

Shaun Christie-David

*Founder & CEO of Plate It Forward & 2023
Innovator of the Year*



Australia's 'most unlikely' restaurateur - he can't cook, stuffs up orders, swears when excited (which is often) and doesn't care about making money - he's found the recipe for success with an open mind and big heart.

Shaun Christie-David is the founder of the Plate it Forward Hospitality Group - a restaurant group providing opportunities to people who are underrepresented in the workforce. To date he has employed over 200 people from marginalised communities across his hospitality group & kitchens including Colombo Social, Kabul Social and Kyiv Social, as well as donating over 560,000 meals to people battling food insecurity as part of his global food diplomacy movement.

Shaun was a driving force in the launch of the Aboriginal Health Television Network in partnership with the Australian Federal Government in 2019 - a channel dedicated to improving the health literacy of First Nations people. Shaun has been awarded accolades including the inaugural Good Food Innovator of the Year, Not for Profit Emerging Leader, Time Out's Hospitality Future Shaper, an AMP Tomorrow Maker - and in 2021, Plate it Forward was the recipient of the Community Human Rights Champion by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Testimonials

“ Shaun is without a doubt one of the greatest storytellers of our generation. His lived experience and focus on empathy, integrity and authenticity makes him a captivating speaker and evokes so much emotion from the audience - whether that be laughter, tears, or more

importantly; motivation to make impactful change.

- *Uber ANZ*

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