# **BENJAMIN TOWNSEND**

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#### **Profile**

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# Specialty Coffee Association Creators Group Leader — 2017-present

Lead Creator for the SCA Barista Group, leading a multi-national development team to create and maintain educational content, references and scientific research

#### Consulting Coffee Trainer and Brand developer — 2010-present

UK clients include: Rancilio, Lavazza, Drury Tea & Coffee, Rapha, Monocle

Global clients in Italy, Azerbaijan, USA, Germany, Portugal

### Barista Guild of Europe - Education Coordinator 2015-2016

Elected to 1 year voluntary committee role to deliver a full range of education content at annual Barista Camps (Italy, Estonia)

### SCA UK Chapter - Education Coordinator 2014-2017

Implemented and hosted pioneering seminars at the International Coffee Organisation on subjects ranging from Supply Chain sustainability to Green Coffee defects and Water Chemistry.

## Founder: The Espresso Room — 2009 - 2015

Pioneering London Speciality Coffee shop. Awarded best coffee in London by Time Out and featured in various publications, including Monocle, Port, Conde Nast Traveller and Vogue.

## Lead Trainer, London School of Coffee — 2007-2017

Developed and delivered hundreds of SCA and bespoke courses to thousands of students. Developed content for multiple Barista, tasting and cafe development projects

# City & Guilds Barista VRQ co-developer — 2007-2008

Co-developed the City and Guilds Barista VRQ – the UK's first accredited coffee qualification