

Fingal Hotel crew sail away with HIT Scotland scholarships

Two crew members from Edinburgh's luxury floating hotel, Fingal, have been awarded prestigious Hospitality Industry Trust (HIT) Scotland scholarships.

Following a rigorous application process, Guest Experience and Environmental Manager, Charles Granleese, has received the Frank Mullen Bespoke Scholarship to support his personal development.

Matty Tomaszewski, Assistant Beverage Manager, has also been awarded the Whisky Scholarship.

Charles Granleese said:

"To win a sought-after HIT Scholarship is an incredible honour. For the 'Frank Mullen Bespoke' award I was able to propose that a focus on brand development would be the catalyst to boost my career to the next level. At the heart of my idea is celebrating the history of Fingal and the links to Scottish lighthouses, and ensuring our ship is recognised as a global brand delivering exceptional guest experience."

Director of Hospitality for Fingal Hotel and The Royal Yacht Britannia, Ross McLean, added:

"We're very proud of Charles and Matty's achievements and look forward to seeing them continue to excel and flourish in their fields."

Permanently berthed in Edinburgh's Port of Leith, Fingal is Scotland's only five-star luxury floating hotel. Fingal's Lighthouse Restaurant also holds two AA Rosettes for culinary excellence.

Re-launched as a luxury hotel in 2019, the former Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) tender is owned and operated by the award-winning team at The Royal Yacht Britannia, which is permanently berthed just 10 minutes away.

HIT Scotland empowers development through its scholarship programme, which is open to anyone working in or studying towards a career in the Scottish hospitality industry. For more information on the HIT Scotland scholarships, go to <u>https://hitscotland.co.uk/scholarships</u>

For more information on Fingal Hotel, visit <u>www.fingal.co.uk</u> and follow on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/fingaledinburgh</u> and Instagram <u>www.instagram.com/fingaledinburgh</u>

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