

Role Description

**Chef**

“One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.”

Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*

**VACANCY REFERENCE CODE: 22 /2019**

*Please quote this code on the application form*

**Based at:** Calderstones Mansion House, Liverpool, L18 3JB

**Reporting to:** Catering Manager

**Rate of pay:** £8.71 - £10.33 per hour, dependent on experience

**Hours:** minimum 20 hours per week on a rota basis spanning 0800-1800 hours, Monday to Sunday.

**Duration:** Fixed term

**About the Role:**

The Chef will be flexible and hands on in all areas providing a range of profitable catering offers that work in harmony with the Reader's ethos and vision, generating revenue and supporting our wider activity.

Our ideal candidate would have experience within a commercial kitchen/cafe environment with a keen interest and passion for food. You will be self-disciplined and able to produce food to a high standard with attention to detail. Experience in baking would be an advantage.

It is expected you will have responsibility for the overall daily operation of the café's kitchen and catering processes being mindful of industry cost margins. You will need the practical skills to execute an interesting but simple menu and be capable of working alongside the Catering manager contributing to the development of innovative seasonal menus.

Current and relevant health and safety/food hygiene certificates are essential. You will work closely with the Social Enterprise team.

**Role Responsibilities:**

Your main responsibilities will be to:

- Prepare and deliver all items offered on the menu
- Provide leadership to the staff team ensuring that best practice and required standards of Health and Safety and Food Hygiene Legislation are fully adhered to at all times

- Ensure the café kitchen works in harmony with front of house at all times contributing to working relationships that enable customers to receive the care needed to benefit from and enjoy their visit.
- Ensure stock rotation and that deliveries are checked to ensure accurate quantity and quality of product
- Be aware of business profitability, minimising wastage.
- Ensure all cleaning schedules, food temperature and fridge temperature records are current and contain information required by food safety regulations with any testing carried out as instructed.
- Ensure that all kitchen equipment is properly cleaned, maintained and used safely

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential Criteria**

- An enthusiasm to work within a team to develop the profile of The Reader social enterprises and in particular the Café
- Relevant catering experience
- An ability to lead; supporting others in kitchen processes
- Willingness to undertake training as required
- Smart, clean and groomed appearance; excellent standards of personal hygiene
- An ability to cope with the physical demands of working within a busy café
- A team player but able to work with initiative and report back to the shift manager
- Excellent communication skills with customers, suppliers and colleagues

## **How to Apply**

Note. Please do not just send in a CV. We will only consider applications that adhere to the following process -

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**There is no deadline set for this post, but if a high number of applications are received we will close the vacancy.**

A high volume of applications may make replies to everyone impossible.