



Social Value Statement

Café Sunlight delivers high quality corporate and event catering, from delicious conference lunches and refreshments to dinners, weddings, and canapé and drinks receptions. The profits from the events business create living wage employment and training opportunities and supported employment opportunities for individuals with additional needs. Café Sunlight also financially supports operations that deliver tangible social impact within the Sunlight Centre and across the Medway Towns.

Café Sunlight CIC is a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Sunlight Development Trust (registered charity no. 1126266) and profits are re-invested for community benefit through the work of the Trust and through a vibrant community cafe in the heart of the Sunlight Centre in North Gillingham. As a certified social enterprise based at the Sunlight Centre in Gillingham, Café Sunlight has been independently assessed, verified and awarded the Social Enterprise Mark – the UK social enterprise authority. The criteria for the Social Enterprise Mark require that surpluses are used primarily for social purposes, that the organisation is independent and derives at least 50% of income from trading as well as requiring a dissolution clause in governing documents (which states if the business were to close, proceeds would be distributed to the social beneficiaries).

Café Sunlight's social objectives create training and employment opportunities in the catering industry for people struggling to find jobs in the local area. Profits from the Cafe support the community development work of Sunlight Development Trust and the activities of the Sunlight Centre, providing a range of help for local people. In addition, the objects are to carry on activities which benefit the community, including the provision of a community cafe in the Sunlight Centre.



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