved feedback, repeat bookings and growing sales, all while stepping into a new area of the business.

 **Her energy, focus and personal approach have made a clear and lasting impact.” – Nominator Sarah Bedwell**


## Paolo Antonioni Vacherin

Paolo is the backbone behind the scenes, managing payroll for over 120 colleagues while keeping finance processes and reporting on track. He handles queries with calm professionalism and supports the team day to day, often without recognition - making a huge difference to how smoothly this busy 24/7 site runs.

 **In Paolo I have a fantastic colleague and genuinely great person I can depend on.” – Nominator Daniel Baldock**

## Paul Purvis Gather & Gather

Paul has stepped up in a big way, moving from kitchen porter into supporting full breakfast and lunch service when the team needed it most. He's quickly built confidence, learned new skills and developed great rapport with customers—playing a key role in keeping everything running.

 **I honestly don't know how the business could have run so smoothly without his help.” – Nominator Sarah Ralph**

# Education



## **Alisha Wilkinson** **CH&CO Education**

Alisha stepped up to run the site for nine months - managing daily service, learning systems fast and keeping everything running smoothly. From training the team to covering seven-day operations and events, she's delivered consistently - earning fantastic praise from the client.



**She has delivered an exceptional level of service and gone far beyond what is expected.” – Nominator Beverley Blakemore**

## **Cassie North** **State Schools**

Cassie (and Laura) go above and beyond to bring inclusion to life, producing thousands of themed biscuits alongside their daily workload - 2,500 for Remembrance Day and 2,000 for Eid. From baking to carefully preparing each class's order, they've created moments that matter for every pupil.



**I couldn't ask for two more kind, lets-make-this-happen, can-do women on my team.” - Nominator Phillipa Slocombe**

## **Chloe Mullan** **Universities & Colleges**

Chloe has stepped up to supervisor through sheer hard work and commitment, holding the team together through long hours and busy periods. She supports new starters and builds confidence in others - creating a close-knit team where people stay, grow and genuinely enjoy coming to work.



**Chloe doesn't just do her job, she transforms the people and the environment around her. She leads with heart, giving more than anyone realises.” – Nominator Ella Baker**

## **Kerri Easterling** **Independents**

Kerri showed incredible calm and quick thinking when a colleague began choking, immediately stepping in to help. When initial efforts didn't work, she adapted and took decisive action to clear the obstruction. Her instinct to act and stay focused in a critical moment made all the difference.



**Kerri's actions are a true reflection of her character and her commitment to the safety and wellbeing of those around her.” – Nominator Sarah Hogben**

## **Laura Collins** **State Schools**

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## **Leanne Clarke** **State Schools**

Leanne has made a huge impact, transforming the unit into a more effective and profitable operation. She's tackled challenges head-on, embedding strong processes and building a positive team culture. From compliance to wellbeing, her energy and drive raised standards and set a great example.



**She is an ambassador for doing all which is good – thank you, Leanne, for doing such a fantastic job!” – Nominator Rob Scharf**

## Majun Menan PPP-IML

Majun leads by example, delivering high standards and stepping in when it matters most. From giving up weekends to working through Christmas to keep key projects on track, he shows real ownership and pride in his work. His drive to support the team makes a lasting impact.

“He doesn't simply meet expectations, he actively looks for ways to improve himself.” – Nominator Mariann Meszaros

## Pierre Senghore Independents

Pierre has shown fantastic growth, stepping up from agency staff to leading the morning team with confidence. He keeps service running smoothly, checks plans daily and supports the team without hesitation. Reliable and always willing to help, his development and commitment have made a real difference to the operation.

“I have had the privilege of watching Pierre's journey and I feel proud to see how far he has progressed.” – Isabel Carlier Barber



Q2 winner  
**Pierre Senghore**  
from Independents,  
nominated by  
Isabel Carlier Barber

## Mark Clarke Universities & Colleges

Mark leads from the front, never hesitating to step in and support wherever needed. He takes time to coach and guide his team, creating an environment where people feel heard and confident. Always approachable and hands-on, he keeps things running smoothly while helping others grow and succeed.

“Mark isn't afraid to get his hands dirty – he's our real-life superhero.” – Tomasz Masiuk

## Rabia Quadir Pabulum

Rabia brings real care and creativity to the kitchen, going the extra mile to make food look as good as it tastes - especially her beautifully presented fruit displays that staff and students love. Always cheerful and supportive, she helps create a positive, happy team environment every day.

“She makes me and all the staff happy and has had an extremely positive impact in our kitchen.” – Nominator Araba Lartey

# ESS



## Anita Smart

### EGI

Anita went above and beyond while on annual leave, stepping in at short notice to meet a critical client deadline. She even gave up time with her son to ensure invoices were submitted before system cut-off. Her commitment delivered exactly what the client needed, when it mattered most.



**I am so thankful for Anita's dedication and thank her so much – our client was delighted we met the deadline.” – Nominator Jenni Lawson**

## Callum Eddington-Jones

### DMA

Callum has made a brilliant impact in his first role, quickly mastering the till and building great rapport with customers. When faced with a difficult situation, he showed real courage - speaking up about misconduct early on and helping resolve it quickly.



**A fantastic example of integrity, maturity and doing the right thing.” – Nominator Chris Coombes**

## Chris Simmonds

### DMA

Chris turns inclusion into real action - sharing his own story to break down barriers, leading engaging sessions and improving training so it works for everyone. He actively builds partnerships to create opportunities and is always there to support others.



**His leadership makes inclusion visible, practical and part of everyday life.” – Nominator Benn Ward**

## Debra Stacey

### EGI

Debbie delivers brilliant service day in, day out - greeting people with a smile, offering help without hesitation and making a real impression on those she supports. Regularly recognised by customers, she creates a consistently positive front-of-house experience.



**Debs showcases her dedication to customers on a daily basis – always helpful and nothing is too much.” – Nominator Neil Edlin**

## Jessica York

### DMA

Jess created a brilliant experience for students on placement, supporting them with patience and encouragement every day. On their final day, she baked cakes to thank them for their effort - a thoughtful touch that made them feel truly valued and included.



**Jess is a lovely example of what going above and beyond looks like.” – Nominator Maria Kenward**

## Joe Baker

### DMA

Joe goes above and beyond every day, but his support for a colleague during a serious illness truly stands out. He personally travelled to appointments, stayed throughout and made sure they always felt supported and understood - balancing this with leading his team.



**Joe shows genuine care, compassion and what great leadership really looks like.” – Nominator Gabbi Walker**



Q2 winner  
**Jessica York** from  
DMA, nominated by  
Maria Kenward

## John Dryburgh

### EGI

John turned a simple idea into real change - spotting a waste issue and creating a solution that supports both sustainability and charity. By linking the recycling of plastic confectionery tubs to fundraising, he's helped divert waste and support a great cause.

“His initiative is now being explored more widely, showing how one idea can go a long way.” – Nominator Liam Davidson

## Malcolm Forrest

### DMA

Malcolm showed incredible courage when he came across a serious road accident, stepping in immediately to support those involved. Hearing a baby trapped in a smoking vehicle, he didn't hesitate - going back to rescue them and bring them to safety.

“His calm, brave actions made all the difference in a critical moment.” – Nominator Christopher Dobson

## Paul Dixon

### DMA

Paul has stepped up during a tough period, working split shifts and adapting his hours to keep the Mess running smoothly when staffing has been stretched. Alongside this, he's fully embraced his development, actively building skills through the Career Pathways programme.

“Paul showed real commitment to both the team and his own growth.” – Nominator Ben Hegarty

## Terrance Hopper

### DMA

Terry leads from the front, stepping up when it counts - like turning around 50+ packed meals in just 20 minutes during a busy service. He also gives his own time to support junior chefs, helping them prep and build confidence. His hands-on approach keeps standards high and the whole team stronger.


“His colleagues feel empowered by his presence, knowing that he will never leave a teammate struggling.” - Nominator Paul Fairclough

# Eurest, Dine and 14forty




## Abdul Hussain 14forty

Abdul keeps front-of-house running like clockwork - responding swiftly to queries, sharing clear updates and ensuring meeting spaces are seamless for clients. He anticipates needs, builds strong relationships and delivers a warm welcome that clients consistently praise.

 **He sets the standard - embodying exactly what we expect from 14forty at its best.” – Nominator Bally Purewal**


## Bishal Gurung Eurest

Bish really stepped up during the winter storm, keeping teammates safe and supported. He arranged lifts to and from work so they could still make it in, going out of his way to help. A simple but powerful act that showed real care, teamwork and commitment to the people around him.

 **Bish went out of his way to ensure that two of the team members who usually cycle into work would be able to come in.” – Nominator Shelly Mclean**


## Dean Harrison Dine

Dean has taken full ownership of the client showcase, pulling together partners, tech demos and hospitality into one joined-up experience. From planning comms to shaping the day's flow, he's built it from the ground up - opening it up to wider clients and turning it into a real growth opportunity.

 **Dean's planning, forward thinking and team first mindset make him an excellent a role model.” – Nominator Nick Haynes**


## Ewa Rembiasz Eurest

Ewa stepped in to run the site - keeping everything on track during a tough period. When a temp didn't turn up, she managed the service, manned the dishwasher and did her "day job" all at once. She kept standards high while staying calm, positive and completely dependable.

 **Always friendly with a respectful approach, she really is a star and should be recognised as such.” – Nominator Niamh Gjeci**

## John Kulas Eurest

John acted fast when a member of the public collapsed, stepping in to perform CPR. He kept control of the situation until emergency services arrived, helping stabilise the patient. A decisive moment where his training and calm approach made a life-saving difference.

 **He went above and beyond and chose to act and not walk by – his quick thinking literally helped to save a life.” – Nominator Jo Daniels**

## Lee Anderson Eurest

Lee answered an unexpected call from a colleague he didn't know - and within an hour had an executive buffet ready for a key client meeting. No hesitation, just action. His quick response turned a last-minute panic into a win, securing client confidence and keeping things on track.

 **We have a happy client, with further business coming our way and this is partly down to Lee's can-do attitude.” – Nominator Phillip Williams**

## Marcelle Crean Eurest

Marcelle is the heart of the team, holding everything together with calm, care and constant support. She looks out for colleagues, keeps standards high and plays a big part in retaining key business. Always giving her all, she leads with kindness and commitment.

“**Marcelle exceeds all expectation and she truly deserves recognition.**”  
– Nominator Tomasz Drozdowski

## Sharli Jones 14forty

Sharli keeps everything moving behind the scenes - sorting event materials, coordinating requests and finding practical solutions when processes weren't working. She even spent time reorganising and securing storage, so items were easy to access. Reliable and proactive, she gets things done without fuss and keeps others supported.

“**Sharli is always approachable, willing to support, creative in finding solutions and calm in her approach.**” - Mel Aston



## Samina Hussain 14forty

When the site was short-staffed, Samina stepped in - working extra hours, guiding agency cleaners and keeping standards high. She didn't just maintain the service, she held it all together. Her pride in her work shows in the results.

“**I really don't know what I would have done without Samina - the site think she is amazing and so do I.**” – Nominator Paul Brookes

## Sharon Langford Dine

Sharon has shown incredible resilience, keeping a busy 24/7 site running through staff shortages, floods and equipment failures. When the kitchen went down, she adapted - keeping service going and standards high. Her determination and creativity keep things moving, no matter what's thrown at her.

“**I am immensely proud of the team's efforts, led by the indomitable spirit of Sharon.**” – Nominator Geoff Owens

# Healthcare & Retail




## Angie Fish Medirest

Angie makes a real difference on the children's ward, earning fantastic feedback. She goes the extra mile - like finding the right food for a child with diabetes - and takes time to reassure parents. Her care, empathy and attention have a genuine impact on both recovery and experience.

 **She is a shining example and is so worthy of recognition.” – Nominator Beverley Smith**


## Brendan Kershaw Medirest

Brendan brings real care to every patient interaction on critical care - taking time to talk through menus, check dietary needs and make people comfortable. He shows up with warmth and patience, offering reassurance to patients and support to colleagues every single day.

 **The impact he has on both staff and patients extends far beyond food service - he brings genuine connection.” – Nominator Linda Meason**

## Brian Perrin White Oaks

Brian made a huge impact during a challenging mobilisation, staying away from home to support the team. He spent time with new staff to ease concerns and got to know residents' preferences. Calm and focused throughout, he brought standards, safety and great food to life from day one.

 **Mobilisations can be very stressful, but Brian remained unflustered and conscientious throughout.” – Nominator Rachel Chamings**

## Dasse Sery (Judith) Medirest

Judith consistently steps in to support others and share her knowledge. She helps ease workloads, keeps things running smoothly and brings a positive, reliable presence every day. Her commitment and team-first attitude make a real difference and set a fantastic example for others.

 **She is truly making a difference through her resilience, selflessness and commitment to the team.” – Nominator Mark Bela**

## Dave Woodward Medirest

Dave showed incredible bravery, rushing straight in to support his team during a violent incident and searching for a missing colleague despite the risk. He's stayed by their side - setting up regular check-ins and even planning his presence on site to help them feel safe returning to work.

 **His instinct to protect his team, and the unwavering support he has shown since, make him an extraordinary human being.” – Nominator Bev Smith**


## Elena Bergantino Cuisine Centre

Elena stepped up to lead the technical function through the busiest, most challenging month of the year, quickly taking control and keeping everything on track. She managed deadlines, supported the team and stayed calm, all while building strong relationships that made collaboration smoother.

 **Her attitude, commitment and teamwork really make her shine.” – Nominator Bartlomiej Sobanski**


## Grace Child Medirest

Grace hit the ground running, bringing energy and confidence to the team. When the network went down, she led the service smoothly - setting up alternative ordering, keeping everything on time and updating the client throughout. Her calm, can-do approach turned a disruption into a win.

 **The client even attended the kitchen to thank Grace in person, showing the positive impact she had during this issue.” – Nominator Kirstie Morin**


## Lauren Davidge-Stringer Central

Lauren stepped in to lead a major client webinar with just nine days to prepare. She pulled together senior stakeholders, shaped the story and supported rehearsals. Her leadership turned a potential risk into a standout success and set the benchmark for others.

 **Wonder Woman? My goodness yes. A huge thanks to Lauren - she really stepped up and ran with it.” – Nominator Dianah Sweeney**


## Louise Burgess Healthcare Retail

Louise has stepped up to run the store for eight months, leading through a cyber attack, staffing shortages and ongoing uncertainty. She's supported the team every day - offering guidance, reassurance and a constant positive attitude.

 **Acting as both leader and advocate, she's kept the store moving and the team motivated through a tough period.” – Nominator Simon Frisby**


## Louise McCabe Medirest Signature

Louise is the glue that keeps the team together - stepping in wherever she's needed, from kitchen to front of house. When challenges hit, she immediately takes action; covering shifts, supporting new processes and constantly guiding the team.

 **Always hands-on and ready to help, she keeps everything running and the team motivated.” – Nominator Kathleen Scammell**


## Martin Wright Central

Martin played a key role in mobilising 13 sites in just four weeks, keeping everything on track during a fast-paced and demanding period. He helped bring the team together, ensuring a smooth launch and strong standards from day one.

 **His hard work led to great resident feedback and even opened the door for further growth.” – Nominator Laura Tighe**

## Mary Jackson Medirest

Mary made a real difference to a patient's stay, personally supporting them trying to eat at mealtimes. She took time to find meals they could tolerate due a difficult condition. When some options didn't work, she personally brought alternatives to make sure they could eat.

 **Mary is really is making a difference already - with positive feedback like this she is a credit to the department.” – Nominator Dorothy Antcliff**

## Melanie White

### Instore

Mel has made an immediate impact since returning - sorting long-standing issues in her unit within weeks and stepping in to support others without cover. She's travelled at short notice, shared her expertise and strengthened performance across the region.

 **She showed real commitment and made a difference from day one.” – Nominator Gosia Wojtowicz**

## Michael Daley

### Medirest


Mike transforms mealtimes on the stroke ward into moments of dignity and recovery. He takes time to explain options, adapts how he communicates and patiently supports patients to make their own choices - even using communication aids or reading menus aloud.

 **His thoughtful touches, like personalised meals and teas, help rebuild confidence and comfort every day.” – Nominator Egle Cironkaite**

## Nicholas Grimwood

### Medirest


Nick stepped up when it mattered most, travelling between sites seven days a week to tackle low training compliance head-on. He lifted one site to 95% while keeping another performing at the top. Always available to support his team, he combines results with genuine care and commitment.

 **Nick works from the heart - he is a true people person who is deeply respected across the team.” – Nominator Terry Barter**

## Rebecca Stevens

### White Oaks

Becky showed incredible quick thinking when she spotted a tenant choking and stepped in immediately. Staying calm, she raised the alarm and then acted, using first aid to clear the airway and keep them safe. Her instinct to act made all the difference in a critical moment.

 **Becky could easily have stood by and waited for help to arrive, but instead chose to intervene - I could not be more proud.” – Nominator Rob Catchpole**

## Theresa Jones

### Healthcare Retail

Theresa brings kindness and care to every shift, always showing up with a smile and supporting those around her. She's helped collect donations for people affected by a hurricane and regularly supports the hospital charity stall.

 **A true team anchor, she looks out for everyone and leads with compassion every day.” – Nominator Mitchel Brindley**

# Ireland



## Alan Kelly

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Alan makes a real difference every day - supporting colleagues to build confidence with communication and always taking time to help when it's needed most. He runs front-of-house service smoothly while looking out for the team, offering patience, encouragement and care.

“Alan creates a positive, supportive environment for everyone.” – Nominator Shane Heffernan

## Eduardo Vieitez Estaire

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Eduardo brings great energy to the team, regularly stepping in to cover shifts, support weekends and help colleagues when it's needed most. He's built strong relationships with customers and takes on extra responsibilities without being asked.

“His enthusiasm and drive are clear, making him a valued and growing member of the team.” – Nominator Colin Conroy

## Fabiane Ayumi Yugueta

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Fabi made a huge impact moving from kitchen porter into hospitality, quickly stepping up during a demanding new site opening. She handled challenges head-on, delivered great service and helped raise standards across the team.

“Her drive, positivity and determination stood out to both colleagues and the client.” – Nominator Tonci Grgic

## Hatem Abdelbaky Mohamed

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Hatem keeps the kitchen running smoothly, handling a demanding role with real care and consistency. He supports teammates without hesitation, steps in wherever needed and brings a positive attitude to every shift. His hard work makes a huge difference to the team's success.

“Our kitchen runs all the more efficiently with this superstar working alongside us.” – Nominator Maureen Keating

## Irem Tarakcioglu

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Irem leads from the front, keeping the team organised and supported during busy periods while handling challenges calmly and quickly. She communicates clearly, motivates others and steps in wherever needed, creating a positive environment where people feel valued.

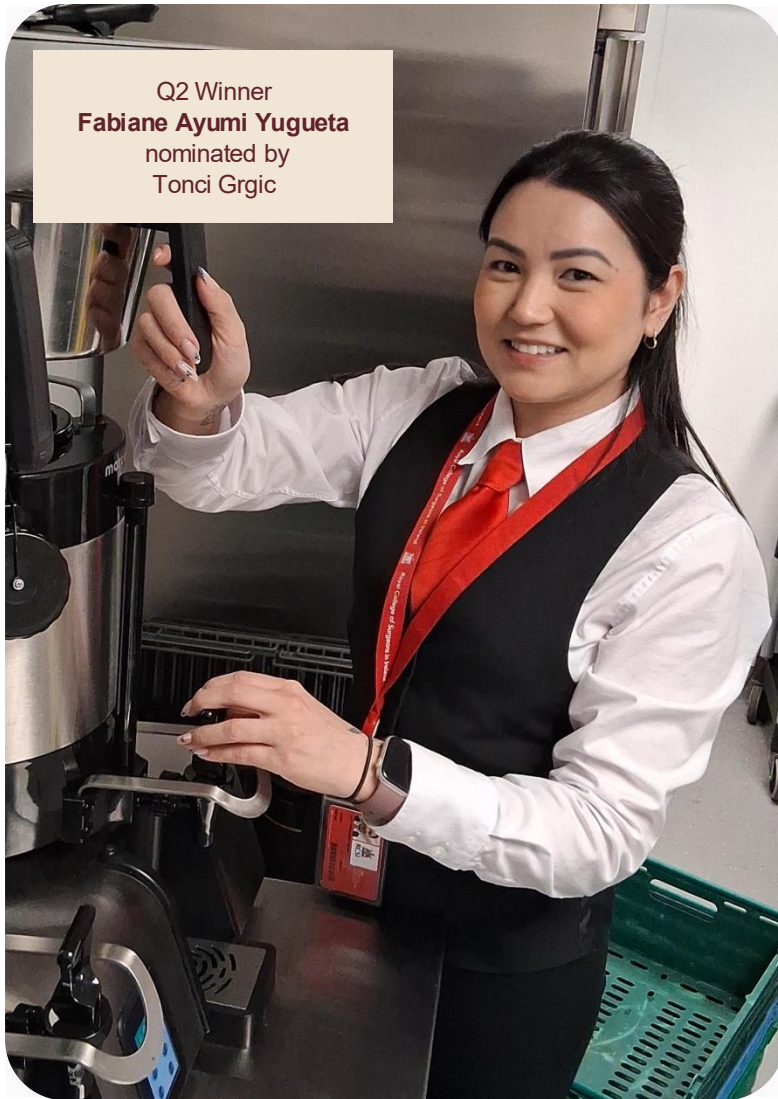
“Irem consistently goes above and beyond her role, especially during busy and challenging periods.” - Nominator Emre Arpacik

## Kevin Russell

### Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Kevin has grown into a key part of the kitchen, from perfecting dishes like focaccia and minestrone to building great rapport with guests on the counter. When leadership gaps hit, he stepped up to guide the team, keeping service on track with calm focus.

“Kevin showed real progress, confidence and reliability.” – Nominator Kathleen O'Connor



## Marguerite O'Halloran Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Maggie has been a constant force for over 20 years, leading with reliability and pride. She supports her team through every challenge, keeps standards high and always steps up when needed. Her dedication and consistency make a real difference on site every single day.

“ Her positive attitude, commitment and strong sense of responsibility make her an invaluable asset to the organization.” – Nominator Bozena Zarotynska

## Rose Power Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Rose brings a smile to every shift and takes genuine interest in how people are doing, always checking in and offering support. She plays a big part in keeping the team positive and connected, while caring deeply about the success of the business and people around her.

“ Rose is the kindest and most-loved person in the building.” – Nominator Hazel Finn

## Paul Monagle Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Paul leads from the front in a busy, demanding kitchen, holding everything together while keeping standards high. He regularly starts as early as 3:40am to deliver smooth breakfast service, always with a positive attitude. His commitment, hard work and pride make him a real driving force for the team.

“ Being a Head Chef isn't only about cooking – Paul holds things together, sets standards and pushes through even when conditions aren't ideal.” – Nominator Hazel Finn

## Zoran Cerkez Business & Industry Southern Ireland

Zoran has been a rock on the night shift for years, stepping up from kitchen porter to leading service with confidence. He keeps standards high, takes control when it counts and consistently earns great feedback from customers.

“ Reliable and proactive, he's someone the team can always depend on to deliver.” – Nominator Hazel Finn

# Levy





Q2 Winner  
**Himoghno Ghosh**  
from Constellation,  
nominated by  
Linorah Murungi

### **Gemma Christopher** **Midlands & South**

Gemma turned around a last-minute issue with two damaged celebration cakes, taking them home to fix overnight using her own equipment and sourcing what she needed. She came in early to finish the job, delivering flawless results and saving the day.

“Gemma is such a great asset to my team - I knew she would save the day.”  
– Nominator David Siddall

### **Jason Crimmins** **Wales, North & Scotland**

Jason brings real energy and support across the team, from helping colleagues get up-to-speed with systems, to backing sites during busy events. His 5k-a-day fundraising challenge and role in Endure 24 boosted team spirit and strengthened partnerships - makin a difference.

“He is a great all rounder and a real asset to the team in south Wales.” – Nominator Marie-Laure Bowles

### **Himoghno Ghosh** **Constellation**

Himoghno brings energy and calm to every shift, even under real pressure. When the bar was short-staffed, he kept service flowing while still taking time to check in on a guest who was struggling - turning their night around. Skilled and attentive, he creates experiences customers remember.

“He reminds everyone around him that great service is not just about efficiency, but about genuine human connection.” – Nominator Linorah Murungi

### **Jenner Carter** **Levy - Central Overheads**

Jenner creates a team environment where people feel trusted, supported and able to grow. She checks in on workloads, steps in when needed and ensures everyone feels understood - including making meaningful adjustments that build confidence.

“Her calm, people-first approach has created a positive space where the team can thrive and do their best work.” - Nominator Paige Gilbert

## Keiki Tranter

### Jockey Club Catering


Keiki stepped up to deliver a Christmas celebration for 60 community members - organising meals, gifts and supplies when a partner couldn't. She didn't stop there, travelling between sites to give teams hands-on support, from setting up tills to solving issues.

 **Her energy, reliability and care make a real difference wherever she goes.” – Nominator Mollie Jamieson**

## Magdalena Domienik

### Midlands & South

Magda brings real positivity to the kitchen, always finding a way to make things work - no matter the challenge. She leads by example, supports her team and takes pride in every detail, especially during functions. Welcoming, reliable and solutions-focused.

 **Magda is one of the most positive Chefs I've ever worked with.” – Nominator Leticia Sanches**

## Maz Habibi

### Venue Collection

Maz consistently delivers great service, using his wide range of skills to make sure customers feel truly looked after. Always friendly and approachable, he goes out of his way to help and has earned fantastic feedback from clients. His positive attitude and drive to improve make him a real asset to the team.

 **I am proud to work alongside Maz as he always puts his best foot forward.” – Nominator Scott Leatherland**


## Maxmillion Undy Constellation

Max showed incredible calm and leadership during a medical emergency, stepping in to support a collapsed contractor and helping get them into recovery position while calling for urgent help. He reassured colleagues, kept control of the situation and helped the event continue.

 **His quick thinking and composure made all the difference.” – Nominator Matthew Kellett**


## Suffian Kabba Jockey Club Catering

Suffi went above and beyond by working both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, giving up time with his family to support a key event. Alongside the team, he ensured jockeys and stable staff were well looked after - showing real teamwork and commitment when it mattered most.

 **Thank you so much, for giving up this family time and dedicating your time to work.” - Nominator Louise Coumbe**

## Victoria Draper Venue Collection

Victoria creates a supportive, positive environment where both the team and customers feel valued. She leads with empathy, checks in regularly and is always ready to step in and help. Her consistent support and hands-on approach keep everything running smoothly.

 **Her commitment to creating a positive environment inspires our team and ensures that every customer feels valued and cared for.” – Nominator Eloise Duchesne**

# RA Group



Q2 winner  
**Clive Smith**,  
nominated by  
Ana Maria Pirvu



## Ana Maria Pirvu Rapport

Ana brings kindness to life through action. She led a full week of events - from a bake sale and book swap to organising a volunteering day - raising funds and bringing people together. Mid-event, she even supported a nervous visitor, showing human touches make a big difference.

“That level of awareness, even when she had a hundred other things on her plate, is what makes her truly exceptional.” – Nominator Manuela Teixeira

## Clive Smith Rapport

Clive took full ownership of a recurring issue with a Peloton bike, pushing contractors to find a permanent fix and securing a full replacement. When new pedals were fitted incorrectly, he found spares and fixed it himself, getting the client experience back on track quickly.

“I am so proud and grateful to work alongside someone like Clive.” – Nominator Ana Maria Pirvu

## Anoop Narikkodan Restaurant Associates

Anoop makes finance feel accessible - taking time to explain the “why” behind processes so colleagues build real confidence, not just complete tasks. From supporting training to guiding compliance, he helps others grow every day.

“Approachable and patient, he creates an environment where people feel supported, included and able to succeed.” – Nominator Dominic Smith


## Francesca Viotto Rapport

Francesca brings real energy and care to everything she does, from building strong client relationships to championing charity initiatives. She led donation drives and bake sales, helping raise over £1,600 and driving huge engagement.

“Always one step ahead, she supports the team and creates a positive, purposeful environment every day.” - Nominator Ana Maria Pirvu


## James Hirst Restaurant Associates

James turned a partner lunch into a standout event by adding thoughtful festive touches - personally sourcing decorations, creating handmade treats and bringing the whole experience to life. His attention to detail and proactive approach made it truly memorable.

 **James earned fantastic feedback and showed what going the extra mile really looks like.” – Nominator Christina Benjamin**


## Raafat Rafla Restaurant Associates

Raafat has been the steady force behind service for 25 years, bringing calm and consistency to busy shifts. He anticipates needs, supports teammates and keeps standards high through simple, effective improvements. Trusted by all, he sets the tone through quiet, reliable excellence.

 **He remembers the small things, centres the team during pressure and remains head and shoulders above the rest with humble excellence.” – Nominator Valentina Tudor**


## Roksana Weclawska Rapport

Roksana led the *Giving Tree* initiative – a campaign collecting gifts for children in need. From designing eye-catching posters to coordinating donations and chasing last-minute deliveries, she spread joy and team spirit every step of the way.

 **Her determination and heart turned a complex effort into something meaningful, bringing joy to those who needed it most.” – Nominator Ana Maria Pirvu**

## Ryan Clairmont Restaurant Associates

Ryan and the team delivered the impossible - opening a major new restaurant in just one weekend after receiving the space late on Friday. Working flat out, they set up, tested and launched for Monday service, serving thousands in week one.

 **Ryan’s passion and drive helped turn a huge challenge into a standout success”.**  
- Nominator Conor Bartley

## Shazib Sheikh Restaurant Associates

Shazib has stepped up brilliantly since moving into a supervisor role, quickly mastering new responsibilities and keeping a busy 24/7 operation running smoothly. During a week-long milk shortage, he stayed calm, worked closely with suppliers and teams and kept everything on track.

 **Shazib showed real ownership, resilience and leadership when it mattered most.”**  
– Nominator Ramune Petrauskiene

## Torren Lewis Restaurant Associates

Torren stepped up instantly when a kitchen incident shut operations down, setting up alternative prep areas and redesigning menus to keep over 2,000 people fed. Working long hours, he led from the front, turning a major disruption into a smooth, well-managed service that impressed the client.

 **Torren’s actions exemplify our core values and made a significant impact on both our client partnership and team morale.”** - Nominator Craig Marchant

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