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Success for the School of Hospitality pilot scheme

The Gibraltar Tourist Board in conjunction with trainers from the Oxford School of Hospitality, Oxford Brookes University, successfully delivered a pilot programme of Tourism and Hospitality courses that included subjects such as Leadership Development, Menu Planning and Food Presentation, Food Allergies and the accredited Wine and Spirit Education Trust.

The response from the tourism and hospitality industry in Gibraltar has been overwhelmingly positive. The courses focussed on enhancing the skills of employees within industry to improve on the standards that Gibraltar has to offer.

The courses were well attended by members of local companies and organisations, demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm throughout. Facilitators from Oxford Brookes University were received with an eagerness to learn by all involved and were very pleased with the outcome of the programme. Those attending the courses have already started to implement their newly developed skills in the industry.

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port, the Hon Neil Costa MP, expressed his delight with this first set of courses. "The commencement of this programme highlights the importance that HM Government of Gibraltar places on our Tourism and Hospitality industry and our commitment to drive up standards as part of our strategy to achieve a quantum leap in our tourist offering. The continuing development of skills not only serves to benefit our tourist product but also to enhance the experience of our local tourism professionals. The eventual development of the School of Hospitality continues to be a part of the Government's commitment in raising standards and in providing training opportunities in this sector."

From the impetus of this success the School of Hospitality is pleased to already be looking at holding several more of these courses throughout 2015.