

HICKORY

Job Title: Freelance Event Manager

Reports to: Senior Team Planner/Senior Hospitality Manager

As an award-winning Scottish business, Hickory has a reputation for delivering bold culinary leading-edge food and drink experiences in beautiful venues, with a focus on innovative and invigorating menus. Founded in 2012, our roots are firmly on Scottish soil. You'll find our teams creating magic at our concept kitchen in East Lothian, or in the thick of it at our Hickory HQ in Edinburgh's West End.

The person we are looking for must have a real passion for food and events. We are a friendly, decent bunch and we respect our people, places and planet. We want someone who has a real drive and enthusiasm for their job, as well as for their colleagues and the company. We always put the customer at the heart of our decisions, and never accept anything less than 5 star standards – that's the Hickory Way.

Purpose of the Role

We are seeking an exceptional and highly skilled Freelance Event Manager to oversee the delivery and execution of our events in multiple sites across Scotland. The successful candidate will have at least three years' experience in a management role within the hospitality environment.

As Freelance Event Manager you will be responsible for acting as overseeing the successful delivery of our event, including client liaison and team management. You will achieve the highest possible standard of customer service during events and be on hand to meet clients prior to the event, working closely with the sales/planning and operations team for a seamless handover. Experience of front of house management is essential, along with a strong eye for detail and consistent presentation.

Your performance within the company will be monitored by regular manager audits, meeting agreed event timeframes, achieving excellent guest satisfaction/feedback and employee quality and retention through positive onsite interaction.

Key Deliverables

- To be responsible for and to deliver all allocated events to Hickory's high standards
- To ensure all events are run to the highest standards by being fully prepared when you come on site
- Being responsible for the Venue that you are working within and maintain the integrity of the venue
- Completing all paperwork on time and to a high quality
- Cash Handling of floats/cash at all events, including banking, Z readings and reconciliation of all monies.

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- Be an excellence Brand Ambassador for Hickory.

Key Responsibilities

- Overseeing and ensuring that the opening and closing procedures are followed at all events
- Delivering an effective and informative team brief during events and ensuring that this standard is maintained at all events
- Working with the planning team pre-event to allow a seamless transition for the clients, in line with the company's customer journey.
- Working with our Operations teams and set-up staff, responsible for ensuring that all venues are set up to the highest of standards prior to each event
- Ensuring Hickory's technology is used to full advantage – i.e. Hickory Hub for event reporting, Deputy for team timesheets, EPOS Now for cash bar takings etc.
- Enforcing health and safety requirements during events
- Adhering to set budgets whilst striving to increase profits through excellent service and effective use of staff time
- Ability to motivate and encourage colleagues to provide exceptional service in line with the company's overall vision to our highly valued customer base

Skills and Capabilities

- Experienced and trained to work within the Catering and Events Industry
- Authoritative, persuasive with the ability to lead, make clear and effective decisions and be accountable to staff and clients
- Confident and articulate to act as MC when required
- Hold a current UK driver's license and have access to own transport
- Scottish Personal Licence Holder
- First Aid Trained
- Well planned with excellent attention to detail
- Experienced in managing both time and people while be a team player
- Possess clear and logical management experience to meet the needs of a fast-paced environment
- Exceptional customer handling skills, responsive to needs of customer and colleagues
- Confident in verbal and written communication
- Ability to meet deadlines, manage time effectively and drive teams to meet deadlines with accuracy
- Flexible adaptable and a great coach where needed
- Accountable for personal and departmental performance

Hours

- Hours to be agreed per event
- Hours to include evenings and weekends
- Events/schedules will be published on Hickory's scheduling software Deputy
- Willingness and flexibility to work additional hours when required

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Pay

- £20 per hour (dependent on experience)
- Payment is made monthly by arrears directly into your bank account on the 15th of every month for the previous months work (so long as your invoices are submitted no later than the 6th of the invoice submission month)
- Travel expenses are not paid for the first hour of travel either way. After the first hour you will be paid your normal hourly rate and 35p per mile. If you are asked to transport staff, you will be paid your normal hourly rate and 35p per mile for the whole journey

Location

- Responsible for delivering events across the country

To apply, email your CV & covering letter to jobs@hickoryfood.co.uk