

Role profile

Assistant Catering Manager

Job title:	Visitor Experience Team - Assistant Catering Manager
Location:	Scottish Seabird Centre, The Harbour, North Berwick
Reports to:	Catering Manager
Term:	Full time – permanent – Competitive salary
Working pattern:	37.5 hours per week Varied opening hours across the year Weekend working/bank holidays is required

Background

The Scottish Seabird Centre is a conservation and education charity whose purpose is *“Inspiring and educating people about the Scottish marine environment, motivating them to care for it, and supporting conservation projects”*. Based in North Berwick, East Lothian we overlook the marine environment in the Firth of Forth and have over 200,000 visits each year.

We have three key pillars to our work:

- **Conservation** we develop, practically undertake, and promote models of conservation best practice and citizen science.
- **Education** we deliver education programmes, science resources and events and use innovative ways to provide information on the marine environment.
- **Communities** we work in partnership with diverse communities including enhancing the experience for visitors to North Berwick.

Our charitable work is supported by our retail, discovery and wildlife boats experiences which all combine to provide a valuable resource for members and visitors.

Job description

Our Visitor Experience team members are the first point of contact for visitors. We welcome hundreds of people each week to our Centre and this role ensures that the variety, quality and sustainability of food products provided through our Seabird Café contributes to the customer’s overall experience.

Principal duties

We are looking for an enthusiastic person who is motivated to provide an excellent offer in our café, leads by example on customer care and professionally handles customer compliments and complaints. The individual will be a team player and, as part of our visitor experience management structure, will need to undertake the tasks of the designated Centre Duty Manager on a rota basis.

- i. Provide a warm and friendly welcome to our customers ensuring that they have a good customer experience and that our approach is inclusive towards everyone.
- ii. Support the Catering Manager in running the Seabird Café and kitchen to deliver a varied menu that meets our sustainability (local, sustainable sources) and quality (taste, presentation, value) of products we serve in the café.
- iii. Undertake specific duties assigned by the Catering Manager including rota preparation, stock ordering and receipt, checking equipment is operational and daily cash/payment reconciliation.
- iv. Work safely, observing all Health & Safety policies and procedures and the hygiene standards required from our catering system.
- v. Supervise café and kitchen staff ensuring that they understand their duties and are supported to carry these out effectively day to day. Support recruitment and training needs.
- vi. Assist with the preparation of food in the kitchen, when required.
- vii. Ensure all caterings areas are checked and are fully operational, cleaned and meet required hygiene standards. Note that special COVID-19 safety measures are currently in place which involve face coverings, physical distancing and extra cleaning.
- viii. Undertake the activities required of our Centre Duty Manager on a rota basis which includes opening up/closing down the Centre, daily safety checks and ensuring the visitor experience team is deployed across teams to meet the customer demands across the day.
- ix. Efficiently handle customer compliments and complaints.
- x. Be willing to learn about our wider charitable activities and talk to customers about these, including promoting the benefits of our visiting our paid experience and membership.
- xi. Carry out any other reasonable duty which is within the competence of the post, when directed by the Catering or Duty Manager to assist.

Essential skills and experience

- Consistent delivery of a high-quality visitor experience, with a customer-focused attitude.
- A confident communicator – verbal and written.

- Organised with an ability to take the initiative, prioritise your work and supervise others.
- A team player – adaptable and flexible to a varied working environment and able to handle customer compliments and complaints.
- An ability to work under pressure at peak times.
- An appropriate means of transport to get the Centre across the working week between 0830 and 1800 and occasional evening events.

Desirable skills and experience

- Alignment with our charity's conservation and education goals.
- An awareness of and affinity to environmental sustainability.

Our values

Our values underpin everything we do. We take pride in bringing these to life in all that we do. We are:

- PASSIONATE about Scotland's coastal and marine environment.
- INSPIRE others to explore and care for Scotland's coastal and marine environment.
- INNOVATE with the approaches we use to engage with people.
- COLLABORATE with local and national partners to convey the importance of Scotland's marine environment.
- INFORMED about the current health of Scotland's marine wildlife and habitats and the actions required to protect it.
- TRUSTWORTHY providing reliable information and acting with integrity and without bias.

Performance: To be measured against clearly defined measurable and challenging goals.

Wage: Competitive salary.

Benefits

- Working for a successful conservation and education charity in a stunning location.
- Pension available.
- Training and development for everyone.
- 20% discount in the Centre's Gift Shop and Seabird Café.
- 10% discount on the Seabird Centre boat trips.
- Free entry to the Discovery Experience, for you and family members (restrictions on numbers apply).
- Free access to a range of Scottish visitor attractions with an Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions card.
- Free access/ special offers for a range of East Lothian attractions with an East Lothian Tourism Attraction Group card.

Applications: Tell us why you are keen to work with us - and when you are available - in a covering letter and attach your CV. Please send both to info@seabird.org by 25 June 2021. As we are keen to recruit as soon as possible, please apply now - we look forward to hearing from you!