

Meet Demba

Our Chef de Partie & The Heart of Nio Far



A Coastal Connection

Demba first joined us many years ago, and we are heartened to have him back on the team this season. As a Chef de Partie, he brings years of experience and the "Teranga" (hospitality) of his home in Senegal to our kitchen. For Demba, cooking is a bridge between his life here in Gairloch and the fishing village where his story began.

The Annual Migration

Every winter, as the Ospreys leave our Highland lochs to fly south, Demba follows a similar path home. He returns to Senegal not just to visit family, but to lead a series of vital community projects. By contributing the tips and savings earned during his time in Scotland, he ensures his home village has the resources it needs to grow. He is a man who works for two communities, carrying the spirit of Gairloch back to the shores of Senegal.

The Dream: A Sanctuary for the Talibé

Demba's most personal goal is to create a Sanctuary for the Talibé—young Quranic students who often spend their days on the streets without a place to call home. He dreams of providing these children with a dedicated space for their education, healthy meals, and a safe environment where they can simply be kids. It is a vision of a home where every child is fed, sheltered, and given the opportunity to focus on their future.

"My main idea, what I really want to do for these kids, is build a home. A place where they can get a proper education and healthy food for free. This is my goal. This is my dream." — Demba