

THE CLINK CAFE



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Lord Forte Foundation kindly gave a grant of £10k towards the fitting out of the first
Clink Café in Manchester.

The Clink Charity breaks the cycle of crime by training serving prisoners to receive their accredited City and Guilds NVQ qualifications in Food & Beverage Service, Professional Cookery and Horticulture. The Clink Charity now operates 11 training projects; 4 restaurants, 3 kitchen projects, 2 gardens, 1 café and 1 events catering business. All projects utilise our Five Step Programme to ensure that prisoners receive the support they need, not only while they are in prison but also after release: Recruit, Train, Support, Employ and Mentor.

In 2017, we trained 304 prisoners, awarded 106 City and Guilds certificates and delivered 250k hours of training. 100k customers who dined with us ensured that each of our four restaurants were number 1 on TripAdvisor at the same time in July 2017. We also won the Overall Charity and the Education and Training awards at the 2017 Charity Awards.

We now have over 280 employers, such as Hilton Hotels, Royal Lancaster London Hotel, Roast Restaurant and Harbour and Jones who are willing to take on a Clink graduate subject to a satisfactory interview upon release from prison. To date we have won more than 60 awards, including The Charity Awards' Education & Training and Overall Winner in June 2017. Our catering industry ambassadors include Albert Roux, Prue Leith, Cyrus Todiwala, Giorgio Locatelli, Daniel Galmiche and many others.

The Justice Data Lab analysis, published in April 2018, report that prisoners going through The Clink Charity training programmes are 49.6% less likely to reoffend. The report states that the charity has achieved a "statistically significant result". In order to show a fair assessment, Clink graduates that qualified for analysis were measured comparatively to individuals that have not received The Clink's intervention but were similar in circumstance.

By the end of 2018, we will have opened three new training projects for serving prisoners or prisoners on ROTL (released on temporary licence). In May 2018, we opened our first training project off prison grounds, The Clink Café at Canada House in Manchester which is staffed by graduates from our other training programmes and young homeless clients from Centrepont charity.

The Clink Charity's aim is to see more than 1,500 highly trained and qualified Clink graduates enter employment each year by 2020.

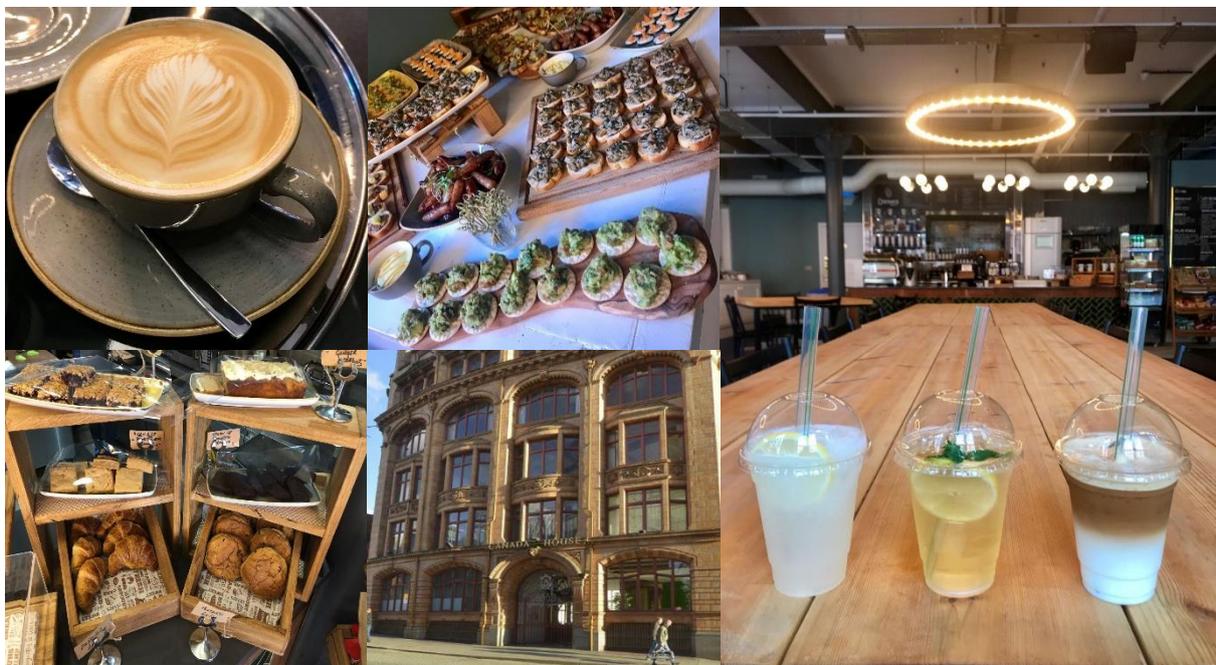
Update: The Clink Café

The Clink Café opened in May 2018 at Canada House in Chepstow Street. The cafe focuses on training Clink graduates and homeless clients of the Centrepont charity to gain their accredited City and Guilds NVQ qualifications in Food and Beverage Service as well as Barista skills. The food offer uses fresh, high quality, seasonal ingredients.

The café employs four full-time members of staff including a General Manager, Assistant Manager and Café Assistant. Our 2 Café Assistants are Clink graduates who began her NVQ training at The Clink Restaurant in Styal before they were released from prison. We also have an external learner who is training to gain their Level 2 Food & Beverage Service NVQ. Three members of the team are also about to begin their Level 2 Barista Skills NVQ.

In the café, we use our 5 step integrated programme to look after the students during their training and post release / completion of the course. We can train up to 6 students at a time, 30 per annum. All our graduates will be assigned a full-time Clink support worker who will meet with the students 3 months before completion of their course. The support worker will ensure that the graduate has accommodation and will help them secure full time employment. They will meet them weekly for a minimum of 6 to 12 months to help them reintegrate back into society.

With a strong brand identity the café replicates the core values of The Clink Charity at its heart. The key standards put in place by our team ensures that every customer can choose from an exciting, product range and enjoy visiting time and time again. The work of the charity not only changes lives of the Clink graduates but also their families and friends, as well as making society a safer place. Thank you once again to the **Lord Forte Foundation** for supporting our life-changing work.



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