

Don't Be A Cancer Chancer - Volunteer Cancer Champions Required

Greater Manchester and Cheshire Cancer Network is currently trying to recruit around 30 volunteers to assist in delivery of the Manchester element of the 2011 'Don't Be a Cancer Chancer' campaign.

Volunteers would be trained so that they will be able to do some "brief interventions" in the community. The training will take place in March and April. The training will be based on a pilot using Macmillan training materials and will be jointly accredited with Macmillan Cancer Support. Training programme content will cover a number of elements that will equip volunteers thoroughly for the role.

Charity Collection Volunteers Needed!

The British Red Cross are a volunteer-led humanitarian organisation that helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. We enable vulnerable people at home and overseas to prepare for and respond to emergencies in their own communities. And when the crisis is over, we help people recover and move on with their lives.

Are you able to spare a couple of hours to help raise money for the British Red Cross? We are holding charity collections at various supermarkets around Greater Manchester in 2011. The collection would involve standing at the entrance of the store for a couple of hours with a bucket and a T-shirt and helping raise money for the Red Cross. You could either volunteer for a couple of hours or help by coordinating the collection and recruiting volunteers to cover the whole day.

All the money raised goes towards helping the Red Cross continue its vital services both here in the UK and abroad.

REWARD AND RECOGNITION EVENT

Tuesday 15th March 2011

We are planning another Reward and Recognition event on the 15th March following our successful volunteer events in the last couple of years, where MEV volunteers attended to receive their certificates and badges.

The Volunteer Reward and Recognition Programme was developed in October 2006 to reward volunteers for the invaluable time they give to MEV and Host Organisations. You can, of course, choose whether or not to take part, but should you wish to you can record the number of hours you spend helping out at events and other opportunities. Once you have reached certain milestones you will be rewarded accordingly with various items such as certificates, pin badges and more!

50 hours of volunteering	- Bronze Award
100 hours of volunteering	- Silver Award
200 hours of volunteering	- Gold Award
300 hours of volunteering	- Platinum Award
500 hours of volunteering	- Special Achievement Award

***We can only accredit events which have been generated through the MEV newsletter or website.**

To attend this year's event and receive your certificate and pin badge, you must have recorded a minimum of 50 hours volunteering.....just start by downloading the form from the MEV website at http://www.mev.org.uk/content/documents/Volunteer_Record.pdf or record your hours on-line no later than Friday 11th March!

Please confirm your attendance by contacting Kristian on 0161 234 1532 or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

Best Wishes

Mark Pritchard
MEV Manager

Prestwich Carnival & Grand Parade 2011 Sunday 19th June 2011 - St Mary's Park, Prestwich

Prestwich Carnival is one of the oldest carnivals in Manchester, established over 80 years ago. It gets bigger and better every year – last year attracting crowds of over 20,000. It is organised by a committee of dedicated volunteers. It is not grant funded and has to raise funds and sponsorship to cover its costs. It provides a fun community event and raises funds for local charities.

Volunteering opportunities include:

Parade Marshall	Required from 10.30am to 3pm Line up and guide parade floats Guide pedestrian participants
Parade Street Collector	Required from 11am to 3pm Bucket collection on route
Car Park Supervisors	Required from 11am to 6pm Operate entrance/exit gate & collect fee Supervise parking & ensure safety of car park
Gate Stewards	Required from 11am – 4pm Sell programmes and bucket collections Give information and directions
Stewards	Required from 7am to 6pm Direct stall holders to pitch locations Set up arenas & gazebos Control traffic in the park
Photographer	Required from 12pm to 5pm Photograph parade and events in par
Event Organisation	Required from now to July 2011 All aspects of event management

ESSENTIAL VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Work without supervision - work outdoors - stand/walk around for long periods of time

All volunteers will receive a Prestwich Carnival tee-shirt and drink and those working over 4 hours will get lunch. Volunteers are key to the success of the Carnival. You will be appreciated AND have a great time. Please get in contact – we would love to hear from you.

Concordia International Volunteers

Concordia is a charity committed to international volunteering as a means to promoting intercultural understanding and peace. Our International Volunteer Programme offers volunteers aged 18+ the opportunity to join international teams of volunteers working on short-term projects in over 60 countries in Europe, North America, Middle East, Latin America, Africa and Asia. A selection of projects is available for teenagers aged 16 and 17. Types of international volunteer projects include conservation, restoration, archaeology, construction, arts, children's play-schemes and teaching.

Projects last for 2-4 weeks with the main season from June to September. Volunteers pay a registration fee of £180 and fund their own travel and insurance.

Board and accommodation is free of charge for projects in Europe, North America, Japan and South Korea. For projects in Latin America, Asia, Middle East and Africa volunteer pay an extra on arrival fee of approx. £150 that covers food and accommodation, as well as funding the programme in the country. **For more information please visit www.concordiavolunteers.org.uk**

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership (MLDP) Voluntary Driver / Support Person

The volunteer role is to support and assist adults with learning disabilities, by driving a 9 seater minibus. Assisting our customers to access community facilities – for physical & social activities. There may be occasions to assist customers to medical appointments.

Location: City wide across Manchester. The minibus is generally kept at a base within Central Manchester, the driver and escort will work city wide.

Team: You will work alongside the Supported Accommodation Networks & Day Services supporting adults with Learning Disabilities (MLDP), which are both Social care staff and health professionals.

Hours: By agreement and within the team's hours of operation (minimum 4 hours) and willing to make a regular commitment over a period of at least 4 months

Principal Duties:

To drive the NHS Trust 9 seater Minibus

To follow guidance from staff on how to work positively and safely with people (through risk plans, person centred plans, health action plans and CPA)

The volunteer must be over the age of 25 years for insurance purposes, hold and produce a current, original full UK or EU driver's licence for the category of vehicle in use in the area they are working. Drivers who passed their car driver's test after 1st Jan 1997 cannot drive a vehicle with more than 8 passenger seats or larger than 3500 kgs max weight unless they have been awarded an additional vocational driver's licence.

The volunteer must agree to produce their original licence to their manager as required and at least annually and have a minimum of one year's post test experience when involved in the transport of Customers of (MLDP).

The volunteer must also undertake and successfully complete a driving assessment (in house using our own assessor) and be trained in the proper use of the vehicles' systems and safety equipment. (9 Seater Minibus)

You must be medically fit to drive.

Greater Manchester Riding for the Disabled

Wythenshawe Park Stables, Wythenshawe Park, Manchester M23 0AB

Greater Manchester Riding for the Disabled is a registered charity run by volunteers providing the opportunity for people with all types of disability to enjoy and learn new skills associated with horses. You don't have to have a horse background as we provide all the training that is needed. A certificate can be obtained when training is completed.

Volunteers will be required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. Once complete, full training will be given in all aspects of volunteering. These include:

Assisting riders in mounting and dismounting, leading horses and ponies, side-walking with horse and rider, tacking and un-tacking horses, yard health and safety, stable duties such as sweeping the yard, mucking out and filling hay-nets, assisting with collecting / returning horses from the field, grooming and general horse care,

As this organisation is run by volunteers we always welcome enthusiastic people to join our volunteer team. There are many different areas the volunteers can help with, it is not only horse care and stable management and working directly with disabled people but also fund raising, event organising and many more. If you are interested in working with disabled people in a diverse way then please register in the usual way.

St Georges Day Parade and Festival 2011 15th - 17th April 2011

Manchester is once again putting on a St George's parade, now one of the largest in the country when it takes to the streets on Sunday 17th April.

The parade is a cavalcade of floats, bands & walking parties that snake their way through the city centre in a celebration of the diversity of the Mancunian communities & culture. A fusion of colourful, noisy & flamboyant fun for all which begins just east of the city before passing through the city centre via Piccadilly.

Due to the proposed scale of the parade and the City Centre route, the event organisers require a number of volunteers to assist in setting up the parade, stewards along the route and collectors / programme sellers. If you would like to be involved in this event please register in the usual way and detailed information about the event will be sent out to volunteers shortly. Transport can be provided from Piccadilly Gardens so long as it is pre-arranged prior to the day of the event.

The festival will be a static event, in Piccadilly Gardens, including musical and theatrical entertainment, vintage vehicles and a themed Market incorporating an English themed Pub, traditional food stalls and local Arts and Crafts which will be held on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April. **There will be 2 x 4 hour shifts each day as follows:**
10.30am - 2.30pm 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Main Stewarding duties will include:

Ensuring audience safety prior, during & post performances in the bandstand areas
Marshalling audiences & dance troupes prior, during & post performances
Assistance in Set up & Break Down of the event

Unfortunately, travel expenses cannot be provided, however refreshments will be provided.

PENNINGTON FLASH TRAIL RACES

Sunday 3rd April – start / finish is at LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE – just off the East Lancashire Road.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in marshalling the event. Duties will mainly be out on the course, handing out water or similar roles.

We are not in a position to pay expenses but all volunteers will receive a packed lunch and a goody bag.

Further details i.e. time of arrival, parking etc will be sent out nearer the time.

CITY OF MANCHESTER 10K

Sunday 3rd July Start / Finish REGIONAL ATHLETICS TRACK , EASTLANDS.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in marshalling the event. Duties will mainly be out on the course, handing out water or similar roles.

We are not in a position to pay expenses but all volunteers will receive a packed lunch and a goody bag.

Further details i.e. time of arrival, parking etc will be sent out nearer the time.

The venue is Sportcity, which will bring back memories for anyone who was a marshal at the Commonwealth Games.