Growing Well

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Cook – Kendal

Employment Type
Part-time

Role Type
Permanent position

Job Location
Growing Well Kendal, Low Sizergh Farm, Sizergh, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 8AE

Working Hours
16 hours per week over 4 days (Mon-Thurs)

Base Salary
£ 13.45

Date posted
November 9, 2026

Application Deadline
23.11.2026

Description

We are seeking a keen cook to prepare, cook, serve and clean down a simple vegetarian soup, stew or salad lunch for our people four days per week, Mon – Thurs (16 hours) at our Kendal site, near Sizergh.

This can be 15 – 25 meals each day, depending on attendance. The cook is responsible for menu planning, using surplus produce grown here and ordering additional food items. You will also be required to carry out regular cleaning to maintain 5-star food hygiene rating of the catering unit.

Responsibilities

The role of the Cook is to:

- Lead the delivery of a hot, healthy, seasonal meal for all attendees to site each day and the creation and the production of freezer meals for future use, using surplus product from our field.
- Managing a monthly budget for the kitchen and liaising with key suppliers, including the trading of donations with local food banks and other charities.
- Ensure that at all times our kitchen is safe, productive, excellently maintained and efficiently run.
- Work as part of a multidisciplinary team to create a culture of respect, inclusion and security.

All staff are expected to:

- Be involved in all aspects of the Growing Well community.
- Uphold the values of Growing Well, including those of honesty, inclusion, equality, participation, empowering individual agency.
- Be an effective communicator and encourage openness.
- Contribute to providing an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.

Experience

Essential:

- Practical experience of domestic and/or commercial kitchen catering for large groups.

Desirable:

- Previous transferable work or personal experience of working with people with mental health needs.
- Previous transferable work experience of working in a multidisciplinary team.

Qualifications and Training Requirements

Essential:

- Food allergy certificate

- Level 2 HACCP

Desirable:

- Professional chef diploma
- Level 3 Food Safety Supervision
- Evidence of Continuing Professional Development
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Mental Health First Aid

Contacts
If you think you're the right person for this role, we'd like to hear from you.

Please email your current CV and covering letter to Sinead McCann, Manager at Growing Well Kendal at sinead@growingwell.co.uk

Deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 23rd November.