

Manchester, Trafford and Salford Olympic Ambassador Programme



Registration now OPEN to become an Olympic Ambassador

Ambassadors will welcome visitors from all over the UK and the world to Manchester, Trafford and Salford during the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The Ambassador Programme is the joint volunteer programme for Manchester, Trafford and Salford communities to get involved in the London 2012 games preparations and games times activities in the 3 communities.

Registration will commence on Tuesday 8th November 2011 through until Saturday 31st December 2011. To register your interest all you need to do is visit www.manchestervsb.org and click on 'Want to be an Olympic volunteer' and fill in the short application form. If successful you will be invited to interview the week commencing 23rd January 2012, with successful applicants being informed at the beginning of February. If you do not have internet access then application forms are available by contacting Craig Abel, Volunteer Development Officer on 0161 223 1155 (Option 1, Ext 2145).

300 volunteers will be required and all applicants must be available to volunteer on at least 4 of the event days between July 2012 – August 2012 and duties will include welcoming visitors to the area at the various transport hubs (airport, train stations etc), marshalling outside Old Trafford Football Ground, City Centre Fan Sites and stewarding the Olympic Torch Relay and Last Mile, plus many more.

Throughout 2012 there will also be events in the lead up to the Olympics that may well be used as test events ready for July 2012, such as the NBA event at the Manchester Evening News Arena.

Ambassadors will also be given fantastic training. You'll take part in group role plays, discover how to keep calm in a crisis and become a pro at dealing with difficult situations. You can use your new skills to find a job, or be inspired by your experience as a Ambassador to continue volunteering.

However, you don't have to wait until 2012 to start volunteering. There are hundreds of volunteering opportunities around Manchester, log on and register at www.manchestervsb.org or www.doit.org or visit your local volunteer centre in Manchester, Trafford and Salford and start your volunteering today.

Your experience as an Ambassador doesn't have to stop when your last shift ends, as the things you learn during your time as an Ambassador will stay with you forever.

To be eligible to volunteer you must:

Be 18 or older by 1 January 2012

Live, work, study or volunteer in Manchester, Trafford or Salford

Be available to volunteer during 26 July and 7 August 2012

Complete all specified training for the role

Complete a Health declaration form

Complete a Self declaration form

All volunteers must undertake a CRB check

At selection stage applicants will need to demonstrate:

Ability to communicate effectively in English

Accept role and deployment locations that are offered

Willingness to participate in all training sessions

A range of personal qualities to ensure we get a service of excellence delivered by Ambassadors

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of this major event, so don't hesitate and be part of it today!!

TAKE UP CHAMPIONS - helping older people in your neighbourhood

Do you want to know more about benefits and services for older people and their carers?
Do you live or work in East Manchester or Moston?

Then join our FREE informal course and hear from different services and organisations that can help older people. Sessions include benefits, health and carers support. It's informal, fun, lunch is provided and transport costs paid.

The next programme starts on 15th November and runs for 12 Tuesdays, from 10am – 3pm. The venue will be in Newton Heath.

For more details contact Judith at the Generation Project, Phoenix Mill, Piercy Street, M4 7HY, Tel: 0161 202 2522, E-mail: jbaron@careandrepair-manchester.org.uk

Music Industry Learning

A Salford based company is preparing to host a series of 16 weekly workshops throughout the city, in all things music industry related. This includes songwriting, composing, copyright, recording, performing, releasing your own record, music promotion and how to find work in one of the hardest industries in the world to break in to.

Chris Brophy, CEO of non-profit organisation Music Industry Learning is a former record producer and remixer who has had five number-one hit records across America. He is also currently the Station Manager at community station 94.4FM Salford City Radio. "I'm really excited to be running these fun workshops across the city where I was born and raised. There just isn't anything of this kind anywhere in the Northwest at the moment" says Chris. "This is a great opportunity for people looking for their big break to learn about how all aspects of the music business work and how those involved in it work together in order to achieve success".

The workshops which have been funded by Salford City Council and the Learning & Skills Council's "Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund" are free for those who live and work in Salford. They will be run between November and February of next year in 16 areas around the city.

Those interested in signing up or looking for more information are encouraged to check out www.musicindustrylearning.com or call Tony Pearson on 0161 788 8300

GiveGetGo!

GiveGetGo! is a free three session programme and is a great way for young people to explore what volunteering is, try out a volunteering activity or two and reflect on their experiences and look ahead at progression routes!

Who is it for?

Young people who are aged between 16-25 and live in Manchester. It is ideal for young people who have little or no experience of volunteering or who are interested in volunteering but want to know more.

What will young people get out of it?

A certificate of recognition for your volunteering, the opportunity to meet new people and try out a volunteering activity with other young people, travel reimbursement and light refreshments, the option to work towards a volunteering accreditation.

Wednesday evening programme GMYN offices, Ardwick

16th November 4:30-6:30 23rd November 4:30-7:30 30th December 4:30-6:30

Saturday programme GMYN Offices, Ardwick

19th November 11-1pm 26th November 11-2:30pm 3rd December 11-1pm

Saturday programme Manchester Communications Academy, Harpurhey

19th November 2-4pm 26th November 11-2:30pm 3rd December 2-4pm

Tuesday evening programme Benchill Community Centre, Wythenshawe

15th November 4:30-6:30 22nd November 4:30-7:30 6th December 4:30-6:30