THE DONALDSON TRUST

The National Body for Neurodiversity

Supply Catering Assistant

Role Profile

September 2025

About The Donaldson Trust

As the National Body for Neurodiversity, we are a catalyst for change. We believe there is a genuine opportunity to change society for better. We aim to be at the forefront of driving this change, and make a difference with, and for, neurodivergent people.

We're a team filled with caring and talented individuals who work together to create positive change. You will be part of a team dedicated to giving neurodivergent people a voice and contributing to our vision of a society in which neurodivergent people are understood, accepted, treated fairly and valued.

Our Values

We share what we know

We share our knowledge so that more neurodivergent people can thrive.

We connect people

We build partnerships and collaborations to increase opportunity and inclusion for neurodivergent individuals. We achieve more together.

We remove barriers

We work together to look for win-win solutions. We make it easier for neurodivergent people to feel accepted, valued and that their voice is heard.

The Role: Supply Catering Assistant

Job Purpose

The catering assistant is responsible for providing support to ensure that the standard and quality of the food production and the hygiene within the kitchen is always maintained at the highest level; providing a catering service to the supported people, colleagues and visitors at The Donaldson Trust, Linlithgow Campus.

The role is on a supply basis, where the catering assistant will support the Donaldson Trust's Cook during busy periods or to cover absence.

Key Responsibilities

- Support the Donaldson Trust's Cook during busy periods including any events and functions i.e. Christmas lunches
- Cover the cooks duties in the kitchen during any absences (planned or unplanned)
- Support with or prepare food as per requirements / orders received; taking into account nutritional needs as well as having due regard to identified allergies
- Support with or ensure orders are prepared in a timely manner
- Support with or serve food and beverages accurately and efficiently
- Effective customer service; communicating positively with supported people, colleagues and visitors, promoting the Donaldson Trusts values and attributes.

- Support with or maintain stock levels of kitchen supplies
 Ensure wastage is minimised
 Ensure proper safe storage methods are utilised at all times
- Ensure healthy and safe work practices are in place at all times
- Support with or ensure the kitchen and bistro is kept clean and tidy to Environmental Health standards
- Support with or complete appropriate paperwork i.e. daily cleaning schedules, cooking records etc.

Please note this list of duties is not exhaustive.

About You

Below are the key qualifications, experience and knowledge, and skills and attributes required for the role. Please note each criteria is assigned as **Essential** or **Desirable**.

Qualifications

• Certificate in Food Hygiene Essential

Experience and Knowledge

- Previous catering experience Essential
- Knowledge of current Food Safety / Environmental Health Guidelines Essential
- Knowledge of current health & safety regulations Essential

Essential

Desirable

- Customer service experience
- Previous catering experience within a school environment
- Existing member of the PVG scheme Desirable

Skills and Attributes

• Professionalism; able to represent the Donaldson Trust demonstrating our values and attributes in all interactions

Essential

• Dependable; give your best whilst supporting the team

Essential

• Collaborative; being mindful of your colleagues

Essential

Curious; using initiative to always provide the best service

Essential

• Adaptable; ability to remain calm and amend plans when necessary

Essential

• British Sign Language (BSL)

Desirable

Please note this list of duties is not exhaustive.

Remuneration:

Salary: £12.72 per hour

Hours: Supply, as an when required to cover absence and

provide additional capacity during busy periods.

No set hours, any shifts will be agreed with

successful candidate.

The bistro currently operates between Monday and

Friday, providing a lunch time service.

Reporting to: Service Co-ordinator

Location: Linlithgow campus

To Apply:

To apply, please complete an online application via our website:

https://www.donaldsons.org.uk/
application-form/

If you would like to discuss the role further, have any questions, or would like any assistance with your application, please contact us on people@donaldsons.org.uk and we would be happy to help.