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Manchester Food and Drink Festival 2010 1st – 11th October



44 Edge Street, Northern

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Manchester Food & Drink Festival (MFDF) is now in its 13th year and is firmly established as the UK's leading urban food and drink Festival. It is supported by Manchester City Council and is one of the city's 'Annual Pillar Events' in the City's calendar. MFDF takes place right across Greater Manchester, involving 8 districts with hundreds of events, making its reach the widest in Europe. The event culminates in the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony where the region's best regarded and highest profile awards are distributed.

The Festival showpiece takes place on Albert Square on the first and second weekends. Here are some more details about our plans that we'd love you to get involved in.

The Festival Opening Weekender: Festival Pavilion, Albert Square, 1st – 3rd October, 12pm – 11pm
For the first time ever we are kicking off the Festival with a brand-new outdoor event on Albert Square that comprises a totally new layout and a series of events linked together to start the celebration off with a real bang:

The Manchester Chilli Festival: Albert Square, 1 October

The Manchester Chocolate Festival: Albert Square, 2 October

The Manchester Whisky Festival: The Castlefield Rooms, 2 October

The Forever Manchester Village Fete: Festival Pavilion, Albert Square, 3 October

The Festival Finale: The Festival Pavilion, Albert Square, 7th – 10th October, 12pm – 11pm

The Festival Pavilion returns, but like it's never been seen before; themed dining areas, multiple bars including the Festival Pavilion Bar sponsored by Robinson's Brewery, chef demonstrations, the Festival daily BBQ and an outdoor street dinner party are all in the offing. The Festival Finale promises to make a big splash in 2010.

MFDF are looking for around 7 volunteers per day to help with the successful running of the event.

Duties will include assisting in running stalls, providing a point of contact to the public and assisting in brochure distribution.

Ideally, volunteers would work a full shift however half days are possible. Volunteers can work any number of shifts, but ideally minimum of 2 over the period. A volunteer briefing will be held before the event. Branded t-shirts will be provided to wear at the event and travel expenses will be paid.

CITY OF SALFORD 10K – SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

We require volunteers for the above named event to assist marshal the course, hand out water & goody bags etc. Volunteers will be required to arrive at 7.30 a.m. for a briefing by the Chief marshal at 7.45 a.m. The race starts at 9.30 a.m. and we should be finished around 12 noon.

Wednesday 1st September

We also require volunteers to assist us put together the 1,500 goody bags prior to the City of Salford 10k road race. This will be done at a Unit within the Lowry Outlet. Volunteers will be required from 11 a.m. until finish. If people do need to go earlier but can spare a few hours then their assistance will be gratefully received. Whilst we cannot pay expenses all volunteers will receive a goody bag containing the race t shirt. Light Refreshment will be provided.

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 information.

Manchester International Arts - various events

Sat 25th September Platt Fields Park (Platt Lane entrance)

Re-creation of "Speakers Corner" 1 – 4pm.

Come and speak your mind about issues you feel strongly about – politics, economics, children, housing, alcohol etc etc – or come and listen to others . Speakers along the main Lime Walk. Soapboxes provided .

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO CO-ORDINATE SPEAKERS AND LISTENERS ALONG THE WALK

Sunday 3rd October at the Boathouse. 1-4pm

Launch of Platt Fields Centenary Mural with "Grub and Gossip"

A food and art event ... Local food, cooking, entertainment and celebration. All ages welcome, a Platt Fields Centenary /VOP Festival of Life event

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO STEWARD FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT ASPECTS OF THE EVENT, LOOK AFTER GAMES AND INFO ON HEALTHY EATING ETC

Friday 5th November Platt Fields Park 4 – 9.30pm

BONFIRE NIGHT AND CENTENARY FINALE

lantern parade, bonfire and extra special fireworks to end the year of celebrations for Platt Fields. Fireworks 7.30pm, bonfire lit 8pm

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO CO-ORDINATE LANTERN PARADE AND HELP STEWARD ENTERTAINMENT ASPECTS OF THE EVENT

ALSO:

OAM Volunteer Activity Days – 3rd Sunday every month 1-4pm

Come and help out in Platt Fields – we organise half a dozen different activities each month – creative, gardening, construction and maintenance. Refreshments for all at the end.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES

Friends and Neighbours Scheme Oldham

Volunteers for the Friends and Neighbours Scheme will provide a service for people over 50 living in Oldham, who may require support or assistance to alleviate loneliness or isolation and promote well being. The service is aimed particularly towards those who are socially isolated due to a variety of reasons and find it difficult to use or access those services most of us take for granted. For example, for some it is an opportunity to get out and about, maybe going for a walk, going into town or using a sports centre, for others it may be to have someone to visit at home.

Volunteers will be compatibly matched on a one to one basis, and are asked to give just a few hours per week. No experience is necessary as training will be given, all we ask is that you are reliable, caring and honest. All volunteers will be CRB checked, and will be given support and supervision from the co-ordinator. This opportunity has lots of rewards and volunteers will be reimbursed for any expenses.

British Red Cross Baitings Dam Abseil

A sponsored abseil is taking place at Baitings Dam (near Ripponden, West Yorkshire) on 25 September 2010. Back by popular demand, the British Red Cross is repeating the event to give more people the opportunity to experience the thrill of this awesome 197 foot / 60m abseil, which also allows fantastic views for those who take part.

There is a registration fee of £10 and participants are challenged to raise £100 minimum sponsorship. Call Jackie on 01618888915 or 07710733196 or email jpickersgill@redcross.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.

ROWE British Grand Prix 2010 - Squash

The ROWE British Grand Prix – Manchester 2010 will be staged at the National Squash Centre at Sportcity on 15th September – 20th September.

As with all our events, volunteers are required to carry out essential roles during the period of the event including:

- Accreditation
- Stewarding
- Programme & merchandise selling
- Court maintenance/management

If you wish to be a part of this year's championships as a volunteer, no experience with squash is necessary but you can be assured that you will be made welcome and catch a fine display of squash from some of the world's best players.

Uniform

You are required to wear black trousers/skirt or tracksuit bottoms with no visible logos.

You will also receive:

Championships t-shirt, free parking, free souvenir programme, access to lockers to store your personal belongings.

Refreshments

You will be provided with unlimited tea/coffee and a meal voucher per shift.

Shifts

Date	Shift 1	Shift 2
Wednesday, 15th September	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-10.30pm
Thursday, 16th September	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-10.30pm
Friday, 17th September	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-10.30pm
Saturday, 18th September	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-10.30pm
Sunday, 19th September	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-10.30pm
Monday, 20th September -	4.30pm-10.30pm	

Please note that shifts are only approx finishing times as games can either finish earlier or run late.

Expenses:

Expenses will be paid up to a maximum of £5 per day.

Home-Start Bury

Do you want to give something back to your local community? Parents and Grandparents needed!

Home-Start Bury is asking for everyday Mums, Dads, and Grandparents to volunteer their time for a couple of hours each week.

Home-Start Volunteers offer friendship and support to local families with young children who may be struggling to cope with situations such as post natal depression, disability, multiple births or becoming parents at a very young age. Full training and support will be provided along with full out of pocket expenses. Additional training is provided on a rolling program.

Could you be an Auntie or Grandparent figure to play, read stories and offer valuable experience to a local family?

Next Training course starts in September.

We also need a VOLUNTEER TREASURER with experience of forecasting and budgeting.



KidsCan

1 in 500 children will be diagnosed with cancer in the UK this year. Tragically, 30% of these children will not survive. Through groundbreaking research, KidsCan is striving to reduce that figure but your continued support is vital.

Our aims are simple:

- To cure more children with cancer.
- To improve the treatment of children with cancer.
- To develop new treatments for childhood cancer.
- To be a source of information about childhood cancer.

We require a number of volunteers to help with some charity collections as follows:

Supermarkets collections

4th and 5th September in Sainsbury's Urmston – collect between 10am and 5pm

The MEN Arena collections

02/10/2010	Santana	6:30pm - 9.00pm
04/02/2010	Sting	6:30pm - 9.00pm
06/10/2010	Michael Buble	6:30pm - 9.00pm
07/10/2010	Michael Buble	6:30pm - 9.00pm
09/10/2010	Jean Michel Jarre	6:30pm - 9.00pm
13/10/2010	Disney On Ice	6:30pm - 9.00pm
14/10/2011	Disney On Ice	6:30pm - 9.00pm
15/10/2012	Disney On Ice	6:30pm - 9.00pm
16/10/2013	Disney On Ice (3 shows)	10:30am - 8.00pm
17/10/2010	Disney On Ice (3 shows)	10:30am - 8.00pm
18/10/2010	Guns'n'Roses	6:30pm - 9.00pm
22/10/2010	Dr Who Live	6:30pm - 9.00pm
23/10/2010	Dr Who Live (2 shows)	2.00pm - 8.00pm
24/10/2010	Dr Who Live	2.00pm - 4.00pm
27/10/2010	A Question of Sport Live Tour	6:30pm - 9.00pm
30/10/2010	Clubland Live 4	6:30pm - 9.00pm
31/10/2010	Lord of the Dance	6:30pm - 9.00pm

Travel expenses will be provided, but please be aware only up to 10% of the total collected can be claimed.

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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