

# Lorraine Copes Biography

Lorraine is a multi-award-winning social entrepreneur, board member, procurement consultant, food and drink writer and life coach. Having spent two decades as an executive director for brands including Gordon Ramsay Restaurants and Corbin & King, Lorraine felt compelled to form [Be Inclusive Hospitality CIC](#) in 2020 due to the consistent lack of representation of people of colour in positions of influence and the supply chain.

This social enterprise now holds the prime position of igniting much-needed conversations and delivering initiatives to advance change within the hospitality, food, and drink sectors.

Lorraine is a board member of the WSTA and Slinger, and is a judge for several industry awards, including Guild of Fine Foods Great Taste Awards, Bold Woman Awards UK by Veuve Clicquot, Uber Eats Restaurant Awards, and the British Guild of Beer Writers Awards.

In 2022, Lorraine was named the GQ Food & Drink Innovator of the Year winner; she received a special award in the Code Hospitality 100 Most Influential Women in Hospitality list and won Entrepreneur of the Year at the Precious Awards. In 2023, Lorraine was named NatWest and Pioneers Post WISE100: Top Women in Social Enterprise. Lorraine received the award for Game-Changer at the Condé Nast Traveller, UK Restaurant Awards 2024.

Be Inclusive Hospitality was recognised by NatWest's SE100 for two consecutive years as one of the UK's most impressive social enterprises.