



MEV - Staffing Update

After 10 years of working for MEV and previously the Commonwealth Games, the time has come for Mark and Chris to move on. As of Thursday 3rd March (Mark) and Friday 4th March (Chris) we both be left the employment of Manchester City Council.

These past 10 years have been a wonderful experience for both of us, we have learnt so much and been given the opportunity to work with many fantastic people from all walks of life. We will greatly miss being part of such a talented, committed and fun team, as well as our every day communications with our many lovely and dedicated volunteers.

We do hope that the work we have done for MEV has been of use to you, our volunteers. We both feel very proud to have been able to support so many of you into various training courses and employment, as well as countless volunteering opportunities.

Please be assured that this does not mean the end of MEV, as Kristian Dodsworth, the current Project Officer will continue in his role, providing quality opportunities and support for the hundreds of volunteers on our database.

Kristian will be responsible for the day to day volunteering operations, so from today all enquiries should be sent to kd@mev.org.uk / k.dodsworth@manchester.gov.uk or via calling 0161 234 1532.

Since the central team will reduce by two thirds, MEV will have a reduced capacity. We would therefore ask that you please be patient during this period of transition. For those of you who have Internet access, it would help Kristian greatly if you could use the website as a means of adding interest in events and, most importantly, recording your hours.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support over the last 10 years, and wish you all the very best for the future.

Kindest Regards

Mark and Chris

Manchester International Festival 2011

30th June - 17th July

Manchester International Festival is one of the world's most exciting arts and culture festivals, featuring nothing but original works. We're looking for volunteers to help deliver this year's festival, which takes place from 30th June-17th July.

There are roles to suit all skill levels - for more information on the Volunteer Programme, available roles and to apply please visit:

www.mif.co.uk/work-with-us/volunteering

Alternatively register in the usual way and more details will be sent to you.

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.

Bupa Great Manchester Run & British Gas Great Salford Swim 2011



Sunday 15th May 2011

Volunteer marshals are required from 0730 to 1345 for the following roles in the run:

Marshal registration, Baggage service, Finishers' Pack stations, Family Reunion, Start Water stations*, Recycling and Information Services

***this role ends earlier at 1230, so is suitable for those with less time to spare**

Volunteer marshals are required from 0930 to 1800 for the following roles in the swim:

Finishers' Pack Stations, Start Marshals*, Finish Marshals, Safety Support Marshals

***this role ends earlier at 1700, so is suitable for those with less time to spare**

Specialist Roles: Team Leaders

Please forward a basic CV to Info@greatrun.org using the title 'Team Leader Manchester', explaining the roles you have held and why you think you would be good at the role.

Benefits:

All marshals will receive a souvenir top, a packed lunch, marshal's bib and travel expenses up to £5.

Everyone has to be able to get into the City by 0800 on race day for the Run, or Salfords Quays by 10am for the Swim.

All marshals will need to:

- Be able to work at either event, though we will try and allocate to your preferred event and role where possible.
- Attend a briefing session on Thursday 27th April (Run) or Wednesday 4th May (Swim) (Further details will be sent to you once your application has been accepted). The deadline is Friday 25th March (roles cannot be guaranteed).



Include your preferred clothing size when you apply for your role.

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 Marshal, Parade Street Collector, Car Park Supervisors, Gate Stewards, Sell programmes and bucket collections, Stewards, Set up arenas & gazebos, Control traffic in the park, Event Organisation

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.

If you are experiencing difficulty with event organisers not contacting you before an event, please contact the Central Team on 0161 234 1532 and we can find out what's happening for you. This may just be an oversight on the organisers behalf.

Tatton Park Triathlon 2011 – Sept 10/11th
Birmingham Triathlon 2011 – May 22nd 2011
Yorkshire Triathlon 2011 – June 19th 2011



My Triathlon who organise the Tatton Park Triathlon have launched two new events and are looking for volunteers for all three.

Tatton

Set in the grounds of Tatton Park, South of Manchester this triathlon is now the largest in the North of England. The event is also one of the most scenic triathlons in the UK and attracts large numbers of spectators. The event HQ is by the side of the beautiful lake in the grounds of the stately home and the bike and run courses are in the estate grounds and Cheshire countryside. This year the event is expected to attract 2,500 entries. There is a wide variety of roles for MEV volunteers and we have put together a benefit package which includes

- Competitor's pack including T Shirt
- Transport to and from city centre Manchester
- Breakfast on arrival.
- Packed lunch for during race.
- End of race volunteer BBQ on Saturday & Sunday.



Great atmosphere that goes with a big event

We really appreciate our volunteers just ask anybody who helped with the race last year. You will be part of a professional and enthusiastic team...hope to see you soon.

Birmingham Triathlon is being held at the picturesque Arrow Valley Country Park

Yorkshire Triathlon is being held at Pugneys Country Park, Wakefield

We will be taking a minibus to each of the new events, leaving early Saturday returning Sunday afternoon unless you have your own transport and are able to take four people. Please specify which events you are interested in volunteering.

For more information please visit: -

www.tattontriathlon.co.uk

www.myyorkshiretriathlon.co.uk

www.mybirminghamtriathlon.co.uk

FareShare - Volunteer Office Assistants

FareShare is a charity supporting communities to relieve food poverty by redistributing surplus food to organisations working with disadvantaged people.

We need volunteers to telephone our Community Food Members to take their weekly food orders. Volunteers will be required to work on the food inventory on the computer database.

We are looking for people to commit to at least one afternoon a week, 12.30 – 4.00.

This opportunity would suit anyone who is looking to add to their administrative skills and people who are interested in helping reduce food waste and give something back to their local communities. Training will be given on telephone calling and FareShare's food database. Volunteers will gain IT skills, including database management and general administrative skills.

Volunteers must be interested in the work of FareShare and our values, have good communication skills and be reliable.

Manchester Day Parade 2011



walk the plank

Returning for a second year, Manchester Day Parade celebrates what is fantastic about the city past and present, its heroes and its uniqueness. This year's theme is 'Voyage Of Discovery', where over 80 local groups will be involved in making floats and spectacular creations which explores the historical, political, scientific, digital and personal stories of their city. The event promises to showcase the greatness of this city and the people in it!

Walk the Plank are looking for people to volunteer for this exciting event. We need people to help with a number of roles:

PARADE DAY (19th June 2011): Stewarding

- Help set up the Parade before it starts in Castlefield –this involves helping groups with floats and accessories, moving objects into place and directing participants to their parade positions.
- Stewarding the parade itself - some will be needed to hand out flyers, distribute water and sunscreen to participants, help to manage the floats in the parade and help with the crowds, and carry banners and flags in the parade.
- Working at the end of the parade - guiding participants back to the parade workshop, collecting accessories and costumes and helping to organise the storage space for all the floats and props.
- You will be needed for about 7 hours on the day.

We need people willing to work hard, and who can work on their own but also in a group, and are happy to work outdoors and with the public.

All volunteers will have lunch provided and receive a free Parade t-shirt. We will also be able to cover travel expenses of up to £5.00 on receipt of your ticket.

While we can't guarantee good weather on the Parade day(!), we can promise an enjoyable experience where you will learn new skills, enhance your CV and meet new and interesting people.

If you are interested in volunteering for this unique event, please register your interest in the usual way by Friday 22nd April 2011. For more information about the Parade, please visit

www.themanchesterdayparade.co.uk

THANK YOU!



Volunteer Contact Details

We have received a number of queries 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 no longer provide e-mail addresses on the contact lists we send to event organisers. Hopefully, this should help alleviate some of the issues you have been having as this will mean 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.

CONTACT US

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