

PUNK CHEF
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FOOD
INCLUSION
CULTURE
IMPACT

MEDIA KIT

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Chef. TV Presenter. Speaker.
Accessibility Advocate.



“ Food is the language.
Inclusion is the message. ”



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WHO IS PUNK CHEF?

Scott Garthwaite, known professionally as **Punk Chef**, is a chef, presenter, speaker and proud advocate for deaf representation.

Having become deaf at the age of two following meningitis, Scott has spent his life breaking barriers and showing the world that disability is not a limitation — it's a different way of experiencing life.

Through food, television and public speaking, he combines culinary expertise with powerful storytelling and British Sign Language (BSL) to create unforgettable experiences.

From TV studio kitchens to international food festivals, Punk Chef is on a mission to inspire, educate and challenge perceptions about deaf culture, inclusion and what's possible when passion meets purpose.

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QUICK FACTS



BASED IN
United Kingdom



LANGUAGES
British Sign Language (BSL) | English



EXPERTISE
Live Cooking | TV | Speaking
Accessibility | Food Culture



KNOWN FOR
High-energy live demos, bold flavours
and breaking barriers.



MISSION
To champion inclusion and deaf
representation through the universal
language of food.

SHORT BIO

Scott Garthwaite, better known as **Punk Chef**, is a deaf chef, presenter, speaker and advocate based in the UK.

After losing his hearing at the age of two due to meningitis, Scott built a successful culinary career and became an influential voice for deaf representation.

Through live cooking demonstrations, television appearances and public speaking, Punk Chef combines food, culture and storytelling to challenge perceptions and inspire audiences across the country.



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PUNK CHEF AT A GLANCE



YEARS IN PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN
15+ years



TV APPEARANCES
national TV & Online



FESTIVALS & EVENTS
UK wide & International



LIVE DEMOS DELIVERED
30+ include Europe, USA & Japan



AUDIENCE REACHED
5000+



BSL USER
Proudly Deaf, using British Sign

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

“Punk Chef brings energy, passion
and a powerful message to every stage.

– STEPH MCGOVERN
STEPH'S PACKED LUNCH, CHANNEL 4

“An inspiration to so many.
A true role model in the food industry.

– BBC PRODUCER
BBC FEATURES

“Scott's demos are high energy, engaging
and the message is always authentic.

– FESTIVAL ORGANISER
LUDLOW FOOD FESTIVAL

LONG BIO

Scott Garthwaite, better known as **Punk Chef**, is a deaf chef, presenter, speaker and passionate advocate for deaf representation in the UK and beyond.

After becoming profoundly deaf at the age of two due to meningitis, Scott faced a world that wasn't always designed for him. But instead of accepting limits, he built a career on determination, creativity and a deep love of food.

Scott trained in professional kitchens, developed his own bold culinary style and went on to achieve international recognition — placing second at the **International Deaf Chef Competition in 2015**.

Since then, he has appeared on national television, hosted live cooking demonstrations at major food festivals, delivered keynote talks and worked with organisations that champion inclusion, diversity and accessibility.

Through every dish he plates and every stage he steps on, Punk Chef uses food as a platform to break barriers, challenge perceptions and inspire the next generation.

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PUNK CHEF JOURNEY

- 1981** • Born in the UK.
- 1983** • Became deaf at the age of two following meningitis.
- Early 2000s** • Started his professional journey in kitchens across the UK.
- 2015** • Runner Up – International Deaf Chef Competition.
- 2016+** • Television appearances, food festivals, live demos and public speaking.
- Today** • Recognised Chef, TV Presenter and Deaf Advocate inspiring change.

WHAT DEFINES PUNK CHEF



AUTHENTIC VOICE

A proud Deaf role model using his platform to champion real change.



CULINARY PASSION

Bold flavours, creative dishes and an unmistakable punk edge.



POWERFUL PRESENCE

High-energy demos and talks that leave audiences inspired and informed.



DRIVING INCLUSION

Working with brands, events and media to make the world more accessible for all.



GLOBAL IMPACT

Representing the Deaf community on international stages.

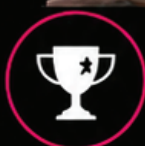
PUNK CHEF BY NUMBERS

From kitchens to stages, screens to festivals, Punk Chef is breaking barriers, changing perceptions and creating unforgettable experiences.



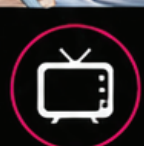
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YEARS COOKING
Over a decade and a half of professional culinary experience.



2nd

INTERNATIONAL DEAF CHEF COMPETITION
Runner Up in the International Deaf Chef Competition 2015.



30+

NATIONAL TV APPEARANCES
Featured on Channel 4, BBC and national TV programmes.



10,000+

AUDIENCE REACHED
Through live cooking demos, talks and workshops across the UK.



20+

FESTIVALS & EVENTS
From local food festivals to major national events.



1 GOAL

BSL ADVOCATE
Proudly Deaf, using British Sign Language to champion inclusion and representation.

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- International Deaf Chef Competition – Runner Up (2015)



TELEVISION

- Steph's Packed Lunch (Channel 4)
- BBC Features & Interviews
- Punk Chef on the Road



LIVE EVENTS

- Ludlow Food Festival
- Cheltenham Food & Drink Festival
- Include Festival
- Forest Showcase



PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Deaf Representation
- Food Industry Diversity



IMPACT BEYOND FOOD

Punk Chef uses food as a platform to challenge perceptions, break barriers and create change.



CHAMPIONING INCLUSION

Creating accessible spaces in food, media and events for the Deaf community and beyond.



CHANGING PERCEPTIONS

Using bold flavours, humour and storytelling to break stereotypes and start conversations.



EMPOWERING OTHERS

Inspiring the next generation of deaf, disabled and underrepresented individuals to pursue their passions.



BUILDING CONNECTION

Bringing people together through food, culture and shared experiences that matter.

“Food opens doors.
Inclusion keeps them open.”



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LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Punk Chef collaborates with brands, organisations and events that share a passion for inclusion, creativity and making a real impact.

LET'S CREATE SOMETHING MEANINGFUL.

WAYS TO COLLABORATE



LIVE COOKING DEMOS

Engaging, high-energy demonstrations that celebrate bold flavours and inclusivity.



KEYNOTES & TALKS

Inspiring talks on inclusion, accessibility, representation and breaking barriers.



BRAND PARTNERSHIPS

Authentic collaborations that align with shared values and drive positive change.



TV & MEDIA APPEARANCES

Dynamic on-screen presence with a powerful message and unique perspective.



EVENT APPEARANCES

From food festivals to corporate events – bringing flavour, energy and impact.



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*When we work together,
we don't just create content
or cook great food – we
create change.*

Let's make it unforgettable.

”

BOOK PUNK CHEF

Available for live demos, speaking engagements, brand collaborations and media appearances.



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