



The NACC Training & Development Forum 2015 will engage, educate and energise the care catering sector

The **National Association of Care Catering (NACC) Training & Development Forum 2015** returns to the **East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham**, on **30 September – 2 October**. The two-day event guarantees to engage, energise and entertain delegates, whilst sharing the latest innovations, ideas, guidelines and advice to boost their business' catering provision.

The NACC is proud to confirm that Dianne Jeffrey CBE, chairman, Age UK, will deliver the keynote address at the unique, tailored training event for professionals providing catering to the care industry.

Other leading experts in the field of care set to inform and inspire delegates include David Sheard, the CEO and founder of Dementia Care Matters, who will tackle the realities of dementia care and how to create culture change, and Jilly Polson, the dementia lead associate for the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University, who will offer her expertise on the crucial topic of dining, dignity and dementia.

In addition to the high-profile speakers, three skill-enhancing training modules will teach and challenge chefs with new approaches and perspectives for creating the right menus for service users in a care environment. The training modules include: *Keeping the classics contemporary and combining flavours*; *Simplicity is genius: less is more on the plate*; and *Experience the senses of ageing* that will enable delegates to understand how the senses change with age. The modules are specifically created for the NACC and delivered by Westminster Kingsway College and the Catering Academy.

Inspirational care cookery demonstrations offering new recipe ideas and menu solutions will support the speakers and workshops, including a presentation by the NACC Care Cook of the Year 2015, Oliver Smith, who will showcase exactly what it takes to be an award-winning care catering chef.



Connecting the Care Sector

The NACC Training & Development Forum brings together a plethora of professionals working in or associated with the care sector* in the spirit of exchanging ideas and experiences and sharing best practice in order to ensure continued excellence across the board.

The CaterCare Expo, running alongside the forum, gives delegates the opportunity to link with more than 40 manufacturers and suppliers to explore, experience, sample and test the very latest food, drink, technology, equipment and services appropriate for care establishments.

The successful meet-the-buyer sessions also offer delegates one-to-one meetings with the suppliers to discuss individual needs in more depth.

NACC Awards 2015

An incredibly popular element of the NACC Training & Development Forum, the prestigious NACC Awards will be presented on the evening of Thursday 1 October 2015. Excellence, innovation and dedication from the past 12 months and the care sector's unsung heroes will be recognised and celebrated.

The coveted awards up for grabs include Care Establishment of the Year; Community Meals Marketing; Catering Team of the Year; Catering Manager of the Year; Sustainability Award; Region of the Year; Pam Rhodes Outstanding Achievement Award; and National Chairman's Award.

Neel Radia, national chair, NACC, comments: *"The NACC Training & Development Forum is a must-attend event for anyone associated with the catering provision in a care environment. It offers delegates a fantastic opportunity to consider the challenges ahead and be inspired by new ideas and solutions that will make a difference – be this through the brilliant speakers, training modules and cookery demonstrations on offer or through sharing ideas and experiences with like-minded peers.*

"The line-up of speakers this year is phenomenal. Dianne Jeffrey, David Sheard and Jilly Polson have so much knowledge and expertise to share. I am personally looking forward to hearing what they have to say and joining in the dynamic discussions they are sure to



provoke. We are also thrilled to be working with Westminster Kingsway College and the Catering Academy to deliver first-class training modules that will introduce new skills and perspectives and instil renewed confidence in care chefs.

“The NACC Training & Development Forum wouldn’t be the same without the NACC Awards and this is a part of the event that I very much enjoy. It is an absolute honour to present the coveted awards to the deserved winners and I can’t wait to share in their success. It is also a fantastic evening of celebration of our vibrant sector, which has continued to raise the bar of excellence and the profile of our sector as a viable career choice for future generations.”

For further information and to book a delegate place at the NACC Training & Development Forum 2015 visit www.mcculloughmoore.co.uk/nacc.

Notes to editors:

*The NACC Training & Development forum is relevant for catering managers, dieticians, local authority staff, NHS staff, social services officers, owners or managers of day care centres and residential homes, healthcare company executives, domiciliary care providers, members of caring organisations and any supplier to the care catering sector.

NACC:

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 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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