

# Hospitality Interiors

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# NEWH rising talent

As an international non-profit hospitality networking group, NEWH raises money to provide scholarships to hospitality students with the aim of providing recipients with the tools to develop a successful career within the hospitality interiors industry.

Words by Catherine McConkey

In 2021 Emily Marzocchi was awarded one of three NEWH student scholarships. Since then, Emily has gone from strength to strength and truly excelled within the industry. "Winning the 2021 NEWH UK Scholarship Competition allowed me to get a head start on industry connections and knowledge of events. Immediately, I saw the benefit of NEWH on my professional and personal life and I was keen to share this message with other students. Participating in the competition, presenting, and being judged by industry experts has allowed me to improve my skills and enhance my knowledge in the design process."

Emily began her design journey at Middlesex University studying BA (Hons) in Interior Design. During Emily's second year of studying, she applied for the NEWH UK scholarship. The brief was to create a hotel reception lobby within a double-height space (with mezzanine level) at a beachfront property in Basseterre, St Kitts; a brief loose enough not to inhibit creativity, but realistic in its level of detail and structural restrictions. Emily chose Canopy

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by Hilton as her client. Acknowledging that this brand was already forward-thinking, her aim was to push the boundaries even further. However, this approach required a true understanding of the brand's DNA to ensure she stayed true to its emotional integrity. The design, most notably the sandbox flooring concept, represented the true spirit of Basseterre by providing an immersive experience with a strong focus on the local community, not just the tourists.

After winning the scholarship and returning to university to complete her degree, Emily completed an impressive dissertation project, focused on finding solutions for a large-scale Safe House and Rehabilitation centre for women in London Southbank.

On completing her degree and being awarded a First-Class Honour Degree in 2022, Emily was excited to get stuck into the industry



and put her knowledge to the test.

Her skill and determination impressed all the NEWH Scholarship judges, particularly Corinna Galdies (Director at G.A. Group) and Emily was subsequently offered the position of Junior Designer at G.A. Group within the International High-End Hospitality Projects Team and has spent the past two years with the practice. "From the beginning, I have been working in collaboration with a small but amazing team of designers. I was able to work on multiple projects in a welcoming design environment with colleagues who taught me how to collaborate successfully and encouraged the development of my technical and presentation skills."

In addition to excelling in her professional career, Emily has not forgotten about NEWH UK and served as a board member for the UK Chapter, helping to manage the social media accounts as Internet Communications Chair and Secretary, before adopting her position as Director of Student Relations for NEWH UK Chapter in 2024. "Starting as a 'Friend of NEWH' I got to know the members of the NEWH UK Board of Directors and offered to

help on social media as Student Ambassador. As a past student, I was invited and sponsored to participate in the 2022 NEWH Leadership Conference in Seattle, accompanied by Libby Bull (former President) and Kathryn Quinn (former VP), where I was able to meet other winning students from the NEWH International Chapters."

Education is at the heart of NEWH and Emily also shares this passion for learning, which led to her decision to embark on a year-long master's degree at the Royal College of Arts, London. Whilst maintaining a position on the NEWH UK Board of Directors and a part-time position as a Hospitality Designer at G.A. Group London, the master's degree tackles head-on the issue of sustainability within interior design among other thought-provoking elements on the curriculum. Emily is also passionate about helping her other MA Interior Design course mates and has taken on the position of Speakers Coordinator for the RCA Inside/Out lecture series. This is the only student-led lecturer series at the Royal College of Arts, and Emily is key in inviting practitioners to come and speak to the

Emily at fundraiser event 2021

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students to share their expertise and advice for the interior design industry.

The NEWH UK board is incredibly proud of Emily's achievements as she continues to embody everything the organisation stands for. With a calendar full of exciting events in 2024, NEWH UK are keen to offer further scholarship opportunities to interior design students throughout the UK. This scholarship opportunity not only has the potential

to kickstart an exciting career but to inspire a new generation of up-and-coming designers.

Without the sponsorship and support of members, it would not be possible to award these scholarships and in doing so, give back to the hospitality design community. If you wish to know more about how you could be involved in future events, please contact [newhuk.marketing@gmail.com](mailto:newhuk.marketing@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.newh.org/chapters/united-kingdom](http://www.newh.org/chapters/united-kingdom)

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