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Job Title: Zero Waste Barista & Food Prep Superhero

Position Type: Part- and full-time positions available

Start Date: Mid-October 2018

Passionate about the zero waste movement, food systems, or sustainability issues? Want to have a real impact through your work? Love chatting with people and sharing your knowledge of local foods? Nada will be opening a café in a few weeks and we're looking for baristas that can whip up an exceptional coffee to join our team! There are part- and full-time positions available with both front-of-house and back-of-house barista & food prep responsibilities.

About Us

We're not your average grocery store! Nada is a package-free grocer on a mission to cultivate a better world by inspiring people to change the way they shop for groceries. We envision an unpackaged future: a lighter world that values a food system free of excess and waste to support the health of both people and planet. Tackling the largest problems in the food system today, Nada offers 100% package-free groceries. We ask our customers to #BYOC (bring your own container) to reduce packaging waste and encourage them to buy only what they need. We deliver the next step to a healthier food system, from sourcing organic veggies from urban farms to making sure that surplus food ends up in the hands of those who need it the most. We're all about community and are supporting Vancouver's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, Healthy City Strategy, and Vancouver Food Strategy goals. Welcome to the food system revolution!

About the Position

We have just opened our first permanent retail location, and are looking for friendly, passionate, and values-driven people to join our café team. The candidate will work out of our Mount Pleasant retail location at Fraser & Broadway. The key responsibility of this role is serving our customers in a unique, fast-paced, and sustainability-minded café environment, with attention to making a delicious coffee, smoothie or snack that will showcase Nada's unique product offerings. All Nada team members are expected to support Nada's zero waste goals and initiatives, adhere to all Vancouver Coastal Health regulations, and to provide exceptional customer service by going above and beyond. There is opportunity in this role to grow in both depth of responsibility and breadth of scope.

Part- and full-time positions are available (20 – 40 hours per week), with at least one shift scheduled on weeknights and/or weekends. Working directly with senior management, you will play a key role in shaping the growth path of an innovative local food business and you will have a unique opportunity to get your hands dirty and gain a wealth of experience in sales and operations. Working at Nada is an opportunity to be immersed in a dynamic and entrepreneurial environment and to learn from other social entrepreneurs, industry mentors and peers. The successful candidate must be passionate about local food systems and zero waste and keen to make an impact in this space.

Scope of Work

As Nada is a start-up, the successful candidate must be prepared to work in a dynamic and entrepreneurial environment. In addition to customer relations, sales, and health & safety, the candidate will also support ongoing Nada community outreach and marketing initiatives, as required.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Front of house & cashier responsibilities
 - Greet customers in a polite and friendly manner
 - Provide excellent customer service, preparing beverages and snacks for customers in a timely and effective manner; going above and beyond to make sure that customers walk out the door happy and wanting to return
 - Assist customers in understanding that we are zero waste, and as such, there are no disposable cups; there will be reusable cups by deposit, they can have a seat and enjoy their beverage/snack at our café, or bring in their own cup/mug/cutlery to use for takeout
 - Help customers understand what we are serving, and respond to questions about our products, sourcing, and social and environmental commitments
 - Follow designated procedures for customer check out, including managing the POS, tare deductions, and cash, credit, and debit procedures
 - Maintain a clean, food safe, and organized working environment, including keeping the deli/display cases clean, well-stocked and properly rotated
 - Assist in tracking food waste
- Back of house & cleaning responsibilities
 - Opening and closing duties
 - Assist with deliveries including proper storage, organization, and rotation of products
 - Assist in food preparation where we will be creating new recipes out of our surplus produce and unique foods from the grocery, using established food-safe guidelines
 - Wash, rinse, and sanitize dishes, containers, and utensils.
 - Follow and comply with all applicable health and sanitation procedures and adhere to safe work practices.
 - End-of-day responsibilities include cleaning of all food contact and food prep areas
- Additional responsibilities

- Educating customers about our selection of local, ethically-sourced, package-free products. Be a zero waste hero!!
- Flexibility in assisting the Nada team with additional tasks as needed. Based on candidate interest and experience, this may include some social media assistance, and/or operational support.
- Support ongoing outreach activities to grow the package-free movement in Vancouver. In the past, these have included workshops, pop-ups, film screenings, zero waste hikes, and zero waste picnics. These events typically fall on evenings or weekends.

Desired Qualifications & Skills

- Prior experience as a barista or in food-service is expected; Food Safe Level 1 certification or higher is a strong asset
- Exceptional customer service skills – ability to engage and wow customers
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced, high-volume environment
- Self-driven and motivated to take initiative, solve problems, and make improvements
- Team-player with excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to lift 20-50lbs
- Value growth experiences and making a social impact through community and sustainable food systems
- Passionate and/or curious about zero waste concepts, business models, and lifestyles and a demonstrated interest and knowledge in environmental sustainability issues

Salary & Compensation

Part- and full-time positions are available, ranging between 20-40 hours per week, with the possibility to grow in both scope and responsibility. \$12.65 per hour, plus tips and 20% staff discount on all groceries.

Training Plan

- Onboarding program with weekly check-ins and biannual performance reviews
- Introduction to Nada's Employee Manual, Health & Safety policies, Be a Hero (Anti-Harassment) policies, and Mental Health Guide
- Training in project management and productivity tools as required including Google Drive, Trello, and Slack

Additional professional development opportunities include:

- Opportunity to work in a thriving startup ecosystem with associated peer and mentor network
- Networking with changemakers in Vancouver's food and entrepreneurship sectors
- Opportunities to attend training programs, networking events, etc. as required

- Opportunities to participate in key stakeholder meetings, including with suppliers, distributors, and community partners
- Dynamic work environment including flexible scheduling (ability to swap shifts), showers and bike room

Limitations

Applicants must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person on whom refugee status has been confirmed, and legally entitled to work in Canada.

How to Apply

Please send a resume and one-page cover letter to hello@nadagrocery.com with “Zero Waste Barista & Food Prep Superhero” in the subject line. In your email or cover letter, we’d also love to hear about the craziest thing you’ve done in the name of zero waste, sustainability, or the environment! Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis. The deadline for submissions is Friday, October 12th at 5:00 PM PST.

Nada is committed to inclusion and diversity within its community and welcomes all applicants including but not limited to: Aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, all religions and ethnicities, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and all others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. If you require special accommodations at any stage of the recruitment process, please indicate this in your cover letter.