

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Are You Looking For Work, and live in Registered social landlord housing

If you do we have a number of job vacancies through our GET INTO HOUSING work programme. The vacancies are varied and updated regularly by the RSL's involved in the programme. Once registered on the programme we can provide flexible and free back to work support.

We appreciate that looking for work can seem like a huge task, but with our free support and training, opportunities can come out of the blue!!

Our employment support programmes will help you:

Prepare your CV

Develop your interview technique

Build your skills to help you find the right job

Improve your confidence through training and one to one support

Identify training opportunities

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Stepping Stones 'Health & Employment'

Eligibility

Clients with a health problem or disability in receipt of benefits for 2 years or more, aged 25 plus, Manchester City Council resident.

Provision Details

Stepping Stones is a voluntary project to help and support you in 'believing in life'.

Access to training opportunities, including the highly successful GOALS motivational course.

Workshops to help with CV compilation, job search and identifying transferable skills.

Help to cope with barriers and setbacks.

Access to holistic activities

Voluntary work and pre-recruitment courses.

Help with debt, housing, drug/alcohol problems.

Enjoy life more by helping you manage your depression / anxiety.

Up to 13 weeks post employment support.

VOLUNTEER / CASUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Manchester Art Gallery

Manchester Art Gallery is Manchester's premier arts venue with a world renowned collection of fine and decorative art and design. In 2010 we won Large Visitor Attraction of the Year in the Manchester Tourism Awards.

The Gallery is also a popular venue for corporate hire and private hire events. We host events ranging from wedding ceremonies and receptions, birthday parties, cocktail parties, receptions and dinners to our own exhibition previews.

We are looking for additional assistance to help our Visitor Services team manage and run our evening events.

For Corporate and Private Hire events we are able to pay an hourly rate for all hours worked, for other events such as exhibition previews we are looking for people to work on a volunteer basis to support these non commercial events.

You'll need excellent customer service and a high standard of personal grooming. Some events finish quite late (1am) so you'll also need stamina! Your role will be to provide a friendly and welcoming reception for all guests and to ensure our collections are safeguarded during events. You may also be required to help with the event set up, this can be physical work. Full training will be given.

Volunteer For The Christie Charity

Our charity raises money to fund projects at The Christie Hospital which are outside the scope of the NHS. Last year we raised nearly £12 million which funded a whole range of things, including a new radio pharmacy, a new state-of-the-art surgical robot, ground breaking cancer research and our wig service.

We are looking for volunteers to support us throughout our Sporting Event Calendar. Fundraising events coming up in the next month include: the Tatton Park Triathlon, the Great North Run, the Walk of Hope and the Mystery Bike Ride.

Volunteer Advice Workers Needed

Cheetham Hill Advice Centre

Opportunity starts Thursday Sept 16th 2010 (Deadline for enquiries 1st September)

Are you: a good listener? a friendly and helpful person? a problem solver? interested in learning new skills?

able to offer at least 1 ½ days (ideally 2) a week for a minimum of a year?

We offer....full training to Level 2 in Advice Work Skills and Welfare Benefits as well as travel and training expenses.

We are interested in applications from asylum seekers, refugees, and bilingual speakers of Urdu/Punjabi, Somali or other community languages, people with no previous qualifications. However we welcome applications from all sections of the community.

TRAINING / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Take Up Champions

Do you live or work in East Manchester or Moston and have an interest in older people? Would you like to learn about Benefits and Services for older people and their carers?

Then join our FREE course and hear from different services and organisations that can help older people. Sessions include disability benefits, a variety of health services and carers support. There are also visits e.g. to the Carers Centre. We aim to make the sessions fun & friendly, lunch is provided and fare money paid

MANCHESTER EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEWS - Would You Benefit From Having A Volunteering Discussion Group?

One of our regular volunteers has suggested creating MEV discussion groups where people can get together to talk about how they are getting on with volunteering, how the MEV service could be improved or just to exchange ideas. It would also be a great way for new and existing volunteers to get to know more people and could perhaps develop into other areas (e.g. a social network).

This could be a monthly, bi monthly or quarterly meeting, led by volunteers for volunteers. The MEV team can be involved in all or some of the meetings but this would be the decision for the volunteer group to make.

Any recommendations could be fed back to the MEV team for implementation to make the service better.

If you would be interested in taking part in regular discussion groups, or even as a one off to get something off your chest, please contact Mark Pritchard on mp@mev.org.uk or register at www.mev.org.uk

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION NUMBER

Have you attended an Induction and received your Volunteer Registration Number? If not please contact the team on 0161 234 1532 or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

Once you receive your number you can use it to join MyMEV and begin using the website.

MANCHESTER EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEWS - 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 it's 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 give us a call and we can record your thoughts or write them down and send them to us at mp@mev.org.uk or at the address on the back page.

NEWS - Can You Help Us Save Money?

I am writing to ask you a small favour. If you currently receive the newsletter by post, the cost is approximately £1.70 per newsletter for printing and postage.

With recent public sector cuts, we are trying to reduce our costs. Therefore, to help the team save money, I would like to ask if you would be willing to receive your newsletter by email?

Don't forget, you will still receive the same information (if not more) and can download the newsletter in its original postal format from our website (www.mev.org.uk/newsletter). If you are happy to change your subscription to e-mail, please contact 0161 234 1532 and let us know. If any of your personal details have changed recently (e.g. home address, email, telephone etc.), please let us know so we can amend your records at the same time.

**Remember, if you prefer receiving your communication by post you don't have to do a thing! Your subscription will remain the same.

NEWS - Event Organiser Use Of Volunteer Contact Details

We have received a number of complaints in recent months from volunteers, who have not been contacted by event organisers. One of the main concerns volunteers have raised is that organisers are only contacting those volunteers with e-mail addresses. Therefore, we have decided to omit the e-mail addresses on the contact lists we send to event organisers.

Hopefully, this should help alleviate some of the problems as event organisers will have to send all details by post. However, please be aware this will not guarantee a response all of the time, so if you are experiencing problems with event organisers please contact the MEV Team on 0161 234 1532 or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

NEWS - Complaints to Event Organisers

We would like to kindly ask volunteers if you have any complaints concerning any event you have worked on please can you inform the MEV Team and not go direct to the event organiser.

This will help the Team to understand some of the problems at events and send more comprehensive feedback to event organisers, so the organisation of future events are improved.

NEWS - The New MEV Website Is Live

We are in the final stages of building our brand new website. By the time you receive this newsletter it will have gone live. The new Manchester Event Volunteers site will look much better, be easier to use, more interactive and hopefully be used as a community hub by volunteers. Thanks to those volunteers who have already sent us their feedback. It's been really helpful!

If you have internet access you can have a look at www.mev.org.uk. Please let us know if there's anything that you would like to see included. The more people who give us feedback, the better a site we can make!

If you would like to sign up to the site please see the instructions below.

As an MEV volunteer you are not automatically registered on our website and will have sign up separately. So, if you have internet access, you can sign up to the site by visiting www.mev.org.uk

Once on the front page you will see MyMEV in the top right hand corner of the page. From there you need to:

Click on Join MyMEV now on the top right of the page, enter your 6 digit Volunteer Registration Number (which starts with a 50), your e-mail, date of birth and postcode; Create your own unique password and Verify your passwordand you're 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 and chat to other volunteers. If you need help or haven't received your Volunteer Registration Number, please contact the team on 0161 234 1532 or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

Tree-Athlon 2010

Saturday 2nd October Heaton Park

Trees for Cities will be holding the 2nd Manchester Tree-Athlon on 2 October 2010 in Heaton Park.



It's a three part event: a 5km run, the chance to make a tree wish and the opportunity to take home a sapling of your own to plant!

In addition to all the Tree-Athletes who will be taking part in this fantastic event we will need a group of ex-tree-mely talented volunteers to help us on the day to make it an even bigger success than last year!

Tasks the role is likely to involve;

Helping to set up the event: putting up tables, laying out bottles of water, fruit, goody bags, laying out the Tree-Athlete saplings (this will involve some lifting), assisting with registrations, assisting with stewarding of event, assisting on the finishing line - handing out bottles of water, fruit, medals, goody bags to Tree-Athletes, helping us cheer on the Tree-Athletes around track, assisting with other event activities, including tree identification competitions and brunches, helping to clear up after the event (litter picking, and packing the equipment back up)

What Trees for Cities will provide (tbc);

Free refreshments, T-shirt and goody bag, fantastic party after the event, opportunities to get involved in the other activities (e.g. guided tree walks, our own tree identification competition along with entertainment and face-painting workshops.), a map and information about each event (in advance), Personal Protective Equipment where necessary, Health and Safety information, Access to toilets
And of course a great day out in the open air benefiting the environment and the city!

What the Tree-Athlon achieves;

All funds raised thanks to the help of Tree-Athletes and volunteers will go towards tree planting projects in London, UK cities and beyond. Money raised in previous years went toward the creation of outdoor classrooms in London schools, planting new woodland plots in Leeds, a community orchard in Manchester, continuing native tree conservation projects in Peru, training local women in tree conservation in Ethiopia, and planting thousands more trees in Nairobi to help reforest the city.