

Compass apprentice wins at Multicultural Apprenticeship Awards

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[Compass Group UK & I](#) is celebrating after talented Chef, Dylan Patel won the Apprentice of the Year 2022 at the Multicultural Apprenticeship Awards in the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism category.

The awards aim to showcase the range of talent and hard work within multicultural communities that is made possible with the contribution and support of employers and learning providers.

Dylan is currently in the role of Chef De Partie, for Restaurant Associates based at Compass' head office in Chertsey, whilst working towards a Level 3 qualification with Westminster Kingsway College.

Dylan said: "I am so humbled and proud to be named the winner of this award. Taking on this apprenticeship has allowed me to follow my passion, balancing learning with practical work whilst getting paid. I love being part of the team here and learning from others around me. There is always something new to uncover and that's what I enjoy most about being a chef and I hope to build my knowledge further, as I continue this exciting journey."

Bally Purewal, Operations Director for Compass' 14Forty, was also Highly Commended in the same category. He is working towards a Level 7 Senior Leadership Apprenticeship, in partnership with Aston University. He took on this opportunity having been with Compass for 24 years, to further develop his skills.

Bally commented: "I want to develop my skills, knowledge and behaviours to be able to obtain a senior leadership role and this apprenticeship is supporting my development in the right direction. One of the things I love most about the course, is the empowerment to have conversations through the networking opportunities, to express myself and draw on other people's experiences."

Jonathan Foot, Head of Apprenticeships and Early Careers at Compass Group UK & Ireland, commented: “This is a wonderful achievement and I am very proud of Dylan and Bally for their phenomenal efforts as they progress in their careers. They are great role models for others that want to take on an apprenticeship, showing the breadth of qualifications that can be achieved. Congratulations to them both for their success at the Multicultural Apprenticeship Awards.”