



Part Time Receptionist

Candidate Information Pack

September 2017

A message from the Chief Executive

Thank you for showing an interest in this position.

UKSA continues to deliver fantastic outcomes across our two key areas of work – Sea.Change and Sea.Careers.

In 2017/18 we will celebrate our 30th anniversary, having provided our services to over 100,000 people, see us further enhancing our financial sustainability, by ensuring our training revenues drive sufficient surplus into the charity thus enabling us to continue to invest in our transformational Sea.Change activities, but also look to the future.

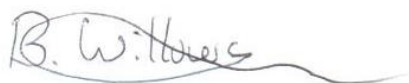
A new fundraising strategy has been developed to support our capital development plans. Some of this now relies on our key relationships with other charities who work with a similar demographic of young people. This partnership approach, which is favoured by funders, allows young people from these charities to visit UKSA for intensive programmes with the aim of helping them to break free from their existing lives and prepare them for other training and work. In addition we are actively seeking donations from individuals, Trusts and corporates who can help support our future sustainability. Since securing a grant for social investment in 2015/16, UKSA has been working towards becoming 'investment ready' for social finance which has allowed us to work with an external provider to build business plans to access social financing. This is integral to developing our capital plan as well as delivering more training to young people in need going forwards.

UKSA has recognised that in order for the charity to continue to develop and maintain its market position, investment is needed at its headquarters in Cowes. The way that UKSA's site is currently configured means there is a ceiling on the number of young people who can benefit from our programmes. Over the coming three years our large dormitory blocks will be replaced by modern, modular accommodation. This multimillion pound project will give us the flexibility to host more groups simultaneously, improving life-skills and offering career pathways to thousands more young people.

The necessary fundraising has commenced, with the aim to raise £3m to undertake the full refurbishment of the site. We intend to start building the new accommodation facility in the Autumn of 2018.

We have an exciting time ahead and we are looking for individuals who can be pro-active within a fast past and unique environment; who excel at being part of a team, thrive at solving problems and have a desire to be part of UKSA's future and in turn support young people who most need our help.

I look forward to your application.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'B. Willows'.

Ben Willows
Chief Executive

About UKSA

We are a youth charity that uses the power of the sea to transform the lives of thousands of young people each year, from all around the UK. The charity was formed in 1987 by Noel and Sylvia Lister who wanted to educate and enrich the lives of young people, using their experience of the sea, including the infinite challenges and gifts it offers, and the power it holds to make change. Nearly thirty years on, this remarkable ethos remains at the heart of UKSA. Our activities fall into two areas:

Sea.Change

We provide life-changing opportunities to schools and groups, disadvantaged and disaffected young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEETs) and young offenders. A common theme for many of these individuals is the low expectation they have of themselves and we challenge them to transform and to create opportunities for themselves.

Sea.Careers

We are the world's largest provider of marine training, ranging from watersports instructor, through to training officers working on vessels up to 3,000 gross tonnes. This work cross-subsidises our 'Sea Change' activities.

We are proud of the large number of students who leave us to start their first jobs in the maritime industry, and go onto a lifetime of opportunity.

Application process

Please complete the application form and equality and diversity forms which are available on the website www.uksa.org/work-for-us and email it to recruitment@uksa.org

Closing date: Monday 25 September 2017

Date for interview/selection: Monday 2 October 2017, at UKSA - Cowes

Job Title **Receptionist**

Reporting to: **Head Receptionist**

Banding: **The banding for this role is B6**

Key Objectives:

- **To be a positive first point of contact for customers and visitors to UKSA**
- **To ensure guests are roomed to meet the relevant booking requirements**
- **To provide efficient administrative services**

The duties and responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

Reception

- Uphold security procedures for opening and closing Reception with particular regard to cash storage and key security
- Deal with all student, visitor and staff enquiries to Reception in a timely and friendly manner, ensuring day-guests sign in and are aware of UKSA's policy on wearing visible visitor ID and the need to 'sign out'
- Operate the switchboard and handle calls in a courteous and professional manner, ensuring UKSA's brand messages and 'language' are promoted
- Provide a handover to Evening Duty Supervisors or anyone taking over "reception" duties at the end of your shift, ensuring any ongoing customer or service issues are explained and relevant information is shared or is accessible
- Work weekends on rotational basis as required.

Guest Management

- Check residential guests in and out, ensuring they have any relevant information/directions
- Take bookings for bed and breakfast, swimming pool and marina berthing, ensuring correct payment is received or information processed according to current procedures for invoicing
- Liaise with the Facilities team regarding site defects and cleaning requirements

Financial Processing

- Take payments for various items through Reception, ensuring cash and PDQ transactions are processed correctly and accompanying paperwork/finance records are complete and accurate
- Clear tills/floats at shift close

Office Administration

- Sort incoming post and distribute it to the relevant file for collection
- Frank outgoing post and ensure it is ready for collection each day
- Keep the Reception area tidy and promote a welcoming atmosphere
- Adhere to the requirements for personal information handling and storage with regard to UKSA's safeguarding and data protection policies
- Assist with general administration as required

Health & Safety

- Operate on a daily basis which demonstrates a duty to take care of your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by your actions at work.
- Co-operate with employers and co-workers to help everyone meet their legal requirements.

Team Performance

- Prepare for and take full part in 1-1 reviews with manager
- Ensure adherence to all policies and procedures and promoting the Vision, Purpose and Values of UKSA

This job description will be reviewed from time to time and may be updated as agreed

Profile:**Qualifications/Experience:**

- Experience in a similar reception/customer service role desirable
- Highly organised, with a high level of attention to detail and accuracy
- IT literate with good knowledge of Microsoft Excel and other Office software
- Working knowledge of CRM/data management systems for data input and interrogation will be an advantage but not essential as training will be given

Personal Attributes:

- A calm and friendly personality
- Excellent communication skills; able to engage confidently with visitors, guests and colleagues
- A good telephone manner and professional attitude to callers
- Strong customer focus and desire to deliver the best outcomes for beneficiaries
- Punctual

Part time Receptionist - Key terms and conditions

Salary	National Minimum Wage Payable on 28 th of each month
Annual Leave	Pro rata to 25 days plus Bank Holidays The leave year runs from 1 December to 30 November
Working Hours	20 hours per week over 5 days, to be worked flexibly in accordance with a team rota, including evenings and weekends.
Location	This role is primarily based at UKSA, Arctic Road, Cowes.
Pension	National Employment Savings Trust Employer contribution of 1%
Sickness	In the first three months of employment you are entitled to Statutory Sick Pay only, thereafter UKSA will pay up to 6 casual or "waiting" days in any rolling calendar year.
Notice Period	During the probationary period notice will be 1 week and after that 4 weeks notice will be required.
Probationary Period	6 months
Disclosure and Barring Service check	Not applicable



We are UKSA

This is how we work

Staff code of conduct: We are one team – collaboration across departments and functions is critical to the success of our organisation and the excellent care and quality of delivery to our clients. Professionalism should flow through everything we do and

customer care should be our priority; Professional presentation of staff, site, delivery and service is at the heart of all we do.

Our clients see everything we do

Respect and support your colleagues – “that’s not my job” doesn’t exist at UKSA

Our organisation expects us to support each other and work together. Our values support this:

- Challenge, have fun and smile
- We take care of ourselves, those around us and this place
- Be part of who we are and help others do the same
- Tell the truth, hear the truth, act truthfully
- ‘If not you, who? If not now, when?’

UKSA Dress code

- Staff must adhere to our dress code at all times
- Front of house, maintenance, housekeeping, instructors and lecturers will wear branded uniform
- Smart office wear is expected for all other staff
- Tailored shorts are acceptable in the summer
- Neat board shorts are acceptable for watersports instructors
- No flip flops for any staff.

Phones

- We have a phone policy – it is expected that all staff are aware of it and work within the policy
- Calls should be answered within 3 rings
- Everyone should take their own calls – **it maybe a customer**
- If messages are taken, caller information must be accurate and details should be emailed and passed on
- Employees must take ownership of their answerphone messages
- Personal mobile phones should not be used during working hours – unless it’s agreed with your manager or a personal issue that is urgent
- Every office will have an overflow line

Email and letters

- Respond to all correspondence within 3 days
- If you cannot reply fully within that period, contact should be made confirming a realistic timeframe of when a response will be made (maximum of 10 working days)
- Only CC someone into an email if necessary and note that the copied individual/s do not need to action anything
- Conversations should not be taking place over email; email should primarily be used to pass over information – if a discussion is required, face to face or phone communication is preferable
- Email is not there make a record and collect evidence of someone not doing something
- All staff should use the UKSA standard out of office message when not in the office
- Respond to all meeting requests and where possible, meetings should not be scheduled in over lunch time.
- Where possible, planned meetings / 1-1's should not be cancelled at short notice without prior discussion

Complaints

- Acknowledge the complaint within 24 hours and provide a timeframe for a full response if unable to provide one immediately
- Provide a full response within 10 working days
- Extend the timeframe only where absolutely necessary and an explanation for the delay should be provided
- If you are the person a complaint is raised with then it is incumbent on you to ensure the complaint is resolved to a conclusion

Work Stations

- Free tea and coffee will be provided to all staff in the Lister Kitchen
- A microwave can be used by all staff in the Lister Kitchen
- Hot food is not to be consumed at desks
- There should be no refreshment areas in offices
- Desks / work stations should be left tidy and organised at the end of each day
- Office cleaning standards will be upheld

Smoking

- Staff are only able to smoke in the designated smoking area on site
- Staff are not allowed to smoke outside the front gates and in front of Victory. Staff are expected to ask students not to do this
- There is no smoking on yachts when alongside in marinas (anywhere)
- Staff are not permitted to smoke when out on corporate sailing days

Site, Classrooms & Accommodation

- The rear car park area behind the swimming pool needs to be kept tidy, and available for groups parking when required – it is not used to store staff personal boats, or equipment
- **All staff** are expected to adhere to the lecture room user guide – **all staff** must support this by leaving rooms to the correct standard and layout; it's everyone's responsibility
- If a piece of equipment is left / found in the wrong place then return it to its correct location
- Evening duty staff will set the rooms up and site appropriately for the following day
- Site and fleet workshops must be kept clean, safe and tidy at all times

Timelines and objectives

- Completing work on time is vital for success – timelines for completion of work / projects must always be agreed. If these cannot be met it is not acceptable to let them go past the agreed deadline without prior agreement
- All staff are expected to work within the UKSA objective framework and ensure this is updated and agreed with your manager

Our Clients

- Meeting and greeting our clients is critically important – All staff are expected to make our clients feel welcomed and cared for at all times
- Say good bye! Showing our clients that we care and we want them to come back to us is very important; we must always say goodbye and please come again

