

Senior SolidWorks Design Manager

CROWD 'Creators of the outside world' is a young and innovative group of established companies that is involved in designing the public space. Our aim is to make a conscious contribution to the living environment of people with developing products through our group companies across Europe.

As one of the group companies based in the UK; Bailey Street Furniture Group, we are looking to expand our current UK operations, creating several wide and varied roles, across our three UK operational sites.

We are therefore seeking to recruit an experienced Technical Design Team Manager for our Adlington site in Cheshire.

The successful candidate will already be leading a team of technical designers that offer technical excellence to all areas of the business. The current team are all fully trained in either Solid works and/or AutoCAD. Therefore, the successful candidate should have an experienced background in both of these propriety software systems. An evidenced career in both Mechanical and Design engineering is preferred.

Working with the Operations director, the key deliverables for this position will be, but are not limited to:

- Managing a team of existing technicians across the groups three UK sites, to create a multifaceted team who are able to work on all elements of design work.
- Resource planning for these technicians, allocating jobs to individuals and being responsible for completion of workloads in a timely manner and to tight deadlines.
- Ensuring the accuracy of all detailed general arrangement and technical manufacturing drawings issued to both customers and supply chain.
- Working closely with the team to ensure that all future R & D programs are followed and targets hit, in relation to completion dates etc.
- Building and maintaining a close relationship with the operations team.
- Implementing and maintaining set KPI's as agreed with the senior management team.
- Leading Continuous improvement across the business.
- Helping to develop existing products to improve quality and increase profitability.

Skills we need:

- Proven experience of supervising/leading/managing a team.
- Mechanical / Design drawing experience and qualifications
- The ability to read, interpret and understand technical specifications and drawings.
- Good understanding of resource planning and training team members.
- Knowledge of Solidworks 3D CAD (specifically weldments, sheet metal and drawings)
- Solidworks official certifications as proof of software proficiency.
- 5 years' experience in a low-batch, high-variation manufacturing environment, although all applicants and backgrounds will be considered.
- Ability to communicate confidently with customers, suppliers and group staff.
- Self-motivation in personal and departmental development.
- Excellent technical aptitude in steel and timber fabrication.
- A creative approach to product design.
- A methodical, well-researched and pragmatic approach to engineering.
- Commercial awareness and a solid understanding of the cost implications of design decisions.

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Advantageous:

In depth knowledge of Solidworks custom properties, automation and API.
Exposure to Solidworks Visualise Professional for creating high-quality rendered images and animations.
Experience designing products for public spaces (Street Furniture, Cycle Infra & Playgrounds).
Extensive experience designing for OEMs.
Understanding of BOMS, Production Routing & MRP systems

Package

Competitive Salary
23 days holiday
Birthday day off
Workplace Pension
We Care online medical support
Death in service life cover