

Chef's Assistant - Volunteer

JRS mission and work

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation, at work in 50 countries with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS in the UK has a special ministry to those who find themselves destitute as a consequence of government policies and those detained for the administration of immigration procedures. JRS UK runs a day centre, activities and hosting scheme (At Home) for destitute asylum seekers, detention outreach services to Heathrow IRC and has recently begun a legal advice service. We work to raise awareness of the situation facing refugees we accompany and serve by enabling their story to be heard.

Volunteer role: Chef's Assistant

JRS UK is looking for a Chef's Assistant to volunteer at our weekly Day Centre. Our refugee friends who visit the Day Centre are served a healthy, hot meal, with over 100 meals served each week. The Chef's Assistant will help our chef to prepare this meal and help with cleaning the kitchen once the food is cooked. The role also allows the Chef's Assistant to help serve the food to our refugee friends once it is ready.

Responsibilities and tasks

- Food preparation.
- Cooking food for over 100 friends alongside our chef.
- Clear up and cleaning of food preparation surfaces and kitchen space.
- Serving food to our refugee friends once it has been prepared.
- Monitoring the levels of food as it is being served to ensure that there is enough to last throughout the full length of the Day Centre, cooking more food if necessary.
- Helping to wash cooking utensils, pots and dishes throughout service.
- Other task necessary for the efficient running of the Day Centre as required.

Person specification

- Qualifications in food hygiene and health and safety.
- Experience of a working kitchen, catering for a large number of people.
- Good communication skills to work alongside staff, volunteers and refugee friends.
- Adaptability to switch between different tasks, as and when required.
- Sympathy with the values of JRS.
- Commitment to attend the Day Centre weekly, arriving early to ensure that food is prepared on time.

Hours

Every Thursday, 8:30 – 16:00 at JRS UK's Day Centre, The Hurtado Jesuit Centre.