**Kitchen Assistant– Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust**

**Full Time Equivalent Salary**: £18,451 (£9.59 per hour)

**Hours:** Minimum 30 hrs per week within a 7 day shift rota

**Status:** Permanent

**Location**: Occombe Farm, Paignton

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust (TCCT), is an independent charity dedicated to looking after the most important wildlife and heritage sites across the English Riviera in Torbay, South Devon. The Trust’s ambitious £2 million investment plans for Occombe Farm include a farm animal attraction, indoor and outdoor play facilities, a large farm shop and catering outlets.

A vacancy has arisen for a Kitchen Assistant who will deliver a welcoming, friendly and exemplary catering service for the customers at Occombe Farm.

The Kitchen Assistant will report to the Head Chef.

**As Kitchen Assistant you will**:

* Assist the Head Chef in creating and developing inspiring local menus
* Cook and prepare agreed menus
* Supervise kitchen food preparation stations to ensure high standards of quality are met
* Direct the food preparation process and delegate tasks
* Hold health and safety responsibilities, ensuring that all kitchen processes and the kitchen itself meets requirements in relation to food hygiene, allergens, dangerous equipment, etc.
* Assist with determining food inventory needs, stocking and ordering
* Work alongside kitchen and customer service staff as a valued and efficient team member
* Deputise for the Head Chef

**What we offer**:

* 25 days holiday (excluding bank holidays) increasing with length of service (to a maximum of 30 days excl. bank holidays).
* Company pension scheme
* Free parking at Trust car parks
* Staff discount in Trust operated café and shops

**What are we looking for**?

* Demonstrable experience cooking in a busy commercial kitchen at a senior level
* Experience of kitchen equipment
* Experience of menu planning and development
* Experience of ordering stock
* Proven knowledge of health and safety in relation to food and the kitchen environment
* Proven knowledge of hygiene and allergen requirements
* Organisational skills
* Communication skills
* Ability to build relationships and work as part of a team
* Excellent people skills
* Attention to detail

We are looking for a Kitchen Assistant who is passionate about food presentation, personable with good interpersonal skills, self-motivated and has a passion for serving and delighting our customers. You will act as an ambassador for Occombe Farm.

To apply for the position download a job description and an application form.

Completed application forms should be returned to jobs@countryside-trust.org.uk