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Lifetime is to partner with the Hilton in the Community Foundation to offer Apprenticeship programmes to disadvantaged and young people aged 18-24, as part of the much respected Galvin's Chance initiative.



Galvin's Chance is a programme of Hilton in the Community Foundation delivered through a partnership with The Springboard Charity. The programme offers 20 young people mentoring, work experience, training and paid employment in fine-dining restaurants and hotels around London.

In 2013, in conjunction with Lifetime and as a key activity within Galvin's Chance, these young adults will have the opportunity to complete Level 2 Apprenticeship programmes in Hospitality-specific qualifications dependant on their job roles. By gaining a nationally-recognised qualification alongside paid employment, the aim is to give the young people lasting opportunity to kick-start their careers.

Louise James, from the Hilton in the Community Foundation said, *"By partnering with Lifetime to offer government-funded Apprenticeship programmes, we not only give these young people the opportunity to gain qualifications, but also provide them with the skills, the support and the opportunities to start a career in the hospitality industry; to change their lives for the better and those around them."*

Launched in 2009 and the brainchild of Chris Galvin, Chef Patron and Fred Sirieix, General Manager of Galvin at Windows, Galvin's Chance is an inspirational 'into work' programme leading to an Apprenticeship, college programme or sustainable employment for young adults not in education or employment.

Initially piloted at the Michelin-starred Galvin at Windows at the London Hilton on Park Lane, the programme offers these apprentices training and opportunities for a front of house career in some of the most prestigious hotels in London. The success of Galvin's Chance relies on the focus on real employment rather than just on employability. Employer partners now include: the Royal Automobile Club, Harbour & Jones, Wabi, Grosvenor House and The Ritz.



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