## Role Profile

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| **Job title** | Catering Assistant | **Salary:** | £8.21 per hour |
| **Reporting to:** | Catering Manager |
| **Location:** | Wirral Youth Zone | **Hours:** | Saturday and Sunday evenings. |

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| **Key Relationships:** | Youth Zone staff, young people, parents and local partners |

**Job Purpose:**

The Hive, Wirral Youth Zone, is open to young people 7 days a week, evening, and weekends and for some young people The Hive will be a second home. The café area is an essential part of the offer to young people and as a catering assistant you will play a key role, cooking inspiring and healthy dishes to service to young people as well as proving a warm and welcoming environment to all young people.

**Context of the post:**

Youth Zones are amazing places: accessible, vibrant, welcoming, fun and caring are just some of the words used by young people to describe their Youth Zone. Youth Zones are for young people aged 8 to 19, and up to 25 for young people with additional needs. Wirral Youth Zone is part of the growing OnSide network alongside Bolton, Blackburn, Manchester, Oldham, Carlisle, Wigan, and Wolverhampton.

Wirral Youth Zone is centrally located, dedicated to young people and makes a bold statement about the importance of giving young people high quality places to go in their leisure time and has big ambitions to be a flagship for quality youth provision. Open 7 days a week, at weekends and during school holidays, the Youth Zone’s purpose is to help young people grow to be happy, healthy, and successful adults. The state-of-the-art £6 million building will provide young people with access to a range of activities, all offering young people the opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and gain support from friendly, warm, and positive staff and volunteers. The facilities include a 3G pitch, a gym, sports hall and recreation area, and dance, arts, music and media suites.

**Values and Aspiration**

The young people’s chosen name “The HIVE” represents the aspirations and values that young people feel the Youth Zone should stand for. The Youth Zone will be a ‘hive’ of activity, adventure, and fun for all young people where they can try new experiences and learn new skills. The Hive will be a place where young people can reach their full potential, grow their dreams, and achieve their goals. They want it to be a safe and supportive community for young people to belong and be themselves.

We are looking for someone who can deliver on the young people’s aspirations and who:

* Is a positive role model for young people who believes and recognises young people’s potential
* Has positive and “can do” attitude
* Takes responsibility for their own actions
* Is committed to a culture of continuous improvement and subscribes to a “tonight’s better than last night” philosophy
* Is willing to go the extra mile to ensure great provision for young people

**Duties and Responsibilities – General**

* Work within the performance framework of Wirral Youth Zone and OnSide
* Represent Wirral Youth Zone positively and effectively in all dealings with internal colleagues, and external partners
* To be alert to issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring the welfare and safety of Youth Zone members is promoted and safeguarded, and to report any child protection concerns to the designated Child Protection Officers using the safeguarding policies, procedures, and practice (training to be provided)
* To assist with any promotional activities and visits that take place at the Youth Zone
* To actively promote the Youth Zone and positively contribute towards increasing Youth Zone membership
* To adhere to Wirral Youth Zone policies at all times, with reference to Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities

**Duties and Responsibilities – Detailed**

* To undertake the preparation of food and beverages served in the recreation area as well for events, internal meetings and room hire
* To serve food and beverage to Youth Zone members, ensuring they receive a great level of customer service
* To assist with the production of and costing of menus
* To comply with stock control procedures
* Ensure all kitchen equipment is regularly cleaned, reporting any faults/repairs required
* Ensure all Health and Safety and Environmental Health requirements are adhered to, namely:
  + Reporting of all equipment not working properly
  + Reporting of any health and safety issues
  + Compliance with food hygiene regulations
  + Ensure food is stored correctly and at correct temperatures
  + Recording of all high-risk food temperatures on delivery and prior to service, if applicable
* To assist with the ordering and control of all stock
* Cash handling in line with The Hive’s financial procedures
* Maintain a clean working environment as set out in the cleaning schedule by ensuring regular cleaning of all work surfaces, storerooms, and ancillary areas
* Clearing tables
* Washing up
* Undertake such other additional duties which may result from changing circumstances
* Carry out any other reasonable duties as requested by management

**Special Requirements**

* This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
* A willingness to work unsocial hours during evenings and weekends is required
* The ability and willingness to travel to events in the region and beyond
* Ability to identify and challenge discrimination and discriminatory behaviour, taking appropriate action as necessary

**Person Specification**

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| **Selection Criteria\***  A = Application Form I = Interview T = Test/Personality Profile | **Essential or Desirable** | **Method of Assessment** |
| **Experience** | | |
| Cooking experience | Essential | A & I |
| Experience of working in a catering environment | Essential | A & I |
| Experience dealing with customers | Essential | A & I |
| Experience of cash handling | Desirable | A & I |
| **Qualifications** |  |  |
| Basic Food Hygiene Certificate | Essential | A |
| NVQ Level 3 Catering or other recognised Catering qualification | Desirable | A |
| Advanced Food Hygiene Certificate | Desirable | A |
| **Skills** |  |  |
| Ability to communicate clearly and follow instructions | Essential | A & I |
| Ability to prioritise work and manage time effectively | Essential | A & I |
| Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team | Essential | A & I |
| Ability to organise tasks and priorities work | Essential | A & I |
| Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with a wide range of people and relate well to young people | Essential | A & I |

\*Selection criteria for guidance only, alternative methods may be used to assist the selection process

**Benefits**

* Work as part of an award-winning team that makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of young people
* After 6 months service the eligibility to enrol in a rewards scheme
* Training and development opportunities
* Frequent team socials e.g. pub quizzes and team nights out
* Use of state-of-the-art facilities

**Wirral Youth Zone is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable groups.**

**OnSide Youth Zones Values**

As a Youth Zone community, our values provide us with cohesion as a group. We celebrate our differences; however, these values help ensure our actions, behaviour and motivations as colleagues and volunteers reflect our shared vision.

1. **Serving Young People**

* Focus on serving young people
* Continuous improvement in the service we offer
* Building relationships

We are dedicated to the development of young people and shall always strive to provide them with an environment and activities that will best inspire and develop them; that can deliver the ‘wow’ factor and leave a lasting impression.

We shall work to high standards and go the extra mile to build strong, positive relationships with young people. We welcome all young people as they are, and support them to make good decisions, ensuring their changing needs remain at the heart of our services.

1. **Can-Do Approach**

* Getting results
* Motivating others
* Determination

We shall deliver exceptional results through our passion and energy, pushing the bar higher. We will encourage ourselves and others to take on new challenges, whilst offering support and seeking advice at times, with a real pride in what we do.

We must be resilient and determined to achieve our goals. We all understand that sometimes we will not get there but often we will achieve spectacular success.

1. **Teamwork**

* Openness
* Supporting others
* Valuing and respecting others

In our network, every job and volunteer role is important. We value each person and his or her job as much as we value our own. We recognise the efforts of others, whether seen or unseen. We strive to be a team of high quality coaches; sharing our experience and best practice across the network and in turn benefiting from the experience of others.

We should encourage different views to our own, and support colleagues in their decisions irrespective of their outcome. We should be able to challenge colleagues openly, speaking up on controversial issues without fear. Therefore, our relationships will develop with each other based on trust, respect, and dignity.

1. **Doing it Right**

* Acting with integrity
* Constant personal improvement
* Developing others

We are passionate about doing it right and are happy to seek specialist help when needed. We will train and be trained.

We encourage learning and development and will achieve ever-increasing personal competence resulting in a culture of constant improvement and professionalism.

1. **Innovation Friendly**

* Innovative environment
* Individual creativity

We want to provide an environment that generates innovative ideas and solutions; we are trailblazers. We wish to encourage employees, volunteers, and young people to experiment with process and service provision.

We want an environment where innovation and creativity can flourish. We want a network where there is the freedom for individuals to think differently.