

## Manchester Pride 2010

### 27-30th August 2010 (Fri-Mon)



Manchester Pride is appealing for volunteers to help out behind the scenes at the biggest party of the summer. They're looking for people from all backgrounds to help them showcase Manchester to festival goers arriving in the city from across the UK and Europe. Volunteers will have the chance to learn new skills, meet lots of great people and contribute to one of Manchester's biggest annual events.

#### Opportunities available include:

<b>Parade Steward</b>	Required from: Saturday 28th August - 11-4pm
<b>Street Collector - Parade</b>	Required from: Saturday 28th August - 11-4pm
<b>Big Weekend Crew</b>	Required from: Friday 27th August - Monday 30th August - shift times will be allocated.
<b>Promotions Assistant</b>	Required from: From Mid April - times negotiable.
<b>Data Capture Assistant</b>	Required from: Friday 27th August - Monday 30th August - shift times will be allocated.
<b>Market Research Assistant</b>	Required from: Friday 27th August - Monday 30th August - shift times will be allocated.
<b>Women's Space Crew</b>	Required from: Sunday 29th August 5pm-11pm
<b>Admin Assistant</b>	Required from: From May - times negotiable

Jackie Crozier, festival manager of Manchester Pride, said: "Last year we had over 100 volunteers helping out across all areas of the festival. They play an integral part in the running of the event and without them; the festival just wouldn't be the same."

#### ESSENTIAL VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Ability to work on own initiative, ability to work under supervision, ability to work outdoors, reliable, enthusiastic, friendly, trustworthy, hardworking, ability to be standing and/or walking for long periods of time.

**All Volunteers will receive a Pride t-shirt. However, due to the fact that the Manchester Pride organisation is a charity they are unable to pay volunteer expenses. Application forms available from [www.manchesterpride.com](http://www.manchesterpride.com)**

## Prestwich Challenge Sunday 13th June 2010 Prestwich Clough

The Prestwich Athletics Club organise and hold the annual Prestwich Challenge where approx 250 participants run, walk or crawl their way around Prestwich Clough on our 8 mile off road course of natural and man made obstacles. We require volunteers to help marshal the course and make the event a huge success.

You need to be responsible enough not to disappear at the first sign of drizzle and be happy to work with people you've never met before. The course has to be safe and volunteer marshalls are key in helping to make it safe.

The course is hilly and slippery in patches and you need to be aware of this before volunteering as we can't guarantee to allocate you a flat area. Also, unless you find a stump to sit on or a fence to lean on, you'll be on your feet most of the day, so wear comfortable shoes.

**All volunteers will receive a goody bag, travel expenses and a massive pat on the back, so if you are interested in volunteering for a fun filled day we would love to hear from you.**



**Salford Foundation is currently looking to recruit volunteer mentors from local industry, colleges and the community to participate in the ACHIEVE project which will be delivered across Greater Manchester.**



The project aims to provide female offenders with a mentor who will offer support and guidance to aid the client to overcome their specific barriers and move them toward training and employment opportunities.

We are looking for committed, reliable, inspirational individuals who are willing to devote some of their time to mentor women who are currently on probation. You will be required to meet up with your mentee typically on a fortnightly basis for up to an hour a time.

In house training will be delivered before you start your mentorship and you will receive ongoing support from your coordinator. You will also be required to be CRB checked before a match can be made. A criminal record will not necessarily exclude you from mentoring.

If you feel that you could make a positive contribution to the project we would love to hear from you, so please register in the usual way.



## The Booth Centre

The Booth Centre is an innovative, activity based day centre for homeless people in Manchester ([www.boothcentre.org.uk](http://www.boothcentre.org.uk)). The Centre works with homeless adults with alcohol, drug and mental health problems providing advice, support and a full range of activities. We are looking for two volunteers who are able to work three days a week over the summer months to join our small team. They need to be an enthusiastic, reliable, good at listening and with a non-judgmental approach. Some admin and basic computing skills would be useful. Full training and support will be provided and we pay travel expenses.

Volunteers will be providing support to people at the Centre, helping them get to appointments, doing some advocacy work and carrying out some practical tasks, such as serving drinks. It would be very good experience for someone interested in moving on to social work or care work or for a student looking for work experience over the summer. Applications from people with past personal experience of homelessness, drugs, alcohol or mental health problems would be welcome to apply. **For more information or to arrange a visit phone Dave at the Booth Centre on 0161 835 2499.**

## City of Manchester 10K Road Race 2010

**Sunday 4th July 2010 7.30 am - 12 noon Sportcity**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in marshalling the event. Duties will mainly be out on the course, handing out water or similar roles. The main race we will be followed by 'The Toddler Trot' where 8 year olds & under will do just one lap of the athletics track so we will possibly need assistance here as well.

**We are not in a position to pay expenses but all volunteers will receive a packed lunch and a race T shirt.**

The race starts at 9.30 a.m. (briefing at 7.45am)- Volunteers will be required until approx 12 noon - further details i.e. time of arrival, parking etc will be sent out nearer the time.

The venue is Sportcity, which will bring back memories for anyone who was a marshal at the Commonwealth Games.

**DID YOU KNOW.....**With MEV, volunteering is about personal choice and you can get involved with events which interest you most. You can also take part in training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!

## Run in England Leaders Needed for Greater Manchester



Love your running? Could you be someone to inspire new beginners? You may be just the person to lead a group! Enthusiastic, supportive of beginners, some running experience with a bit of free time and willing to attend a one day accredited course. The aim of Run in England is to get more people active and running together. Our website has more details how to get involved as a leader and as a group member: [www.runinengland.co.uk](http://www.runinengland.co.uk)

Run in England is currently looking for leaders to set up and assist with groups across Greater Manchester, these can be done at anytime in numerous locations depending on the individual leaders involved e.g. groups after/during school, at lunchtime, at work, at local parks, cafes, supermarkets, leisure centres... the list goes on!

So far we have two dates for our Leadership in Running Fitness course where leaders receive training:

**Dates:** 9th May and the 24th July  
**Time:** 9am till 5pm  
**Venue:** Sportcity

Volunteers living or setting up/assisting with groups in the borough of Manchester will not have to pay as Manchester Athletics Network and Manchester City Council are on board, so will pay the £90 for them. However only people who are keen to get involved or show an interest in setting up/supporting a group will have their course paid for.

For volunteers wanting to set up groups outside of Manchester and who do not live in Manchester we are working with GreaterSport and the other local authorities to gain some funding and to set up more courses in other areas which are subsidised. So soon we hope we can reduce the price for other volunteers.

### **Once qualified volunteers can apply to be leaders and they get a free membership to Run in England: (this costs £25 for self employed people)**

Marketing tools to assist in setting up a group and attracting new members; help and support as needed; membership of a national organisation with Head Office, Area and County support; help in setting up your first group; public Liability insurance cover for you and your group; services for your members; Run in England Members technical t-shirt, both in men's and women's styles; Run in England Leaders Top; Run in England online shop; water Bottle; training Log Books for your group; discounts negotiated on your behalf

And remember "you don't need speed to lead"!

For more information about Run in England, about how to book on the LiRF course and on becoming a leader, please register in the usual way or visit [www.runinengland.co.uk](http://www.runinengland.co.uk)

## Homestart - North Manchester

### Calling all caring parents!

Homestart - North Manchester would like to hear from you- Can you help families? Are you a parent and understand families with young children may need support and encouragement? Do you have a caring nature with a non judgmental approach? Can you spare 2/3 hours weekly? Then Home start would love to hear from you. Expenses paid, subject to CRB Check.

Training Provided-(Dates, Venues & Times Vary)

**For more information or an application form please register in the usual way.**

**If you are experiencing difficulty with event organisers not contacting you before an event, please contact the Central Team on 0161 234 1532 and we can find out what's happening for you. This may just be an oversight on the organisers behalf.**

## **Union Chapel, Wellington Road, Fallowfield, M14 6EQ**

### **Long Term Opportunity**

Are you looking for long term volunteering? Are you a people person? Are you looking for an absorbing and rewarding role?

We need a new co-ordinator for a lively independent Adult Education initiative within an established, much-loved Community Centre in South Manchester. The hours are flexible, about 15-20 per week. The present co-ordinator is retiring due to poor health, but will be able to offer good support during the transition.

The co-ordinator's role is to help things to go smoothly for the users. The co-ordinator works with a group of about a dozen volunteers. The co-ordinator and volunteers support each other, and have lots of fun along the way. Volunteers tend to select the areas of work they cover, for example - publicity; checking the day book and answering enquiries; supplying tutors with new registers each term; applying for grants; looking after the book sale shelves or assisting the treasurer. The co-ordinator takes an overview checking to see that these jobs are being done and does them her/himself if necessary. He/she will spend time chatting with new and established users, talking to the caretaker, confirming room bookings or putting new batteries in the CD remote!

You can find out more, (without actually committing to it), by talking to the present co-ordinator Eileen or by visiting the centre.

The information above may help you to decide if this is the volunteering role you would like to take on. It's a challenge, but very rewarding.

## **MEV SECOND STAGE RESEARCH**

Manchester and Sheffield Universities would like to undertake a second part of the research which was done with some MEV volunteers last year.

We need to arrange a total of 16 individual interviews with case study participants – 8 to illustrate social Inclusion through increased employability – and 8 to illustrate it not through employability.

**Therefore MEV need to identify 16 suitable volunteers who would like to take part:**

- 1 8 who were unemployed when they started with MEV but who wanted to move into employment. Ideally at least 6 of these would have moved into employment of some sort.
- 2 8 who clearly did not want to use MEV as a way of moving into employment but who have used it to cope with other challenges in their lives – e.g. retirement, disability, bereavement

**If you fit into one of these categories and would like to volunteer to be interviewed about your experiences, please call Mark Pritchard on 0161 234 1530 or e-mail mp@mev.org.uk**

## **MANCHESTER EVENT VOLUNTEERS**

### **Answer Phone Service**

MEV core working hours are 9am - 5pm.  
After 5pm (or when the office is empty), we now have our own answer phone service which can be accessed on any of our numbers  
0161 234 1530 / 1531 or 1532.

If you are showing interest in events, please speak clearly and leave:

Your Name, your Address and Postcode, your Volunteer Registration Number, your list of event interests, along with the roles or the days you want to do. We can add them to the database for you.

If you need a call back, please let us know and leave your telephone number.

## **CONTACT US**

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