



VOLUNTEERS.....The Pride Of Manchester

One of the outcomes of the recent university research has been that volunteers would like to have more emphasis on "Volunteering Pride" as part of your newsletters and website.

Since we know that a lot of you enjoy being involved with MEV, we would like to ask if you'd like to write a little a bit about your experiences as a volunteer. Some of the things you could write about include:

- 1 **Are you proud to be an MEV volunteer, why? Why do you give up your time for free?**
- 2 **What have you discovered about yourself since becoming involved with MEV. Has it given you new found independence, allowed you to meet new people, helped you through hard times or been the reason why you found a job?**
- 3 **Are you proud of the city of Manchester and its events programme, particularly how it has changed over the past 8-10 years?**
- 4 **What do you think Manchester gets out of you giving your time for free to events and local communities. Do you think, we as a group of volunteers, make a difference. How? Why?**

However, don't limit yourself to these topics!!!! You can tell us about anything you want in relation to your volunteering experiences. Go on, tell us your inspirational stories and inspire your colleagues or new people who are thinking of taking part!

All you have to do is write down your thoughts and send them to us at mp@mev.org.uk or at the address on the back of this newsletter.



British International Open Taekwondo Championships 2010

**25th & 26th September National Squash
Centre, SportCity, Manchester**

Now in its 3rd successful year, this exciting martial art turned Olympic Sport attracts athletes, teams and spectators from all corners of the world. MEV Volunteers have helped to make this event a great success in the past in a wide variety of interesting roles getting to interact with many nationalities and personalities! Plus you get to see some of the best athletes in this dynamic sport close up!

All volunteers get an event T-shirt, meal vouchers and a contribution towards expenses.



For full event information visit www.btc.org and follow the "Compete" link to the event pages.

Sue Ryder Care Mall Walk The Trafford Centre - 25th September

Sue Ryder Care are looking for volunteers (male and female) to help out at their second annual Mall Walk fundraising event taking place at The Trafford Centre on Saturday 25th September. The event is a 10km late night walk for ladies, raising money for the national healthcare charity.

On the night we are looking for volunteers to fill various roles including setting up the event, at the sign in desk prior to the walk, marshalling the route directing walkers and ensuring their safety, and handing out refreshments, goody bags and medals.

The walk starts at 10pm and should end by midnight

All volunteers will be provided with refreshments throughout the evening and are sure to have a fun night with a great atmosphere!

For anyone who wishes to sign up to take part in the event log onto www.suerydercare.org/midnightwalks

Family Friendly Film Festival

30th July - 15th August

The Family Friendly Film Festival takes place throughout Greater Manchester every August. This year the festival will take place from the 30th of July to the 15th of August. The festival offers a variety of films, from family classics to world cinema, shorts and new releases that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Families can also take part in a range of activities related to the film programme. The festival is an audience development project which aims, through its film screening to showcase different art venues and their programme to new families that might not usually engage with these.

Role Purpose:

To offer overall support at the festival events, from collecting feedback to helping out with workshops and acting as key point of information for the public attending.

Key responsibilities:

Act as a key information point for the public at festival events. Support workshop leaders at the festival events with the delivery of workshops. Support with the setting up, overall running and closing down of festival events. Support with the evaluation of events by liaising with the public regarding their experience at the festival. Support the team in collecting relevant information at the festival and asking the public to fill in relevant forms, e.g. photography permission forms.

Person Specification:

Friendly and approachable. Comfortable to work around children and families. Confident to work with the public. Good customer care skills. Works well under pressure. Reliable and punctual. Good team player. 18 years old or over. Strong commitment to equal opportunities

What can we offer you as a volunteer?

Relevant briefing and support. Develop your confidence. Develop your customer care skills. Opportunity to make contacts within the Manchester arts scene. Work reference for future job applications. Event management experience. Attend FFFF events for free

The Festival is run by All About Audiences, the audience development agency for the North West. For more information please visit: www.allaboutaudiences.com

Sign up now and a full information pack will be sent to you.

Sign Up To The MEV Website

As an MEV volunteer you are not automatically registered on our website and will have to sign up separately. So, if you have internet access, you can sign up to the site by clicking on the following link:
<http://www.mev.org.uk/community/mymev/>

Once on this page you will have to :

- Click on **sign up to the website here**
- Go to the Normal Signup section
- Enter your 6 digit Volunteer Registration Number (which starts with a 50), your surname, postcode and date of birth
- Create your own unique password.
- Verify your password.....and you're are ready to go.

When you have signed up, you can then check out the latest events, add your interest to the events you want to take part in, check out the Community Forum, change your personal details, upload your event experiences and photos etc

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!

Zombie-Aid 3

Sunday 15th August, 12pm Onwards

Zombie-Aid is a charity fund-raiser event that started in Manchester in 2009. It sees thousands of people in Zombie fancy dress raising money for local and national charities. It attracts people from all walks of life and ages and is particularly popular with families. This years charities are Manchester Carers, The Christie and The Make A Wish Foundation.

People are asked for a £2 registration fee which is how charity money is made. The event starts at the Printworks at 12pm then at 1.30 a walk to Sportcity (2.2miles) will take place. There they will have a zombie themed funfair and live music stage to entertain them until 10pm.

Zombie Aid is looking for 30 marshals to help marshal the walk. Once we arrive at Sportcity your role will be over and you are free to watch all the bands and enjoy the festival.

It would also be great if you could let your friends, family and colleagues know about the event!

If you would like any further information or would like to talk about other ways you can support our work, please register your interest and more information will follow.

Wythenshawe FM

CALLING ALL MANCHESTER RESIDENTS! WYTHENSHAW FM RADIO NEEDS YOU!

WFM is creating its first community radio news team. It's an exciting project which will give you the chance to make your own radio reports covering all parts of the community. So if you've ever fancied producing and presenting your own radio pieces - then we can make it happen.

Don't worry if you haven't done anything like this before, we'll give you all the training needed and you'll be working as part of a team. **Interested? Register your interest and more information will follow!**

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

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.

RNID Loop Campaign Manchester

Help make Manchester a deaf aware city this September!

This year we are aiming to visit shops and services across the UK to encourage them to improve access for hearing aid wearers. But we can only do this with your help! We will be checking the availability of loop systems and also fundraising in cities throughout the UK between now and Christmas, and in September we're coming to Manchester! So why not get involved?

What are Loop Systems and why are we checking them?

Induction loops can be accessed by switching your hearing aid to "T". They make communication easier for hearing aid wearers, particularly where:

- background noise is a problem
- there is some distance between you and the speaker
- there is a physical barrier between you and the speaker, e.g. in a bank

But our members often find it difficult to use everyday services because induction loops aren't installed, they aren't working, or staff don't know how to use them. What is your experience of induction loop provision in September?

Induction Loop Testing – Thursday 23rd September 2010 Shifts: 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

We're asking members to join us to check loop systems at high street chains in the centre of Manchester. We will split into small groups and check whether induction loops are present, signposted and turned on, and hand over information to businesses that could do better. The activity will start at 10am. It should be a fun and rewarding activity for everyone involved, and we'd be delighted if you could help! Training will be provided.

Street collection – Friday 24th September 2010 Shifts: 10am - 2pm & 2pm - 6pm

We're also looking for members to collect money on 25th September. Your support will make a real difference by raising awareness and much needed funds.

Age Concern Manchester - Help Required

Age Concern Manchester is looking for a **Volunteer IT / Telecommunications Person** to project manage installation of our new IT and telecommunications system for our new office in Mount Street. The person would need knowledge of VOIP. This is a 4/6 week project. We pay travel expenses, meal allowance and any out of pocket expenses. An interesting challenge, we need someone to help us get our new offices up and running.

We also require a **Receptionist** for our new office in Mount Street. Hours to suit and travel expenses.

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, Address and Postcode, your Volunteer Registration Number, your list of event interests, along with the roles, shifts, t-shirt sizes etc.

We can add your event interest to our database.

If you need a call back, please let us know but don't forget to leave your telephone number!

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