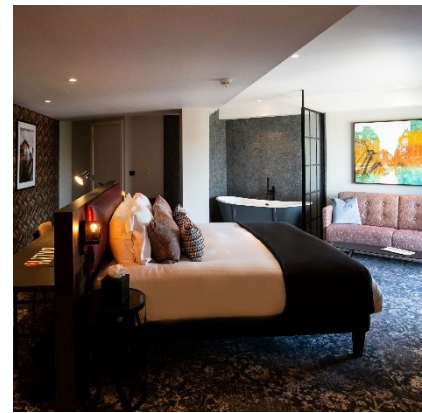
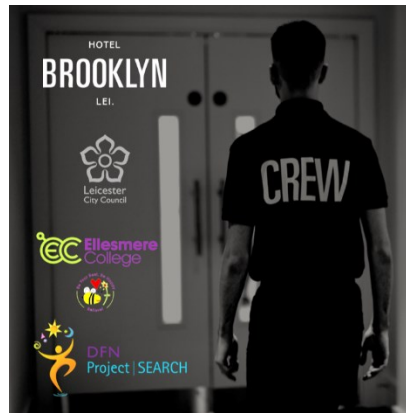


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**Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester joins forces with Ellesmere College, Leicester City Council and DFN Project Search to launch new employment programme.**



January 2023...//We're delighted to announce the launch of a new, life-changing employment programme for young adults with a learning disability or autism.

True to the Brooklyn brand, superb design and access for all and careful thought to anyone needing special care is always at the centre of the hotel's philosophy. Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester really does push the boundaries for what a hotel should be offering as 'the norm' across all of its facilities - for guests and staff alike from offering 10 fully-accessible and 6 ambulant-accessible bedrooms to back-of-house accessible changing and shower facilities ensure that the Brooklyn team can continue to be as diverse as its guests.

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year transition to work programme designed to challenge and change cultures, demonstrating how young people with a learning disability can enrich the workforce, bring incredible skills and talent, encourage greater diversity and meet a real business need. The programme will provide vital work-based learning opportunities at the Brooklyn Hotel, Leicester with a view to helping the interns develop their employability skills as well as providing hands-on experience in the workplace. Those on the programme will be offered rotating placements throughout the hotel in areas such as catering, housekeeping and maintenance.

Paul Bayliss MBE, Regional General Manager of the Hotel Brooklyn Brand, Bespoke Hotels Ltd. says..."Its another fantastic initiative to ensure everyone is able to join our roster. The Hotel Brooklyn Brand as part of its DNA wellbeing and inclusivity and this is another great example of this activity in action. Allowing anyone to apply for a role no matter their challenges changes lives; we know this is true because we see good people flourish in hospitality. All's we ask of our people is to get to work on time, look smart and have a great attitude to their role, guests and fellow team members. If they can do that then we'll do the rest with them and help them in their career"

To be eligible for the programme, applicants must be aged 18 – 25, live in Leicester, and have an Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan.

On Tuesday 24th January, from 4.30pm – 5.30pm, Ellesmere College is hosting an event for anybody interested in applying for a place within our September 2023 cohort.

The event will take place at Ellesmere College and will be an opportunity to find out more about the programme and take part in a Q&A session on Project Search. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the college on 0116 2894242 to book a place.

To find out more about the DFN Project Search, visit: <https://lnkd.in/dQF85R7>

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## **Editor's Notes:**

### Hotel Brooklyn

Inspired by 1920's - 1940's New York, Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester is a 191-bedroom property in Leicester under the management of Bespoke Hotels. Located beside the expanded Welford Road Stadium, home of the famous Leicester Tigers rugby team, Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester boasts stylish bedrooms and offer a window onto both the city of Leicester and the hallowed turf next door.

*Nightly rates at Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester start from £90 for a Club Room, B&B*

*Hotel Brooklyn, Leicester images [here](#)*

### Bespoke Hotels

Formed in 2000, Bespoke Hotels has grown to represent over 200 properties worldwide, and now stands as the UK's Largest Independent Hotel Group. Ranging from specialist golfing hotels, to award-winning spa resorts and chic city centre properties, the group prides itself on a diverse roster and a unique, individualised management style.

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