

Compass bolsters social value team

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<u>Compass Group UK & Ireland</u>, the UK's largest food and support services provider, has strengthened its social value expertise with the appointment of Neely Mozawala, the founder of the successful NHS "No Hungry Staff Campaign".

Neely is joining the social value team, as "Social Value Lead" and will be responsible for helping drive forward the company's purpose agenda. As one of the UK's largest employers, employing over 45,000 people and operating across 6,000 sites around the UK, Compass recognises the constructive role it can play in supporting local communities and positively impacting the lives of both its employees and people outside of the organisation.

Neely was previously a Specialist Diabetes Podiatrist in the NHS and passionate about the health and wellbeing of NHS staff. In November 2019 she set up a campaign to secure 24/7 access to hot, nutritious and affordable food to NHS Staff. The campaign received widespread support and achieved its mission a year later, with the publication of the National Standards for healthcare food and drink, which made it a requirement for NHS Trusts to provide their staff with access to 24/7 food.

Alongside her new social value role, Neely will continue to independently support the "No Hungry Staff" campaign, working with NHS Trusts, staff and businesses, to ensure a smooth transition to 24/7 access to food, whilst also working closely with NHS England.

Compass recently had its Social and Local Economic Value for 2021 measured by the Social Value Portal – which came out at a staggering £591m. While the majority of this figure is a result of employing people in local communities across the country, £3m was attributed to positive interventions the business has made through its people programmes, social mobility strategy and fundraising initiatives. The company has been looking at how to build on this further as it seeks to proactively grow its social and local economic value



over the coming years.

Commenting on Neely's appointment – Chris Chidley, Compass Group UK & Ireland Social Value Executive Team Sponsor said: "I am delighted that Neely is joining our social value team. We know that social value remains high on our clients' agenda and with the high cost of living, making a positive impact in the communities in which we work has never been more important. While our teams across the country already do so much to support our clients, colleagues and communities, we know there is more we can do, and we have the ability to change people's lives and make a positive difference."

Neely Mozawala, Social Value Lead, Compass Group UK & Ireland, added: "I am really looking forward to supporting the social value work at Compass. I have always been passionate about doing the right thing. Working on the "No Hungry Staff" campaign I learnt so much about the power of positive partnerships and collaboration. I hope by bringing the same focus and energy, I can help drive Compass' social value forward and build on the great foundations already in place, as we look to continue to make a positive impact in the communities where we work."

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