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The National Association of Care Catering appoints new National Chair

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) has announced and inaugurated its new National Chair – Neel Radia.

Neel's appointment was declared to the association's members, and his two-year tenure began, at the NACC National Training & Development Forum in Blackpool last week (11-13 September).

A clearly popular choice with the members, Neel graciously accepted the mantle of Chair, pledging to repeat and build on his huge success as the South East Region Chair on a national level.

Neel has been an active member of the NACC for over seven years and he has led the South East Region for six years with unprecedented success. The innovative changes introduced by Neel, including accredited training qualifications, study days, engaging communication and networking events, drove a dramatic rise in membership levels and produced buoyant and sustained attendance at its regional seminars. With Neel at the helm, the South East Region scooped the Region Award at the NACC Awards on four occasions!

Neel has a real knowledge, understanding and passion for catering in the care sector and for the NACC. He is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of good nutrition and hydration in care settings. He speaks eloquently on this topic at national and international conferences and is involved with NACC national activity such as Community Meals Week. Neel works for Raj Foods, the manufacturer of Halal and ethnic meals for the care and health sector.

Neel commented: "I am honoured and thrilled to accept the role and responsibility of National Chair of the NACC. I believe in the strength of the association and I am committed to making it even stronger for the benefit of our members and the care sector as a whole. We are already seeing front line services gradually disappear so as an association we are more crucial than ever and I am ready to lead the NACC through these challenging times.

“I have worked incredibly hard as Chair of the South East region with fantastic results and I am keen to share these practices and innovations at regional and national levels. With fresh thinking and a strategic approach we will grow membership and the voice of the NACC will become even louder as we promote the absolute importance of good nutrition and hydration in the care sector today and in the future.

“The NACC and its members have prospered under the great leadership of my predecessors. I am ready to continue their good work. With renewed energy and creative thinking I will deliver on my promise to take our great association to the next level for the ultimate benefit of all our members – and of course those entrusted to our care.”

Neel performed his first official duty by presenting the awards at the NACC Awards 2013.

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Care Catering (NACC) is a progressive organisation representing professionals providing catering to the care industry. They are recognised by Local Authorities, independent providers, the charitable sector and Government departments as a prime source of information and opinion on all aspects of catering within the care sector and whose primary aim is to improve standards.

The NACC works with a number of partners to:

- To promote and enrich the standard of catering within the care sector, whether that catering be provided by Social Care Departments or other Caring Agencies
- To provide a forum for debate among individuals, companies and organisations of all kinds involved in catering for the care sector
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and expertise
- To promote the development of professional standards among those involved in catering for the care sector
- To commission research into matters relating to catering for the care sector
- To publish guidelines, policy papers and authoritative statements on all aspects of catering for the care sector

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