



Can you herd the Kinnegar rabbits?

If you're looking for a challenging career in the world of beer, read on.

Kinnegar is on the hunt for a new team leader for the packaging crew. We need you to help herd our metaphorical rabbits successfully into cans, bottles and kegs. If you're bright, energetic, ambitious and utterly committed to excellence, we'd love to have you join us.

Packaging Team Leader

Company Overview

Kinnegar Brewing is one of Ireland's leading independent breweries. We make a range of high-quality beers at our facilities in Letterkenny and Rathmullan, County Donegal. The brewery is a small but exciting and challenging enterprise in Ireland's flourishing food and drink economy.

Although we are small, our brewing operations are diverse and interesting. The lion's share of output is for our core range, produced at our primary facility, K2, in Letterkenny. Parallel to this we produce an ongoing series of experimental brews on our 10HL pilot system under the Brewers at Play label. Our Phunk Farm project, at our K1 premises in Rathmullan, allows us to have fun with barrel ageing and spontaneous and mixed fermentations. Our cool ship is the star of the Phunk Farm show.

Location

Rathmullan and Letterkenny are in north east Donegal, an area of unparalleled beauty and diversity in Ireland's north west. The landscape and environment in which our story has unfolded offers a superb lifestyle for those who enjoy the outdoors and appreciate the absence of traffic, crowds and the everyday stresses of urban existence.

The Job

Working within a team of packagers under the guidance of our packaging manager, you will:

- Supervise the smooth, efficient operations of our canning, bottling and kegging lines.
- Actively foster a productive, efficient and happy working environment.
- Organise daily tasks by deploying staff and time as effectively as possible to meet the production schedule and maintain smooth and timely brewery operations.
- Ensure that quality control checks and standards are correctly implemented and strictly adhered to.
- Guarantee packaging area cleanliness, accurate record keeping, consistent supply of packaging materials, and the operational efficiency of packaging line machinery.
- Operate all of the equipment in the packaging area.
- Undertake a variety of additional tasks as may be required from time to time.

Requirements

Kinnegar seeks a self-motivated employee who ideally has some experience in the brewing/beverage industry and/or a relevant science/engineering qualification.

In particular you will be able to demonstrate the following strengths:

- Excellent task and time management
- Great team worker with natural leadership tendencies
- Intuitive problem solving and solution finding
- Consistency in operating to high standards under pressure
- Aptitude for working with interfaces and machinery
- A strong ability to organise own workload and multitask effectively
- Energetic and hard-working attitude
- Enthusiasm for beer and for working at Kinnegar

You will have a suitable level of physical fitness and ability for undertaking the tasks required. A full clean driver's license and confidence behind the wheel is essential but a vehicle is not.

You will be based full-time on site in Donegal and, although you may be of any nationality, you will have a legal right to live and work in Ireland.

Hours of Work

The brewery's schedule is dictated by the pace of brewing, fermentation and conditioning of the product and is therefore not entirely predictable. Our production day runs from 6am until 9 or 10pm and we operate roughly 8-hour shifts determined on a weekly basis with a rota for production staff. In normal routine our packaging lines operate Monday to Friday but a weekend shift may occasionally be necessary during busy periods.

While we expect a certain level of flexibility in work schedules, in return we offer as much flexibility as is practical. This is a full-time position.

Experience

Prior experience in the brewing/beverage industry is highly beneficial.

Salary

We will offer an industry-standard remuneration package based on your experience and skill level.

How to Apply

Please send us your CV and a letter of application telling us what you can bring with you to Kinnegar and what you hope to gain from working with us. We will shortlist candidates and arrange preliminary zoom interviews where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the working environment and the job requirements.