

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Food for the Planet Officer
SALARY BAND	MEC Band 8 (£21,577 to £23,237)
HOURS	18.5 hours (2 ½ days) per week 1 year fixed term contract Work outside normal office hours will be required for which time off in lieu will be granted.
RESPONSIBLE TO	Senior Projects Manager
RESPONSIBLE FOR	N/A
LOCATION	MEC, Sandy Flatts Lane, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 7YN. Travel around the local area will be required as may travel in the UK from time to time.
JOB PURPOSE	To deliver the Growing Active project and the Food for the Planet campaign.

Food for the Planet is a national campaign that aims to reduce the environmental impact of food on our planet. The goal of Middlesbrough’s campaign is to encourage and support food outlets to serve more climate friendly food and less and better meat. It will focus on supporting institutions (e.g. University, College, Council) and some other food sector businesses to take action and lead by example through making important changes to what they serve, how it is procured and then disseminating what and why they are doing it.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To take day to day responsibility for the delivery of the Food for the Planet campaign in line with the delivery plan to ensure that the identified outcomes are met.
- To work closely with and manage the relationship with the formal project partnerships and look to expand partnerships, including institutions and private sector partners.
- Engage and support food outlets and beneficiaries with the Food for the Planet website and Every Mouthful Counts toolkit.
- Identify local and more sustainable suppliers and support them to supply Middlesbrough food outlets.
- Keep records of all activity undertaken and participant engagement to assist in project evaluation and contribute to the preparation of reports.
- Support MEC and project partners in communicating and disseminating progress and achievements of the projects through a variety of channels, including social media.
- Deliver training (informal and/ or accredited) and awareness raising initiatives with a range of stakeholders and partners and run pilot initiatives to achieve the outcomes of the project.
- To work closely with the Middlesbrough Food Partnership in all aspects of planning, coordination and delivery.

In addition to these duties, all staff are expected to:

- Demonstrate and uphold MEC's core values: innovative; challenging; flexible; empowering, supportive; cooperative; inspirational; and adaptable.
- Assist with other aspects of MEC’s work as appropriate and such other duties in keeping with the general aims of the post as may from time to time be determined by the Director.
- Ensure that the requirements of the company’s Health and Safety policies and procedures are practised and observed.
- Ensure that the requirements of the Company’s Equal Opportunities, Environment and Data Protection policies and procedures are practised and observed.
- Attend training as required to continue to undertake and develop the role effectively.
- Contribute to Middlesbrough’s Public Health agenda, through developing a basic understanding of Public Health issues and signposting to local health improvement services. Appropriate training will be provided.

- As this post involves work with children and vulnerable groups, any appointment will be subject to a Disclosure under the Disclosure and Barring Service.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Main Attribute	Detailed Attribute	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	Good general education	✓	
	Qualification in food related subject		✓
	PTLLS or other education qualification		✓
Knowledge & Experience	Previous experience of delivering sustainability-based campaigns and/ or initiatives		✓
	Experience of managing initiatives involving a range of partners	✓	
	Understanding of whole system approaches to addressing complex issues		✓
	Delivery of training and/or awareness raising programmes	✓	
	Experience of contributing to project evaluation	✓	
	Financial management experience		✓
Personal Attributes	Personal enthusiasm to tackle the climate crisis	✓	
	Personal enthusiasm to support communities to partake in growing and greening activities	✓	
	Excellent organisational skills	✓	
	Excellent written and verbal communication skills	✓	
	Ability to work as part of a team	✓	
	Ability to organise and prioritise workload and work on own initiative	✓	
	Ability to work under pressure and ensure deadlines are met	✓	
	Ability to find solutions to administrative problems	✓	
	Ability to maintain accurate records and filing systems	✓	
	Ability to produce clear reports	✓	

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