

FOOD WASTE: ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SOLVABLE PROBLEMS

Compass Group celebrated its 9th annual Stop Food Waste Day this past April. Every year, millions of tons of edible food are discarded, making food waste the single largest contributor to landfills worldwide. Stop Food Waste Day is about more than raising awareness — it's about sparking lasting change in the way the world values food.

The celebrations began on April 1st in New York City with Compass Group USA's 2nd annual Food Waste Warrior Award, in partnership with Food Tank. The event featured inspiring voices such as Sam Kass, Investor & Strategist for Healthier Climate Smart Food, and Harry Tannenbaum, Founder and President of Mill, along with other thought leaders who emphasized that innovation, collaboration, and action are the keys to reimagining our food system. Their insights set the tone for a month filled with storytelling, creativity, and momentum leading up to the globally recognized day of action.

Throughout April, Compass teams engaged colleagues, communities and clients worldwide through a range of initiatives:

- Food Waste Warrior Ambassadors: featuring influential Compass chefs from the UK, India, Australia, the US, and beyond who shared practical tips, recipes, and strategies across social media**
- Chef-led education and creativity: Compass chefs hosted gardening workshops, cooking demonstrations, and zero-waste upcycling events.**
- Technology in action: Tools like Waste Not™ 2.0 highlighted how innovation drives impact at scale, enabling food waste tracking, composting, food recovery, and data-driven kitchen insights.**
- In-unit celebrations: From schools and healthcare facilities to corporate campuses and sports venues, Compass teams transformed Stop Food Waste Day into a movement that reached communities everywhere. Around the world, suppliers, partners, and ambassadors came together to showcase creative menus, share ideas, and inspire change.**

These combined efforts marked the biggest reach of Stop Food Waste Day to date, reflecting how it has grown from a Compass Group initiative into a truly global movement. Including:

- 210 million + media and social audience reach**

- **116,000 + engagements on our owned content from clients and the wider hospitality industry**

It stands as proof of what's possible when creativity, leadership, and commitment converge on a shared mission: valuing every bite of food.

And the journey is far from over. Looking ahead, 2026 will mark a significant milestone — 10 years of Stop Food Waste Day (taking place on Weds 29 April 2026). Together, we're proving that lasting change is possible when we unite around a common purpose.