



Hosting Leader

About the role

As hosting leader, you'll act as the maître' d of the team, running your project's front of house and helping to create a warm, friendly atmosphere that will make both volunteers and guests want to return each week. Your team of volunteers will lay the tables, greet guests and serve the food – all under your guidance!

About FoodCycle

FoodCycle combines surplus food, volunteers and free kitchen space to create nutritious, three-course meals for the community.

We have 4 main aims:

- To strengthen communities
- To encourage friendships
- To improve nutrition and reduce hunger
- To change attitudes towards food and to reduce food waste

A FoodCycle project is where the magic happens. Each project is run on the ground by a team of 8 or more lead volunteers called Project Leaders, with each leader taking on a specific role to ensure the smooth running of their FoodCycle Project. These people are passionate, committed and want to make a positive change within their community, they take ownership of their project and make decisions about the day-to-day running of it.

Skills you'll learn

- ✓ **Teamwork:** you'll work as part of a team to prepare a delicious meal and serve it to our guests.
- ✓ **Hosting:** you'll lead on 'front of house' duties, coordinating a team of hosting volunteers and making sure all our guests feel equally welcome.
- ✓ **Leadership:** we'll train you up to lead hosting sessions and how to induct new volunteers into the front of house.
- ✓ **Safeguarding:** you'll learn how to ensure that the safety of our guest and volunteers is always maintained and everyone acts within the correct boundaries.
- ✓ **Relationship building:** you'll be building lasting relationships with your guests and volunteers, ensuring they come back each week.

What to expect from FoodCycle

- ✓ Ongoing, regular visits, support and advice from your Regional Manager.
- ✓ A training conference to equip you for your role. Travel, accommodation and food cost covered by FoodCycle.
- ✓ Expenses covered in line with our volunteer policy.
- ✓ Training throughout the year from FoodCycle, including safeguarding and first aid.
- ✓ Impressive skills to add to your CV and a reference if/when you need it.
- ✓ Accredited level two food safety qualification provided by FoodCycle.
- ✓ The opportunity to meet a large network of like-minded people.
- ✓ A fun, creative volunteer experience with ownership over a community led project.

What's expected from me

We ask that Project Leaders stay with us for a minimum of 9 months, to enable them to get the most out of the role. As Hosting Leader, you will be expected to:

- ✓ Attend a monthly Project Leader meeting to discuss as a team how things are going.
- ✓ Lead a minimum of one session per month
- ✓ Follow all FoodCycle policies and procedures
- ✓ Complete a DBS check and attend safeguarding training
- ✓ Complete the project report on our website after leading a session

Time commitment

The suggested minimum time commitment to your role is 6 hours a month.

To apply

Email projects@foodcycle.org.uk for a Project Leader application form.

Safeguarding statement

Safeguarding is Everyone's business – FoodCycle is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare / wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk. It expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment".

