

Job Description : Chef / Professional Cook

Duration : Permanent
Salary: £23,750 fte
Location: Avon Tyrrell

Purpose of the job

As part of our commitment to young people, UK Youth has for over 75 years operated an Outdoor Centre at Avon Tyrrell.

Operated as a financially self-supporting and sustainable social enterprise business, that generates surplus income to support UK Youth charitable activity, our outdoor learning provision is intentionally inclusive, and champions effective youth led engagement to highlight the importance and raise understanding of the breadth and positive outcomes of youth work.

Our catering team and this role supports our best-in-class outdoor learning provision by:

- Developing exciting customer driven menus, preparing, and cooking healthy seasonal food and leading on delivery of all catering facilities to a high standard, including creating a dining experience that encourages social interaction and is a positive outdoor learning environment

Why work at UK Youth?

UK Youth is a leading charity that exists to ensure all young people are equipped to thrive and empowered to contribute at every stage of their lives. We work with others to ensure that the youth sector is strengthened, supported, and that provision is youth-led, evidence-informed and delivers high-quality outcomes. UK Youth plays a unique role in addressing; the lack of investment in the youth sector, the lack of cross-sector understanding in how youth work makes a difference and the limited opportunities to embed effective solutions. These factors lead to mass inequality of access to youth services for young people.

Key responsibilities

- To deliver food preparation and high standards of cooking that meets regulatory and legislative requirements around food hygiene, meets stakeholder requirements in terms of dietary requirements and is delivered on time and on budget
- To maintain current industry knowledge to provide professional expertise on allergens to support the production of varied cost-effective menus suitable to a broad selection of stakeholders
- To provide operational catering services to the café
- To maintain high standards of hygiene and cleanliness across all work areas
- To provide initial line management for any working catering staff
- To order food upon request and ensure adequate stock levels are maintained
- Provide high levels of customer care by interacting politely and professionally with all customers

Other area of responsibilities

- To support directorate and inter directorate projects or initiatives and proactively engage in cross team collaboration helping to deliver efficiencies and improvements that ultimately progress the knowledge, quality, and visibility of the outdoor learning experience we provide to our stakeholders
- Attend and proactively participate in regular performance reviews and charity meetings as required
- To act as a positive ambassador for UK Youth and share knowledge and experience of the development of UK Youth and its profile
- Undertake any other duties and reasonable requests that are in keeping with the nature of this post.

Person Specification: Chef/ Professional Cook

Experience

- Hold a valid catering qualification and hygiene certification
- Have previous experience (min 6 months) working in a commercial catering environment
- Experience of delivering high standards of customer care
- A general knowledge of Health and Safety relating to a catering environment
- A basic understanding of safeguarding and data protection within the context of an Outdoor Learning setting or a willingness to learn

Knowledge, skills and understanding

- An understanding of Food handling, allergen management and FSA requirements
- Excellent time & workload management skills with proven experience of meeting deadlines
- Knowledge of the importance of following set Safety, Health, Environmental and Fire protocols/guidelines
- Very good interpersonal, customer care and communication skills
- Empathy with the needs of young people
- Full clean driving-licence
- ICT skills and an understanding of Microsoft office

Personal qualities

- Able to build and manage positive relationships with stakeholders at the appropriate level
- Friendly approachable person with good organisational skills, enthusiasm, and energy, willing to undertake any task required of them.
- Self-motivated and capable of working on own and working with others when required.
- Flexible approach to work and be hands on to get the task done
- Recognise and value all aspects of equality, diversity, and inclusion
- Be an excellent role model for staff, children, and young people



This post is subject to receipt of two satisfactory references, an enhanced DBS check and right to work in the UK. Please note, this job description is subject to change. With any significant change, we will ensure this is discussed with you before any final approvals and or commitments.

This job description does not form part of your contract of employment. You may be required by the company to undertake any duties within your skills and capabilities which the company reasonably considers necessary to meet business needs.