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Business leader hired to support Learning & Development Academy

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<u>Portico</u>, the specialist provider of tailored guest services, has announced the appointment of David Bevens as head of learning and development.

His role is to build on the work already being carried out through the company's Learning & Development Academy. He will be meeting as many colleagues as possible and analysing the business' learning needs to underpin the design and delivery of future learning activity to ensure it is enjoyable, interactive and relatable, as well as in line with the company's values.

In addition to providing crucial developmental support to colleagues, Mr Bevens will also be responsible for establishing an external commercial learning and development product that can be taken to the wider hospitality and security market.

Outlining his vision for the company's learning and development function, Mr Bevens said: "I want to build a culture of excitement around learning in the organisation. I want our offering to make a proud declaration about our commitment to understanding and respecting that we all learn differently and the importance of diversity, equality, equity, inclusion and belonging at Portico.

"I also want to provide opportunities for those who may be interested in a career in learning and development to get involved in our activities so we have a pipeline of talent who can support our portfolio moving forwards."

Managing director Paul Jackson added: "Learning and development is at the heart of our culture. David's passion for helping people to shine, along with his experience already gained in this industry made him the perfect person for this hugely important role.



"Hospitality has and always will be a sector that is defined by its people. With David on board, I am confident that our Learning & Development Academy can continue to support our colleagues and inspire them to reach new heights with the company."