

Crock 'n' Rock

A washing up service lending reusable plates and cutlery, eliminating the need for single use serveware and enabling customers to arrive at events by bike or public transport without carrying the kitchen sink



Crock 'n' Rock is a plate & cutlery hire service, it works in two ways:

- Customers pay a deposit and grab their eating gear from Crock 'n' Rock and then browse the cafes, choosing whichever nosh they fancy; or
- Customers pick up their eating gear from the food venue of their choice, paying their deposit at the same time (in this scenario, Crock 'n' Rock has cunningly supplied the caterer with clean plates and cutlery behind the scenes, for which the caterer has paid the deposits).

When the customer is done, they return their serveware to Crock 'n' Rock to have their deposit returned. Crock 'n' Rock hygienically washes and dries the eating gear, keeping it safe until the next time a customer's tummy rumbles or a caterer needs restocking.

Most festival food stalls are impressed by this sorcery and are more than willing to engage in these acts of environmental friendliness.

How it Works:

Partaking caterers pay £1 per plate and then take a £1 deposit from the customer, which is returned to the customer when the plate is handed in to Crock 'n' Rock for washing. Caterers then hire in more plates at £1 each. The cutlery is a bonus extra, supplied along with plates at no additional cost.

Mugs may also be supplied; Crock 'n' Rock has trialled this service and it's super popular!

What you will need:

Human Resources:

6 Adults

- to oversee health & safety

- to set up and dismantle stall

- to organise & operate shifts (4 people on at a time, 3hrs/day)

- to be proactive in discussions about waste reduction

12 Youth Volunteer Washer-Uppers (aged 16 - 21)

Site Resources:

Close Access to water supply and waste water disposal

Location central to food venues

Venue Infrastructure:

12' x 12' tent/marquee with non-slip floor matting

Sturdy heat-proof table for water heater (urn), tables for washing and drying

Water heater with Gas Safe Certification

3 bowl washing up system (pre-wash, wash and rinse) and drying racks

Compost bin

After hours collection box (with compost bin)

Trolley

Means of transportation

Store for equipment throughout year

Banner

Music (very important for Youth Washer Uppers and to attract interest)

Venue Equipment & Materials*:

400 spoons and forks

400 plates (preferably purchased from local charity shops)

8 waterproof aprons

10 tea towels per day

3 wipeable tablecloths

Assorted clean cloths, scourers

Washing up liquid

[* based on 4-day event with 4,000+ attendees and 5 partaking caterers]

Health & Safety Equipment:

First Aid box and accident book
Risk Assessment
Gas Safe Certificate
Health & Safety Policy
Briefing document for volunteers

Public Liability Insurance

Opening Hours:

12 - 10pm, with drop off box after hours

Pre-event Communications:

Inform caterers before event and encourage pre-booking of service.
Pre-booking helps determine the amount of plates and mugs required.



Email greengatheringcharity@gmail.com for more information

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Donations welcome



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