

BRILLIANT MINDS SHOWCASE



THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

THE LANGHAM HOTEL

1C PORTLAND PLACE, REGENT STREET, LONDON, W1B 1JA

Dear friends

For our 12th Brilliant Minds Showcase we thought we would repeat the highly successful formula by once again inviting some world class speakers, followed by drinks and dinner, with Michel Roux Jr, who alongside his team at the Langham, is selecting the menu, pairing the wines, and will be joining us in the evening to celebrate.

Michel Roux has agreed to partner again with me for this event and served his last meal on 13th January 2024, at Le Gavroche. The contents of restaurant including the revered wine collection, were recently auctioned at Christies, so there is much to talk to him about, as he remains just as busy.

We have been able to attract some extraordinary Brilliant Minds to our showcases, over the years, many of whom have become great friends of HTL, and this year is no exception. Some are old, some are new, but all have one common denominator - they are world class performers. Michel has kindly allowed us to host our celebration in the beautiful Grand Ballroom. It will be in this stunning room that our speakers will explore a variety of different themes.



So many of you attending this event have supported us over our 12-year journey and for that we are hugely grateful. It was always Alice's vision to share the wisdom and insights of the incredible people we meet on a bigger platform hence the birth of our first showcase back in 2013. We look forward to celebrating with you and your clients on 13th February 2025 in a relaxed and intimate setting. I promise it will be an afternoon and evening to remember.

Cheers *Harvey*



AGENDA

13:00 - 14:00

Refreshments

PART ONE

14:00 - 15:45

4 x Speaker Interviews

15.45 - 16.30

Afternoon Tea and Scones

PART TWO

16:30 - 18:00

4 x Speaker Interviews

18.00 - 19.30

Drinks and Networking

19.30 - 22.30

Three course dinner with coffee and chocolate shards including an interview with Michel Roux Jr and roving mic interviews with Brilliant Minds seated at tables hosted by Harvey Thorneycroft.

Alice Bufton-Thorneycroft - Moderator



Alice has worked in the field of Consultancy for twenty years and has a real passion for generating interesting and relevant content for audiences whether they be direct clients or intermediary communities. Alice is an accomplished event host and facilitator, who prides herself on researching, interviewing, and bringing the best out of the Brilliant Minds that she works with.

Jack Stein

Born in Cornwall, Jack is the middle son of Rick and Jill Stein. His love for the hospitality world was apparent from a young age and, after studying for a BSc in Psychology and a Masters in Ancient History, he re-entered the family business as a Commis Chef at The Seafood Restaurant, before becoming Sous Chef at Rick Stein's Café. Jack has since worked as a chef at restaurants across the world, including La Régalade in Paris, and Tetsuya's, Sydney.



Jack has been Chef Director of Rick Stein's restaurants since 2017 and under his leadership, the business has undergone much change including the launch of his own cookery course at the Rick Stein's Cookery School. Jack is a familiar face on television including on Wine, Dine and Stein, Jack Stein: Born to Cook, and Inside the Box, Saturday Kitchen, Sunday Brunch and Steph's Packed Lunch. Jack was voted Best Chef at the 2023 Food Magazine Reader Awards and is the author of cookbook, 'World on a Plate'.

Mandy Hickson

Mandy Hickson has over 30 years' experience within aviation. She joined the Royal Air Force in 1994 and was the first woman to fly the Tornado GR4 on the front line, where she operated in hostile environments, including patrolling the 'No Fly' zone over Iraq. Since leaving the RAF she retrained as a facilitator and coach in human factors where she draws on her operational experience to transfer vivid lessons from the cockpit to management and leadership contexts.

As an Aviation Ambassador for the Department for Transport, Trustee for the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust and Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society she continues to inspire the next generation into STEM related endeavours and into the world of aviation. She has fostered her adventurous spirit, completing expeditions to the summit of Kilimanjaro and the base camp of Everest. Her book, 'An Officer, not a gentleman', became an international bestseller.



Dr. Itiel Dror

Dr. Itiel Dror received his PhD from Harvard University (USA), specialising in human cognition, bias, expert decision making and learning. He has been conducting research on decision making, knowledge & skill acquisition, and human performance, and his research is covered in over 150 research papers in the top international scientific journals. Dr. Dror received the ABP (Association for Business Psychology) Annual

Chairman's Award for the best achievements for 'Excellence in Business Psychology' and travels all over the world training experts to improve performance and decision making, as well as to provide expert testimony in court cases.



Kevin Sinfield

Kevin Sinfield retired in 2016 as an idol of the Leeds Rhinos' golden years and as a former England captain. Kevin became the first rugby league player to be nominated for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award, finishing in second place behind Andy Murray in 2015. But his career on the pitch is only part of the story. Kevin has coached the England national rugby union team. He is one of the few individuals who has successfully crossed rugby codes. Kevin has embarked on some remarkable endurance challenges including running seven ultra marathons in 7 days, raising significant sums for MND to support the late Rob Burrow, his former teammate. His purpose now is to find a cure for MND.



Natalie Pinkham

Natalie Pinkham is a presenter and reporter for Sky Sports specialising in Formula 1. She has worked in the sport for over a decade, but has covered a number of other sports too, including football, tennis, rugby and athletics. She hosts her own podcast, 'In The Pink', which features one on one interviews with some of the biggest names in sport and entertainment.





Hollie Pearne Webb

Hollie is regarded as one of the best defenders in world hockey with 257 international caps (117 GB & 140 England) and 20 goals having made her international debut in 2013. It was she who scored the final and decisive goal in the shootout to win Olympic gold (the first time GB Women have ever done so) in Rio 2016 in front of more than 10 million people watching back home in her first Olympic Games. Five years later, Hollie then captained Great Britain to bronze at the Tokyo 2020

Olympics. Hollie was also crowned Player of the Tournament as England secured a bronze medal at the 2017 Euros before taking over as captain of both England and Great Britain in 2018. In 2022 she led England’s women to a first Commonwealth gold in Birmingham, having also captained the side in the World Cup a few weeks earlier. In December 2022, Hollie played in Argentina for the 4th Season of the FIH Pro League, where she became the 12th women to reach 100 GB Caps. Hollie recently captained GB as they qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Hollie is also a qualified accountant and works in the profession alongside her hockey career, while put on a fine show as part of the Children in Need Strictly Come Dancing special after winning gold at Rio.

Dr. Keith Dear

Keith is CEO & Founder of Artificial Super-Intelligence (ASI) Start-Up Cassi. Keith was previously an Expert Advisor to the Prime Minister on Science, Technology, Space and Modernising Defence. A former Intelligence Officer in the RAF, he has served in Iraq, completed three deployments to Afghanistan, deployed to Abkhazia (Georgia) with the United Nations, to Mali alongside the French, and served as the Russian Air Force SME on exchange with the US Air Force. He continues his service as a Group Captain with 601 (Reserve) Squadron leading on science, technology and academic liaison. Keith holds a PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of Oxford, an Executive MBA from the University of Cambridge, and an MA (with distinction) from King’s College London.



Keith is Senior Advisor, a Global Distinguished Engineer, and an AI Subject Matter Expert at Fujitsu. He chairs TechUK’s Digital Twin Steering Board, is a member of the Digital Twin Hub’s Advisory Board and is a member of the Advisory Board at UK space start-up Moonscribe. In 2024 he was selected to join the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research’s Roundtable for AI, Security, and Ethics (RAISE) initiative, to consider how we protect humanity from AI risk.

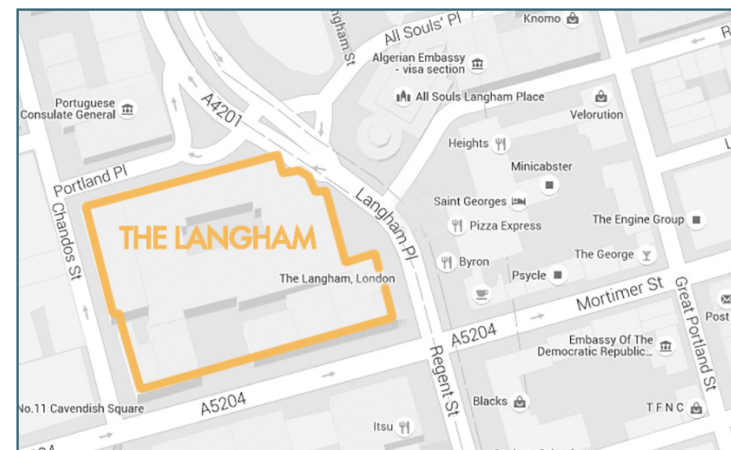


Paul Jordan

As a cardiologist Paul Jordan’s specialist areas of knowledge include coronary artery disease, valve disease, heart failure, hypertension, and Sports Cardiology. He has experience in both the use and interpretation of invasive and non-invasive cardiology testing/imaging. Paul, alongside Dorian Dugmore, has tested a multitude of HTL Clients.

Dr. Dorian Dugmore

Dr. Dorian Dugmore (PhD Cardiovascular Medicine), CEO of The Wellness Academy, is internationally hailed as an expert in cardiovascular health, preventative medicine and wellness. His programmes resulted in him winning World and European Best Practice awards for corporate wellness. Having worked in the fields of Cardiovascular Medicine and Wellness for 30 years, Dorian has written extensively on health, exercise and heart disease. His UK doctoral research specialised in cardiovascular medicine and focused on the rehabilitation of post heart attack patients. This work was published in the prestigious journal ‘Heart’ (1999).



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