



Tatton Park Triathlon 2010

18th & 19th September

Set in the grounds of Tatton Park, outside Manchester this triathlon is one of the best and largest in the North West. The event is also one of the most scenic triathlons in the UK and attracts large numbers of spectators as well as triathletes. The event HQ is by the side of the beautiful lake in the grounds of the stately home and the bike and run courses are in the estate grounds and Cheshire countryside. This year the event is bigger and better than 2009 when we had two capacity days when over 1,500 entrants took part. There is a wide variety of roles for MEV volunteers and we have put together a benefit package which includes.

Competitor's pack including T Shirt.
Transport to and from city centre Manchester
Breakfast on arrival.
Packed lunch for during race.
End of race volunteer BBQ on Saturday & Sunday.
Great atmosphere that goes with a big event

We really appreciate our volunteers just ask anybody who helped with the race last year. You will be part of a professional and enthusiastic team...see you soon.

For more information please visit www.tattontriathlon.co.uk



Follow MEV On Facebook - We Need More Fans

MEV Official wants to keep up with you on Facebook.

The team are looking at new ways in which we can communicate with our partners and volunteers. We plan to use these sites to include lots of interesting pieces of information and we would like you to join and contribute.

These will be forums where you can say thank you to your volunteers, upload information and keep everyone in touch with what you're doing.

To find us on Facebook, visit www.mev.org.uk/facebook or www.facebook.com/mevofficial

Manchester Community Transport

Volunteer Board Members Required - Long Term Opportunity

Manchester Community Transport (MCT) was established in 1982, originally based in Northern Moor and has expanded from a small Wythenshawe based voluntary organisation to a medium sized social enterprise with operations across the Manchester conurbation. MCT is one of Greater Manchester's leading Community Transport Providers.

To assist our continued expansion and success we are seeking to recruit voluntary Board members that can offer expertise in the following areas to enable us to take advantage of new opportunities;

Business Development, Passenger Transport, Human Resources and Finance

If you think you fit our requirements, are up for a challenge and have time on your hands we would like to hear from you. You would be required to commit to 6 pre-programmed two hourly meetings a year.

If you would like to join our team please register your interest in the usual way.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter please call 0161 234 1532, log on to www.mev.org.uk or e-mail info@mev.org.uk for more info

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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, 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 and work with a group of about a dozen volunteers supporting each other and having 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 or confirming room bookings etc

You can find out more, without commitment, by talking to the present co-ordinator Eileen on 0161 445 7694 , or by visiting the centre. The information above may help you to decide if this is for you!

Manchester Skyride 2010

Sunday 1st August

The Sky Ride event is taking place across Manchester on Sunday 1st August this year. The event is a mass participation leisure activity - aimed at continuing our support in getting more people involved in cycling as a leisure pursuit and promoting car free transport.

The event will take place around the City Centre on a 11km Traffic Free route and is aimed at all levels of cyclists but focusing on families and occasional cyclists. It is one of a series of 5 City Centre Cycling events taking place across the UK and follows on from last years successful Sky Ride event in Manchester which attracted over 15.5 thousand riders. For this to be possible, the event requires hundreds of dedicated volunteers like yourself to take up various positions.

There will be several 'hubs' across the city including Abraham Moss, Platt Fields and Manchester United's ground 'Old Trafford' where cyclists will be directed to begin the race.

Volunteer roles will include:

Marshalling at 'Hubs', 'Activation Zones', 'Water Stations' and Information points.

Key duties include:

Directing participants and ensuring their safety, to provide a point of communication for participants, be an 'on the ground contact' if any incidents occur, communicate via supervisor any first aid or security issues to event control, facilitate the crossing of spectators/pedestrians wishing to cross the course.

We will require all level of volunteers from the very experienced right through to the rookie just starting out their volunteer pathway. Travel expenses up to £5 will be reimbursed with relevant receipts.

A Volunteer briefing evening will take place before the event the exact date will be confirmed shortly.

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!

Voluntary Placement in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)

If you are interested in teaching and would like to gain some valuable voluntary work experience, then why not enrol on our PTLLS course?

This course is:

An opportunity to take up a worthwhile voluntary placement with Manchester Adult Education Service. A national recognized qualification (Level 3 Award in Preparing to Teach on the Lifelong Learning Sector).

This course will provide:

Excellent experience in voluntary work and increase confidence in teaching and supporting adult learners. The skills and understanding required for teaching in this sector. The first step in becoming a fully qualified teacher in the Adult sector.

Course content

The 10 week course covers themes of adult learning in which you will:

Understand your own role and responsibilities. Understand teaching and learning approaches in your specialist area. Demonstrate lesson planning skills. How to deliver inclusive lessons which motivate learners. Understand the use of different assessment methods and the need for record keeping.

Who is this course for?

This course has been designed for volunteers who are interested in teaching or would like to gain some voluntary teaching work experience.

NB On completion of the course, volunteers must commit to six months of ongoing tutor and learner support in the classroom within MAES.

What previous experience or qualifications do I need to do this course?

No previous teaching experience needed. However, we do require you have a GCSE in Maths and English or equivalent of this or you will be required to pass our English and Maths assessment tests.

Will I have to take an exam?

No, you won't have to take a written exam. Assessment will take place in the form of continuous assessment, observations, assignment work and micro-teaching observations. You will need to complete a portfolio of theory/practical based assignments that will be externally verified.

What else will this course offer me?

Support from a course/mentoring tutor from your chosen specialist area. One-to-one tutorial time will be available and information, advice and guidance will be part of your course.

What are my progression opportunities?

Increase your confidence in teaching even further by continuing to work with us for a six month voluntary work placement after the course and/or you can progress onto the OCR or NCFE Level 3 and 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learner Sector (CTLLS), the next steps to obtaining a full teaching qualification.

Testers Wanted For New MEV Website!

We are in the final stages of building our brand new website. The new MEV site will look much better, be easier to use, more interactive and hopefully be used as a community hub by volunteers.

To help us make this a reality, we need testers who can get involved with the process, offer suggestions on what works, what doesn't, and what you'd like to see.

The more people who get involved in this, **the better the site will be!**

If you'd like to be take part in this, please email us at info@mev.org.uk and we will set you up as a user on the new site or log in to your profile at www.mev.org.uk

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.

Nexus Art Cafe

Every Saturday night / Sunday morning from 1.30am until 6am, Nexus Art Cafe transforms into the very special NexusNightCafe. Providing a safe, welcoming and entirely alcohol free space in which Manchester clubbers, and assorted night-owls can come together for a post club/bar wind-down.

NexusNightCafe is a truly unique nocturnal operation with an incredible vibe, from the gentle beats of our resident DJs, 4am Scrabble, a superb set delivered by Eskimo Cowboy, to secret screenings with Beatnik TV - NightVision. Each week our cosy basement becomes a hub of after dark merriment.

We are looking for volunteers to join us in this exciting project. Most volunteers give one Saturday night every 6 weeks.

If you are a team player, a good listener and have a desire to ensure the safety of those who are on a night out in the city, then we want to hear from you.

In return we will provide you with appropriate training, travel expenses and the opportunity to meet

NEWS - Rita Fisher and John Mockler MBE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rita Fisher and John Mockler.

Rita with her daughter Susan were members of MEV since the Commonwealth Games and was well known to everybody with her great sense of humour. Rita worked on many events with the MEV and completed more than 500 hours of volunteering. Rita was also involved in many other health groups, local community groups and was always the centre of any party, but she never gave up working all her life.

John was one of MEV's original volunteers and his love for sport led him all over the world. His involvement and dedication to volunteering with the XVII Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, led to an MBE in 2003 for his unbridled commitment .

John was a regular face at Manchester's sporting events and a friend to many of you. I am sure that you will join the MEV team in passing on our condolences to his family and friends.

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MEV Answerphone 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.

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