



TheWesley – 70th Anniversary!

The Wesley marked its 70th Anniversary in 2020 but due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were unable to celebrate this achievement as perhaps we would have done in normal times. Hopefully, 2021 will see better things and we will be able to welcome many more people back to the hotel. Our origins go back many years.

In 1950, Hilda Porter founded the Methodist International House to welcome international students to the UK who were otherwise unable to find affordable accommodation in cities such as London, Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham. By the late 1990s, with central funding changes, it gave birth to a new social enterprise organisation named Methodist International Centre (MIC) and in 1998 the London branch moved to a building in central London at Euston, currently known as TheWesley London. This was a student hostel with basic hotel accommodation and conference facilities operating with a self-funding sustainable ethos aiming to create some commercial income to support people in need.

Since 1950 thousands of students have received financial support including accommodation and hospitality as a direct result of Hilda Porter's vision. This work is very much alive and well today. TheWesley in its present form addresses the need for hospitality for those who in their everyday life are seeking to live more sustainably or perhaps like to make a choice to support a social enterprise. The current hotel has 100 bedrooms, 20 meeting rooms and a modern restaurant. We are also developing a new 39 bedroom hotel in Camden Town which will be part of an exciting mixed use development at Camden Town Methodist Church.

TheWesley Social Impact:

- Gift aid of all profits to support the Methodist Church's educational activities.
- Increased employment opportunities with a growing hospitality brand.

TheWesley Environmental Impact:

- Camden Council Carbon Champion.
- Green Tourism Award.
- Clear environmental policy since 2010; monitors and tracks carbon footprint.
- Recycled all food waste since 2012.
- BREEAM Excellent rating for new hotel in Camden Town opening in 2022.

TheWesley's story actually goes back much further, to Methodism's founder John Wesley, whom we are named after. 227 years after his death, John Wesley's philosophy is as relevant and inspirational today.