



*Legacy Award
Anas "Andy" Shallal
In Business*

Anas "Andy" Shallal is an artist and social entrepreneur best known for owning and operating the restaurant chain Busboys and Poets. As founder and chief executive officer of Busboys and Poets, he has created an environment where racial and cultural connections are consciously uplifted. Spaces at the restaurant are designed to feed the mind, body, and soul; it is where art, culture and politics take center stage and collide.

Mr. Shallal operates six Busboys and Poets restaurants in the Washington Metropolitan Area. He opened the first Busboys and Poets in September 2005 at 14th and V Streets, NW, in the historic U Street neighborhood. The restaurant features a bookstore, performance space and a mural painted by Andy Shallal. Busboys and Poets has become home for progressives, artists and intellectuals including such notables as Howard Zinn, Cornel West, Alice Walker and Nikki Giovanni. Other Busboys and Poets clientele has included Barack Obama, Naomi Klein, Ben Jealous, Michael Eric Dyson, Junot Diaz, Common, Moby, Larry King, Melissa Harris Perry, Angela Davis, Brittney Griner, Cory Booker, Maxine Waters, Solange, Esperanza Spalding, Howard Dean, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Danny Glover, and others.

He opened a second Busboys and Poets location in Arlington, VA, in July 2007; a third location opened in DC at 5th and K Streets, NW, in 2008. A fourth location opened in Hyattsville, Maryland, in 2011. In 2014, Busboys and Poets opened a fifth location in the Brookland neighborhood in NE DC, and in 2015, Busboys and Poets opened in Takoma in DC. Andy Shallal's businesses are members of the Restaurant Opportunities Center and the American Sustainable Business Council, focusing on sustainable business and employment practices. Busboys and Poets has been at the forefront of environmental stewardship, being one of the first businesses in Washington, DC, to be 100% wind-powered, and are at the cutting edge of the local/sustainable food movement, winning many awards and recognitions locally and nationally. Mr. Shallal has received numerous awards including the Mayor's Arts Award, Employer of the Year from the Employment Justice Center, the Mayor's Environmental Award, and Martha's Table Community Leader Award. He has founded or co-founded several peace and justice organizations and holds leadership positions in numerous others. He is on the board of trustees for the Institute for Policy Studies and a founding member of Think Local First DC, a local business association. He also sits on the board of several arts and peace organizations and was appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser to head the Workforce Investment Council, an advisory board for the Mayor on how to spend workforce development dollars more effectively. Mr. Shallal continues to strive to make his hometown of Washington, DC, a more livable community.