



Dr Andy Kemp FIH MBE:

One of the best-known and most-respected faces in the hospitality industry, there aren't many individuals that can compete with Andy Kemp's repertoire of experience in Foodservice. Andy's energy, enthusiasm and passion for the hospitality sector is contagious, as is his continued charity work.

Andy is known to many across the Foodservice sector not just for his role as Group Sales and Marketing Director of Bidfood, but for his voluntary and charitable work where he works tirelessly with the industry's two charities; Springboard and Hospitality Action (as well as many other charitable organisations). He continues to focus his energy around the key issues such as holiday hunger, nutritional standards in youth, supporting generation Y skills, the future talent within careers and the need for supporting mentoring. Andy's continued hard work and commitment has not gone unnoticed and he was graciously awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours list of 2019.

In support of his passion around the development of young talent he continues to play a pivotal role as a national officer within the Chaine des Rotisseurs' International and National Young Professionals' contests. His work within Chaine has seen him elevated to their highest grade, making him a Pare de Chaine. Furthermore he continues to support FutureChef and the Michael Caines Academy, both of which are key feeds of talent into the hospitality industry. Andy also sits on the One and All Foundation, for which he is a founding member and remains on its Board to this day. The One and All Foundations primary activity is to look at all levels of diversity and talent opportunity across the hospitality industry. Andy is also heavily involved in The Clink, working alongside the teams within Bidfood, to raise awareness and capital to support prisoner training either through The Clink's own restaurant or by fundraising events.

Andy works closely with LACA which is the Local Authority Catering Association responsible for children feeding and is a member of the All Party Government Committee (APGC) which reviews children feeding and standards. This body has continued to create awareness of the fact that a million school children today live in poverty and therefore government supportive feeding is important in the maintenance of children's welfare. The University of West London awarded Andy an honorary doctorate and he is a keen supporter of the research that is reviewing the effects of hormones in food which could present itself as hormonal cancers.

Due to the severity with education funding, in February 2022 Andy created a paper to outline the serious impact the current lack of funding is having and will continue to have within the sector we work in. The paper was distributed to the Government, Shadow Government and all political parties and industry bodies highlighting these four key recommendations: allowance increase for Universal Infant Free School Meals, along with a ring fence allowance, recorded meal number change and extended free school meals to juniors too. We recently re-submitted the paper for the third time in September 2023 asking for the above four points to be included within the political parties manifesto's as we approach the general election this year.





More recently he produced a government paper made available to all political parties and bodies identifying the cause and effect of ineffective funding with universal free school meals and standards required within children feeding in the hope that some of the political parties may add this to their party political manifestos as we approached the next general election.

Andy's passion for best practice, diversity, talent and skills development, alongside his commitment to nutrition, health and wellness, will help shape the future of hospitality in the years to come.

Andy remains a trustee and board member of Springboard and has sat on their board for some 28 years. He is an avid supporter of Hospitality Action and has been aligned to them for over 20 years. He was three times Chairman of Arena and has sat on the Arena Board for 30 years and was made Lifetime President in 2023. A regular judge at The Catey Awards and a well-known face within hospitality.

CV: Andy remains one of the longest serving Directors of Bidfood to this day, as well as many other achievements listed below.

Lifetime Awards:

- **LACA Awards for Excellence (2017):** LACA Chair award
- **Catering Equipment Suppliers Association (2018):** CESA Order of Merit
- **EDUcatering Awards (2018):** Lifetime Achievement Award 2018
- **The Queen's Birthday Honours List MBE (2019)**
- **Public Sector Catering (September 2020):** Special Achievement Award 2020
- **FPA Awards (March 2023):** Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Arena Awards (May 2023):** Outstanding contribution award & Lifetime Presidency
- **Public Sector Catering's top 20 most influential:** Several years running

