



PRESS RELEASE

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SOHO SPEAKS OUT: IN CONVERSATION WITH THE MEN OF SOHO

Soho will celebrate **International Men's Day** this November with an exclusive **Soho Speaks Out panel discussion** on **Monday 18 November, 6-8pm**, collaborating with some of Soho's leading influential and inspirational men.

In support of Soho-based charity, **Samaritans**, who provide emotional support to those in distress or at risk of suicide, Soho Speaks Out will address the International Men's Day themes; "*Making a difference for Men and Boys*" and "*How can we give Men and Boys better life chances*". Panellists will discuss challenges in their careers and the wider struggles for men and boys in society, as well as the opportunities available across various industries.

The free event will be held in the Chapel at social enterprise members' club, **The House of St Barnabas**, in the heart of Soho, and will be hosted by **Annie Clarke** and **Will Clempner**, founders of social platform **Can We Just Ask**. The panel discussion will give audience members the chance to participate in a Q&A and networking session.

Based on Soho's Marshall Street, **Samaritans'** listening volunteer, **James Spackman**, will be on the panel to discuss the charity's vital emotional support work and his experience helping men.

Look forward to hearing from iconic Soho tailor, **Mark Powell**, one of the first fashion designers to revolutionise traditional tailoring and fuse it with contemporary street style. Positioned in Soho since 1985, Powell will be giving insight into growing and sustaining a successful fashion business as well as addressing the barriers and benefits he faces as a man working in the fashion industry.

Having worked with **Footpatrol**, the leading destination for contemporary footwear, apparel and accessories, since its inception, **Jimmy Horrocks**, **Area Manager** of the cult brand will be on the panel speaking about commitment and success. With over 10 years of industry experience, streetwear-lovers can expect Jimmy's expertise knowledge and a glimpse into the business of retail.

Kricket's Head Chef and Co-founder, Will Bowlby, will be dishing out advice on how to crack the food industry and honing-in on, and executing, true skill and passion in the kitchen. Brains behind the popular, modern-Indian tapas restaurant, Bowlby was trained by well-respected chefs in India before opening his first eatery in London, and now owns three establishments in the capital.



Also speaking on the panel will be **Programme and Employment Manager** for The House of St Barnabas, **Brian Beaton**, who will be discussing the work of the renowned Soho establishment. Guests can learn more about the charity's challenges as it aims to break the cycle of homelessness, as well the opportunities it can provide.

The Soho Speaks Out event is free to attend, with tickets allocated via a ballot at [ThisIsSoho.co.uk](https://thissoho.co.uk). Tickets will be given away in pairs.

Soho Speaks Out Panel Event

Monday 18 November, 6-8pm

The Chapel, The House of St Barnabas, 1 Greek Street, Soho W1D 4NQ

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Soho

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We are committed to engaging and working with the community in which we operate. We align our activities and support with organisations which are active in the West End, including those which support the arts, community groups, schools and charities, and those which focus on local social issues and environmental changes.

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