

My experience on being a fast-food worker

Have you guys ever been a part-time work tried after school or during summer holiday? Some of my friends had tried that before since they want to earn themselves extra pocket money. During the previous summer holiday, because one of them, not because I want to gain myself money, but I joined a programme called “Low-income Workers” organized by our school. I took part in the scheme, being a fast-food worker, and I’m writing to share my experience based on my experience being a low-income worker for my whole summer holiday.

During my last summer holiday, I was a fast-food worker in an extremely famous fast-food restaurant, and I’m not going to tell you it’s name to avoid any assumption that I’m encouraging you to dine there. That company hired the title “waitress”, but my duties are never simple as waitress. They include cleaning tables, floors, washrooms, helping kitchen, serving food, sometimes dealing with both ordinary and extraordinary customers. Most low-income workers got the same problem, your duties are always more than your title. Furthermore, working in a stressful and not-that-tidy-as-you-expected working place. It’s not rare to see a dead insect, or the living ones, in every corner of the kitchen. All we can do is try our best to ignore those flying or crawling creatures, otherwise you might have a bad mood for the whole day. You never want to bring your bad mood towards any of our customers.

Besides those little gloomy things, there are still quite a number of good things of this job. I have to say that its challenging to work such long hours in the same place come up with annoying customers with a nice smile, but still it is a great chance to practice how to deal with different people, it’s a must in your future, and this is never too early to start practicing that. Moreover, despite some argument at work, most co-workers are pleased to work and befriend with. It’s nice to get to know with different ages of friends, as they live longer than you, some of them can be your lifelong teachers and friends.

Most customers are polite, but there’s always some exceptional cases to disturb you. However, always remember that smile and nice attitude can bring happiness, or at least pacify ones’ anger. And so do your co-workers and your leader. It’s important to have good relations with them, so that you can have a happier and smoother experience at work.

After all, it's an inerasable experience during my life. It's my first time applying a job, and I'm glad that I'm performing quite well at the first time of being a worker.

I learn how to come up with people, how to stay calm or organizing everything, decide which to do first. Despite the long working hours, a little messy working place and low-salary, but it's fine since it's not my full-time job. In the end, having this job was tired, but a great experience.