

A portrait of Chris Catford, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a suit and tie. The text is overlaid on the image.

CHRIS CATFORD

Food hall and placemaking consultant

Chris Catford is a food hall and placemaking consultant. Having recently won the Small Venue Centre Manager of the Year at the 2023 Sceptre Awards, Chris has recently embarked on a freelance path.

With more than 20 years experience in the leisure, hospitality, retail and events sectors, Chris has held senior operational roles at the 2012 Olympics, 2015 Rugby World Cup and many other world scale events.

Most recently Chris has received local and national recognition for his project management and curation of Lock29, a mixed use retail, leisure and F&B destination. Lock29 was a project intended to reactivate a long vacant department store and create a launch platform and incubator hub for small and start-up businesses.