

Elior commits to gift over £450k to fund apprentices in hospitality, healthcare and education, supporting the training and development of future talent

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Leading contract caterer, Elior, today announced its commitment to donate £480,000 of its Apprenticeship Levy to fund apprenticeships in hospitality, healthcare and education over the next three years.

Elior will collaborate with Total People – part of the LTE Group – locating and appointing apprentices across its portfolio.

Giving the economy a much-needed boost to sectors in which Elior operates, the first £100,000 of funding has already been released for Total People to allocate across its extensive network of UK SMEs, with a number of recipients already identified to receive funds to support apprenticeships in the care and hospitality sectors. Amongst many other local businesses, the funds will support the Little Tap Restaurant and Bar in Cheshire helping support growth again after the pandemic.

Elior's pledge will not only help to strengthen the future of smaller organisations within its chosen sectors but will also provide progression and upskilling opportunities for their workforce.

Justin Johnson, HR Director at Elior UK said: "The hospitality industry suffered a real blow as a result of the pandemic. We're keen to help kickstart growth, providing work opportunities in organisations where they're most needed.

Working closely alongside clients in education and healthcare, we've witnessed first-hand the challenges

these immensely valuable sectors have overcome over the last few years. It's an honour to be able to invest in their regeneration moving forwards.

Myles Carr, Business Owner, Little Tap Restaurant and Bar, Cheshire, said: "Working alongside Total People enabled me to access Elior's funding, which was very beneficial after a difficult time for the hospitality industry.

"Elior's gifted funds will have helped a huge amount of businesses that have survived the pandemic and want to grow. It really has helped me to focus on my team and give them a strong future working with my company."

Beckie Holmes, Total People Levy Gifting Manager, said: "We are absolutely delighted that Elior have come on board as one of our gifting partners. Elior's fantastic pledge against the Education, Health and Social Care and Hospitality sectors will have a huge impact on SME's who can use these funds to upskill or grow their existing workforce through apprenticeships,

As an example, the pledge offers significant opportunities for smaller organisations in the care sector, where hypothetically it could provide apprenticeship training for a total of 33 Adult Care Workers. We are really looking forward to working with Elior to make a real and positive impact on the wider community."

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