

Commitment In Communities Volunteering Scheme



The CIC Volunteers Scheme is a Manchester based volunteer project, our aim is to provide volunteering opportunities to members of the Greater Manchester community, the opportunities we have on offer vary, but they mainly focus on providing placements to do with community support and support for vulnerable youth and adults.

We are based in Hulme and presently work in Crumpsall, Hulme, Longsight and Moston; each project caters for residents with different support needs such as people with alcohol problems, people with mental health or mobility needs, BME communities, migrants and refugees. The scheme welcomes volunteers from a range of different backgrounds, they do not need to have experience of mental health, alcohol or homelessness issues as training and support will be given.

Together Trust

The Together Trust nurtures and encourages young people with complex needs, to help them break through their barriers and take control of their lives. The Together Trust are looking for volunteers to take an interest in their social care, community and special education services.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities across our special education and social care services in Greater Manchester and Cheshire. We are also looking for volunteers who can take up membership roles.

CAMPAIGN - Do You Have Room In Your Heart And Your Home?

Manchester City Council recently joined forces with 22 other local authorities from across the North West on a campaign to find new foster carers. The TV adverts feature some of the region's carers and show the diverse range of people who already foster for their local authority. The campaign aims to highlight the fact that there is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer, and hopes to attract over 150 new carers from across the region to foster for their council. This is where we need your help!

Nationally there is a shortage of 10,000 foster carers, with the North West having the highest shortfall outside of London. Can you help us to find new carers for children across the region who need foster homes? Please can you spread the word about the campaign and the need for foster carers to your friends and family - and help to find those 150 new carers. Many of the people who foster and adopt-work in the public sector, and have skills gained through their work which make them perfect candidates.

All foster carers receive an extensive range of support, from practical and emotional support, to training and financial support. There are various support groups for carers including mentoring schemes that benefit new carers by giving insight from experienced carers. There are lots of different types of fostering schemes that you could apply for giving you flexibility to choose an option suited to you and your life. From short break to long term fostering, we need more people to come forward and change a child's life.

Visit www.youcanfoster.org or call the freephone number on 0800 634 7052 for more information.

Bury Society for Blind & Partially Sighted People

We are once again offering our luxury gift wrapping service in The Millgate (outside the old Marks & Spencer's store) until Friday 24th December to raise funds for blind and partially sighted people in Bury. We are looking for volunteers for the gift wrapping, working on the tombola stall and collecting buckets.

If you can offer some of your spare time on any of the dates before 24th December, between either 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm each day we would love to hear from you.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Need an IT Course or GCSE in Maths or English?

Excel Group have a brand new incentive running this December from 1st until 24th. Sign up or complete your course and receive a National Lottery ticket with a chance to win £100k.

This Government funded ECDL course is for anyone over 19 years old, Employed/Self-Employed or Volunteering who has been resident in the country for the last 3 years. For this course we offer an off-site tutor to visit your work place to help sit your exams. A 4 week course with 3 exams and at the end you will receive an ECDL certificate and a BCS level one award.

We also run Maths and English courses both Government Funded earning you an equivalent to a GCSE qualification. We can offer fantastic tailor made learn direct courses for unemployed people trying to get back into work, our aim is to up skill you ready for progression into a role and work with local recruitment companies to help you achieve your goals.

To win a Scratch Card you must sign up and complete your course before 24th December, if you are already signed-up to a course you must complete by the 24th December to win.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Sports and Fitness Training

Fitness Instructor and Sports Coach Opportunities

Do you have a passion for sport and fitness and are keen for a career in the fitness and leisure industry? Then this is your chance to undertake an apprenticeship training programme within a leisure facility. Fitness instructor qualification, on-the-job paid training, excellent Opportunities for further training and career progression.

If you are not currently in full time education or training then contact us now! We welcome applications from people aged 16-18 but recruitment would be based on merit.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Introduction To Team Work Course

Are you a Manchester resident (i.e. pay your Council Tax to Manchester City Council) and interested in taking part in MEV's Training Course?

What topics does the course cover?

Health And Safety, Communication and Teamwork. Introduction to Team Work has been developed by Manchester Event Volunteers and is accredited by the Open College Network (OCN). Once the course is completed, you can choose to study further courses through Manchester Adult Education Service.

What are the eligibility criteria?

Manchester Event Volunteers are offering these courses to Manchester residents (i.e you pay your council tax to Manchester City Council) not Greater Manchester residents, over the age of 18, who would like to gain a qualification and are prepared to attend 3 days of training.



What are the dates for the next course?

Monday 7th, 14th and 28th February - To complete the course and receive your certificate you will need to attend all 3 days.

Times: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Location: Central location to be confirmed when you register your interest.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY - Emergency First Aid Training

Are you a Manchester resident (i.e. pay your Council Tax to Manchester City Council) and interested in taking part in First Aid courses?

We will be running courses in the near future and would like to find out who is interested in taking part. The First Aid training programme focuses on key life-saving skills, provides an opportunity to learn the first aid response to the most common accidents and situations.

Dates - you are only expected to attend one of these dates

Tuesday 18th January 2011	9am - 5pm (you will need to be at the training centre by 8.45am)
Saturday 29th January 2011	9am - 5pm (you will need to be at the training centre by 8.45am)
Wednesday 9th February 2011	9am - 5pm (you will need to be at the training centre by 8.45am)

Duration - Approximately seven hours (9.00am - 5.00pm)

Course Outline - Respond to the needs of unconscious casualties, Perform cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Choking, Respond to the needs of casualties with major injuries

IMPORTANT NOTE: Since these courses have a high cost we are asking for a £30.00 returnable deposit. Please Make cheques payable to MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL (No Postal Orders)

CHEQUES WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU AFTER THE TRAINING SESSIONS. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, THE CHEQUE WILL BE CASHED TO PART COVER THE COST OF YOUR PLACE AND YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE.

Please only show interest if you are committed to attending the full day. If you do not attend this means that other volunteers are denied a place.

Manchester Day Parade

Would you, your community group, organisation or family like to take part in the second Manchester Day Parade, A Voyage of Discovery in 2011?

This is your chance to be part of an amazing procession that brings colour, music, dance and larger-than-life characters to the streets, a wonderful celebration of fascinating discoveries and events that have shaped the lives and journeys of Manchester people.

There will be opportunities to create floats and make costumes, dance and play music and be part of one of the biggest events in town!

MEV EVENT - 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).

If you would be interested in taking part in regular discussion groups, or even as a one off, please call Kristian on 0161 234 1532 or e-mail kd@mev.org.uk to register your interest or visit your volunteer profile at www.mev.org.uk



Whitemoss Community Centre



Whitemoss Community Centre is looking to recruit a new group of volunteers to help out in a range of different roles at their community centre in Blackley.

Opportunities include; gardening, coaching, help in the kitchen area. Helping out with some of the different groups using the centre, this includes music activities and IT classes. The centre is also interested in volunteers to help out with children with support needs. Please note that some of the roles available will be subject to full CRB clearance.

Experience Volunteering

Are you interested in helping another person access volunteering? Experience Volunteering are looking to recruit peer mentors to provide support to residents of North Manchester needing additional support to get to and from their volunteer placements as well as volunteering alongside other residents.

Mentors have to be living in North Manchester as the role will involve supporting other residents in North Manchester. We will provide full training and CRB checks for all mentoring volunteers. This role is a great opportunity for anyone interested in Health and Social care, in particular supporting others.

FareShare Volunteer Placement

We are looking for people to take part in a 10 Week Volunteering Placement starting soon.

FareShare is a charity supporting communities to relieve food poverty by redistributing surplus food to organisations working with disadvantaged people. We are offering a structured programme with embedded training including food hygiene, health and safety awareness, manual handling and emergency first aid. There will also be role specific training in warehousing. Those who apply must be able to commit to two days a week between 10 January and 11 March 2011.

Applicants must be 19 years old or over, out of work, live in a City of Manchester ward And must fit into at least one of the following groups:

In receipt of Incapacity Benefit, Sickness Disability Benefit or Employment Support Allowance; Lone parents in receipt of Income Support or JSA; Members of the BME communities including Refugee and Asylum Seekers; over 50 who wish to return to work; carers who wish to return to work; have no qualifications

If you want to find out more come and join us for a cup of coffee and a chat at FareShare on Tuesday 14 December and 2pm. You will meet the staff and other volunteers, get more information about the placement and have the chance to fill out an application form.

Let us know if you are coming along on 14 December. If you have any questions about the placement please contact. Alison Gibb or Nicola Milner on 0161 223 8200 or e-mail alison@emergemanchester.co.uk / volunteering@emergemanchester.co.uk

Calling All Caring Parents!

Can you help families? Are you a parent and understand families with young children may need support and encouragement?

Do you have a caring nature with a non judgmental approach? Homestart - North Manchester would like to hear from you.

Can you spare 2/3 hours weekly? Then Home start would love to hear from you. Expenses paid, subject to CRB Check. Training Provided (Dates, Venues and Times Vary).