

Moving On – An Introduction

Victoria Baths Trust

'Moving On' is a course to help those involved achieve an accredited literacy qualification, improve self-confidence, work in groups and experience practical volunteering at Victoria Baths. The course lasts from now to early December, mainly consisting of two half-day sessions each week, with two full days involving Welcome Host training and a visit to another heritage site. The course will add to the transferable/ pre-employment skills of everyone involved.

The main educational elements are provided by Salford City College and the themes of the course have been developed from the highly successful 'In Touch' programme provided by Manchester Museum, from which many volunteers have entered employment and/or continued their volunteering and learning. If the programme is completed, participants will receive a City & Guilds entry level certificate in adult literacy.

The Moving On half-day sessions are 9.30 am to 12.00 noon on Thursdays and Fridays.

Museum of Science and Industry Santa's Grotto

MOSI (Museum of Science and Industry) is looking for volunteers for their Santa's Grotto. The Grotto is being run to raise money for the museum, which is a charity, and we are looking for someone to play Santa.

The grotto will be open from 10am to 5pm every weekend in December (4th&5th, 11th&12th, 18th&19th) and the week leading up to Christmas – Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December and we would be happy for the role to be shared.

We will pay travel expenses up to £5 and will provide lunch for anyone working the full day. The role will involve dressing up as Santa (costume will be supplied) and talking to children about their Christmas wishes.

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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Charity Runner Liaison Manager

Long Term Opportunity

StreetGames is a groundbreaking national charity which develops sport with disadvantaged communities and makes sport accessible to young people regardless of their social circumstances. We don't think that anyone should miss out simply because of where they live or how much money they have! Ambition shouldn't be dampened because of circumstances – we make sure it isn't.

StreetGames recruits generous members of the public who run in raise funds for the charities work in events such as The Great Manchester 10k Run, The Great North Run, The London Marathon, Urbanathlon etc. StreetGames require a part time volunteer at our Eccles office in Salford to help recruit, manage & liaise with the charity runners. You will be asked to help keep in contact with runners by email and telephone, contribute to an e-newsletter & generally ensure that all runners are happy!

Chorlton Book Festival

8th - 21st November

Plans are already underway for the next Chorlton Book Festival this November and the search is on for volunteers.

Local people are being invited to put their skills and enthusiasm to good use to help the event run smoothly.

Organisers are looking for people to help with leafleting and other promotional work, organising events as well as stewarding and offering event assistance during the festival itself.

Chorlton Book Festival, which is now in its sixth year, will run between 8 and 21 November promising almost a fortnight of interesting author talks, inspiring writing workshops and exciting social events, which will all be aimed at people of different ages and interests.

Councillor Mike Amesbury, Manchester City Council's executive member for culture and leisure said: "We had a great response from the local community last year and we're hoping to build on that for this year's festival and hope to have even more people involved. There are some really interesting opportunities for volunteers across all areas of event planning and management and we're looking forward to hearing from lots of people of different ages and from various walks of life."

The Chorlton Book Festival aims to showcase the best of Chorlton's writing talent as well as giving people an outlet to share their love of books and reading. It's also a great introduction to Manchester's literary scene.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or any others in this newsletter please register in the usual way.

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.**

FREE Training Opportunity – PERSONAL BEST - London 2012 Olympic Games Time Volunteer opportunity

OCTOBER COURSES AVAILABLE NOW - ACROSS THE NORTH WEST

Personal Best North West is a FREE pre-employment programme for people who are economically inactive and not in education, employment or training (for further eligibility criteria visit the FAQ section of the website).

Joining the Personal Best Programme is a chance to learn new skills, increase confidence, gain a level 1 qualification (in Preparation for Event Volunteering) and get support looking for jobs (see the website for details of each unit covered). The programme also gives learners the opportunity to experience volunteering at local sporting, cultural and community events as part of the course.

All learners that have completed Personal Best, or are on course by Mid-October 2010 will have a guaranteed interview (if they wish to) to become a Games Time Volunteer at the London 2012 Olympics!

To find out more visit: www.personalbest2012nw.co.uk or contact Sarah Duff - duff@mysport4life.co.uk – 07904836766 or 0845 1300849

Friends And Neighbours Scheme Long Term Opportunity

Volunteers for the Friends and Neighbours Scheme will provide a service for people over 50 who may require support or assistance to alleviate loneliness or isolation and promote independence, well being. The service is 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 other 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 coordinator. This opportunity has lots of rewards and volunteers will be reimbursed for any expenses.

Have You Got Time For Victims Of Crime? Long Term Opportunity

You can help support victims of crime as a Victim Support Fundraising Champion. We are recruiting Victim Support Fundraising Champions to help plan and host fundraising events across Greater Manchester.

No previous experience is necessary. However enthusiasm, creativity and commitment are essential in raising funds for our cause.

You can:

Gain experience in project/event management. Become part of a team of like-minded people. Volunteer expenses will be reimbursed

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.

Give Get Go! Event 30th October 2010 Piccadilly Gardens Manchester 3.30pm – 9.00pm

The Give Get Go! Event will launch a wider campaign to encourage young people to take up volunteering opportunities. The campaign will provide information about how to give time, get involved and where to go to volunteer. The event will include live performances by local bands, MCs and DJs. There will be an exhibition of artworks created by young people in the lead up to the campaign launch. The event will open with a lantern march, with participants converging in Piccadilly Gardens to illuminate a large 'Give' sculpture.

The main role of Volunteer Event Stewards is to provide a visible presence at the event for people to be able to approach and find out more about the event and volunteering. Stewards should be comfortable talking to other young people about their experiences of volunteering and be able to give some advice on how to find out about volunteering opportunities in Manchester. There will also be opportunities to work along the Event Stage Manager assisting with the running of the live music part of the event. Professional security personnel will also be present at the event. Volunteer Event Stewards will not be expected to deal with any incidents but should refer them to event security staff or the Event Managers.

Volunteers will need to attend the event between 3.30pm for the Event Briefing and 9.00pm for the Event Debrief.

Zombie-Aid presents - The Manchester Halloween Parade Sunday 31st October 2010 - 4pm - 7pm

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 Centre and The Christie.

People are asked for a £2 registration fee and all the proceeds go to charity. The event starts at the Printworks at 4pm, the walk starts at 6pm and should last between 45 mins and 1 hour

We are looking for 50 Marshall's to help marshal the walk. Once we finish the walk is over and you are free to join the festivities

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

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.