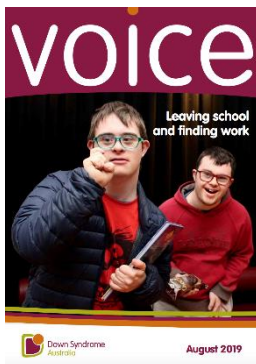
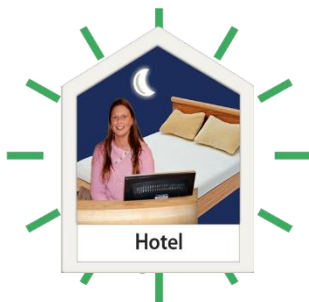


Hotel Etico



This information is from a story in Down Syndrome Australia's Voice magazine August 2019.

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The article is about a new hotel in Australia called Hotel Etico.



We have written this article in an easy to read way.



You can get help to read this article.

What is Hotel Etico?



Hotel Etico is a new hotel in the Blue Mountains, near Sydney. It will open later this year.



Most of the staff who will work at Hotel Etico have **intellectual disability**. This means they find it harder to learn and understand new things.



Staff will get the training and support they need to

- do more for themselves
- and
- get ready for a job in the community.



What is Project Etico?



Hotel Etico is part of Project Etico.

Project Etico was started in Italy.

Project Etico was started



- to help people with intellectual disability improve their skills and get a job and



- to help other people understand more about intellectual disability.



The first Project Etico hotel was so good that more hotels were opened in other parts of Italy.



Now Project Etico is coming to Australia.

How Project Etico works



Project Etico is a **social enterprise**. This means it is a business that works to make life better for people in the community.

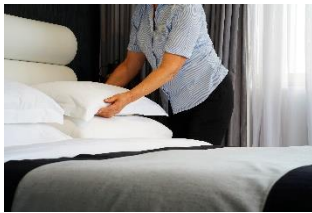


Project Etico understands that people with Down syndrome can find it harder to get a job.

Project Etico helps people with Down syndrome learn the skills they need to work in **hospitality**.

Hospitality means things like

- hotels
- restaurants
- cruise ships
- events
- and more.



About training at Hotel Etico

Staff at Hotel Etico can get training in different jobs in the hotel. For example



- **Reception.** This means the front desk.

- **Administration.** This means office work.



- **Room service.** This means cleaning and keeping the rooms nice.



- **Table service.** This means serving people at the restaurant.



- **Kitchen work and cooking.** This means working in the kitchen and preparing the food.



Staff at Hotel Etico can choose to train in only one of these jobs if they want.



Training at Hotel Etico includes

- a Certificate II or III in Hospitality
- trying different jobs at the hotel
- part time training and work. The amount of training and work depends on each person's needs and ability.



Staff must work at Hotel Etico for at least six months.



The longest time staff can work at Hotel Etico is four years.



Staff who work at Hotel Etico can live there too.

This is so they can learn to live by themselves or with others.



Staff will learn things like how to

- take care of their room
- do their washing
- get ready and be on time for work





- look after money
- deal with things that can be hard in life.



There are other staff at Hotel Etico to help and support the staff with intellectual disability who are learning.

More about Project Etico



Down Syndrome New South Wales is working with Project Etico to start Hotel Etico.

They are working to

- find people who want to work at Hotel Etico.
- help others understand how they can support people with Down syndrome in the workplace.



There are other groups who are helping Hotel Etico to be a success too.

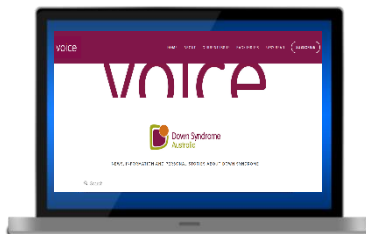


There is a film about Project Etico. The film will be shown at the Melbourne Film Festival in 2020. The film is called My Big Fat Italian Kitchen.



The film is about a chef who

- works with two young people who have Down syndrome
- and
- teaches them how to cook.



You can see some of this film on the Voice website. Go to

www.downsyndromevoice.org.au



You can give money to help make this film.

Go to

www.documentaryaustralia.com.au/films/4344/my-big-fat-italian-kitchen