



## **Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games 10th Anniversary**

**28th October 2011 7.00pm**  
**Etihad Stadium, Sportcity**

Plans for events to mark the tenth anniversary of the Manchester Commonwealth Games next year have been revealed.

The 2002 Games were hailed a huge success after a 10,000-strong army of volunteers helped the city stage one of the biggest events in its history.

Now every worker, contractor and volunteer who took part is being invited back to Sportcity, the centrepiece of the Games, to discuss potential events to mark the 10 year anniversary of the Commonwealth Games.

All those involved in the Games are now being invited back to the Etihad Stadium on October 28.

They will be able to share their memories of taking part and help shape an exhibition that will run at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) from April to August next year.

Former Commonwealth Games chief executive, Frances Done, who is involved again in commemorating the competition, said: "The Games just did wonders for Manchester's profile and that story needs to be told.

"The exhibition will focus on the legacy of the Games and one of the big elements will be looking back at the volunteering which was a key factor in its success. We're really keen to involve the volunteers again. It will also focus on the community legacy.

"It seems, to me, a huge credit to the city that it kept that investment going after 2002, making it a destination for further sporting events and conferences that I absolutely know would not have happened without the Games. It made people realise Manchester's more than just football."

The MOSI exhibition will tie in with the 2012 London Olympics. The precedent set by Manchester was credited with playing a key part in Britain's successful Olympic bid.

The tenth anniversary will also be remembered with a part in the Manchester Day parade next June, which will be followed by a reunion for workers and volunteers.

**Anyone interested in attending the event on October 28 should email:**  
**[2002gamesreunion@gmail.com](mailto:2002gamesreunion@gmail.com) . The evening starts at 7pm.**

### **MEV Answerphone Service**

**MEV core working hours are 9am - 5pm. However, as team numbers have now decreased it may be necessary at times to have the answer phone on within core hours and I would ask you to please be patient at these times.**

**If you are showing interest in events, please speak clearly and leave:**  
**Your Name, Postcode, your list of event interests, along with any other details for the event.**

## The Gateway Protection Programme Long Term Opportunity

The Gateway Protection Programme, which supports refugees to resettle in the UK, is currently recruiting volunteers to work in a variety of roles. The Gateway Programme works primarily with refugees who have spent some time in refugee camps overseas, and are resettled to the UK via the UNHCR's resettlement programme.

For more information on Gateway, please see <http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/ourwork/projects/Gateway.aspx>

We are currently recruiting for 4 different volunteer roles and so hope that you will be able to find a role that matches your skills and interests.

### We are looking for:

- Arrivals Volunteers: This role involves supporting refugees (individuals and families) during their first week in the UK – meeting clients at the airport with other staff, local town orientation, benefits applications, etc.
- Advocate Volunteers: This role involves completing set tasks with individual refugees (opening a bank account, going to a hospital appointment, learning to use the bus, etc.) and advocating on their behalf.
- Administration Volunteers: Support our busy admin team in the Manchester office.
- Gateway Online Forum (GOLF) Volunteers: Use your admin and computer skills to work on updates to the online message board; assist clients to access and contribute to the board through group and individual work.

**The deadline for completed applications is 21st October 2011. To request an application form and volunteer role outlines describing each role in more detail, send an email to [gerardd@refugee-action.org.uk](mailto:gerardd@refugee-action.org.uk) . Please also note that all Gateway volunteer positions are subject to a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.**

## Do it! at the LGB&T Skills Academy!

Thanks to funding from The Skills Funding Agency, The Lesbian & Gay Foundation have teamed up with Gaydio and The Manchester College to deliver FREE Skills Workshops to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community. Workshops include Heritage and film, radio presentation, radio production, photography, social media, craft, creative writing, cooking, and DIY and will run on Saturday afternoons from Sept 2011 to March 2012 in Manchester.

We can reimburse reasonable travel expenses, child or respite care, and pay for any access requirements such as a signer. This is a great opportunity to access adult learning in a safe and friendly environment in order to learn new skills, improve your CV, try free taster sessions, meet like minded people and have fun! There will also be lots of information and handy hints about accessing further learning if you like what you try! **For more information about what's on when, and coming along to the events visit [www.lgf.org.uk/doiit](http://www.lgf.org.uk/doiit).** There are also some fantastic volunteering opportunities with this project. Three roles have been created – Marketing Support, Office Support and Workshop Delivery Support. **For more information on these volunteering roles drop Claire Taylor a line [claire.taylor@lgf.org.uk](mailto:claire.taylor@lgf.org.uk) or call her on 08453 303030 .**

### 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](mailto:info@mev.org.uk)  
Once you receive your number you can use it to join MyMEV and begin using the website.

## 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 improve 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 provide emotional support and a listening ear. Volunteers are not expected to offer advice 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, expenses and regular supervision as well as the opportunity to meet 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.

## Debdale Eco Centre Training

Ask any gardener why they garden and they will say because it makes them feel good. At Debdale Eco Centre our professionally trained horticulturists are running organic gardening sessions. As a result of the funding these courses are only available in Greater Manchester.

The courses on offer are as follows:

**Yellow Tomatoes** Focused on residents living in housing association properties, this training will provide a range of courses from a weekly gardening club through to a three month training programme depending on need, Housing Association training budgets and vision. For more information go to <http://debdale-ecocentre.org.uk/yellow-tomatoes>

**Plotting the future** Many residents want to start an allotment where they can grow their own vegetables. This course covers all aspects of growing, site layout, composting, companion planting and organic growing. In fact, everything the residents will need to start their own allotment. For more information go to

**Planting on Prescription** Aimed at people with loneliness or isolation problems, depression and well being issues. Participants will benefit from informal learning in a relaxed non-clinical environment. This helps with increased confidence, develops new areas of interest, and gives a better understanding of healthy eating and healthier lifestyles. For more information go to <http://debdale-ecocentre.org.uk/growing>

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.

## Culture Works

Culture Works is an exciting volunteer placement, work experience & training programme developed and delivered by The Manchester Museum and Manchester College, working in partnership with employment agencies and a range of cultural venues. The programme is supported by Manchester City Council.

We are looking to recruit 15 unemployed local people and provide them with the necessary skills, qualifications and work experience to take the next step towards gaining employment. Using the unique collections and spaces of The Manchester Museum, individuals will learn about the Museum, front of house roles and have the opportunity to:

- achieve nationally accredited qualifications in employability, customer service and first aid
- gain real work experience in customer facing roles including object handling, retail and visitor services
- take part in volunteer placements at a range of cultural venues across Manchester
- sign up to Aspire, an award winning, ethical recruitment agency which has successfully moved over 1000 people into work
- receive advice, guidance and support on future skills development, careers planning and progression from employment agencies such as Next Step

The ten week training programme starts in November 2011 and will run on a Monday and Friday at The Manchester Museum. **Applicants must be aged 19 years+, unemployed and in receipt of any of the following benefits: JSA, ESA (WRAG), ESA, Income Support, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit. The closing date to register your interest is 2nd November 2011.**

## MEV Volunteering Discussion Group

A group of our regular volunteers have created an MEV discussion group 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).

This is quarterly meeting, led by volunteers for volunteers. Any recommendations could be fed back to the MEV team for implementation to make the service better.

The next meeting will be in November, so if you are interested then please register in the usual way.

## 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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