



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.mybirminghamtriathlon.co.uk

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MEV Staff Holidays

As the Central Team has now diminished to one person I thought it would be useful to keep you all up to date with my leave arrangements, so if you need to contact me for any reason you are aware of when I am not around. Please find below my planned leave, however, please bear in mind that this may change or I may take odd days here and there. I will try to keep you as up to date as possible.

May 4th - 10th (inclusive)

June/July - 27th June - 8th July & 20th - 27th July (inclusive)

Many thanks Kristian

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.

Great
Manchester Run
15 May 2011



Sue Ryder

Please join Sue Ryder in our Cheering Squad at the Great Manchester Run on the 15th May. Sue Ryder will have many supporters running in the event and they need your support and encouragement to make it as enjoyable as possible for them.

Help us give out refreshment, goody bags and cheer on our supporters to help us make a difference.

Any travelling expenses will be reimbursed.

Victim Support Charity Collection

Wednesday 27th April Manchester City Centre between 10.30am-4.30pm

Have you got time for victims of crime?

We are looking for volunteers who could help collect for a couple of hours or for the whole day. It guarantees to be a lot of fun! Volunteers will receive a... full briefing at our City Centre Office before collecting, and refreshments will be available for volunteers throughout the day (drinks, cakes and other yummy treats!). Victim Support t-shirts/jackets will be provided for all volunteers, but fancy dress is encouraged!

If you'd like more information or are interested in helping please register in the usual way. We would hugely appreciate your support and by helping us to fundraising you would be making a positive contribution to people whose lives have been shattered by crime.

Manchester Carers Forum – Dementia Carer Support Project Volunteers - Long-term Opportunity

Location: Across Manchester

Manchester Carers Forum is a charity that campaigns on behalf of unpaid carers across the city. It is a carer-led organisation that provides various services to support and improves the lives of carers.

We need volunteers to join our Dementia Carer Support Project. Volunteers meet regularly with a carer of someone with dementia in order to offer support through listening to their situation and providing positive emotional support to them. Volunteers are not expected to advise carers but may sign-post to other services as appropriate.

Volunteers are matched with a carer and will agree a level of contact that is acceptable to them both.

Volunteers are supported by the Project Co-ordinator and offered training and regular supervision as well as the opportunity to meet up with other volunteers.

This opportunity would suit anyone that has an understanding of issues relating to dementia and possesses good communication and listening skills. Volunteers should have empathy towards the needs of unpaid carers and show a commitment to the work and values of Manchester Carers Forum.

Expenses will be provided.

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.

St Ann's Hospice 40th Anniversary Collection

Tuesday 17th May 2011

2011 is a very special year for St Ann's Hospice as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. Tuesday 17 May 2011 marks 40 years since we admitted our first patient to the hospice and we are declaring it St Ann's Day!

Help us celebrate St Ann's Day by volunteering to take part in one of the many bucket collections we have planned in Manchester, Trafford, Stockport and Salford. If you can spare a few hours on St Ann's Day and help us ensure that everyone knows about the work that we do, please register in the usual way or see www.sah.org.uk/40th. Please do also try to get as many of your family, friends and work colleagues involved to make sure we truly hit the whole of Greater Manchester!

The Manchester Midnight Walk

Saturday 25th June 2011

The 5th Manchester Midnight Walk will take place on Saturday 25th June from Manchester Central and will follow a 10km route around the city centre. With an exciting birthday vibe and plenty of entertainment planned throughout the evening it really will be a night to remember. If you only plan to get behind one charity this year then please make it St Ann's Hospice and help us celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Each one of our 100+ strong volunteer team at the 2010 Manchester Midnight Walk was amazing but this year we need even more volunteers!

There are a number of ways you can get involved and help both in the run up to the event and/or on the night. From helping stuff goody bags, putting up signage, greeting walkers, manning the registration desk, validating car park tickets, selling merchandise and cheering the walkers on as they leave and return to Manchester Central, your help and support makes all the difference.

Be part of something big – Join the St Ann's 2011 volunteering team!

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

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.



Longsight Neighbourhood Festival **Sunday 22nd of May, 2011**

Following the success of last years event the Longsight Neighbourhood Festival will take place on Sunday the 22nd of May, 2011. The festival is a free community event to celebrate the cultural diversity of the people of Longsight, one of Manchester's most vibrant areas. This will be a fantastic day with lots of activities for all members of the community. We have organised a full range of activities including a live entertainment stage area. There are also activities for young people, kids and adults and a large area of market stalls.

We are expecting a great turnout! Come and join the party by becoming a volunteer at the festival. Shifts of 2, 4 and 6 hours are available and start times are 10am, 12am or 2pm.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Entertainment and activity area marshals - General marshalling and helping at any of the areas of activity including the stage area, the face painting team or the bouncy castle and the market area.
12am - 5.30pm

Car Park Supervisors Required from 11am to 6pm

Operate entrance/exit gate, Supervise parking & ensure safety of car park

Street Entrance Stewards Required from 12am - 5.30pm

Give information and directions

Market Stewards Required from 11am to 2pm

Direct stall holders to Market stall locations

ESSENTIAL VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Work without supervision - work outdoors - stand/walk around for long periods of time. There are also limited indoor opportunities.

All volunteers will receive refreshments and those working over 4 hours will get lunch. Volunteers are an essential and valued part of the success of the event and we are sure you will enjoy your volunteering time with us. Please get in contact - we would love to hear from you.



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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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