



## **World AIDS Day** **1st December 2011**

World AIDS Day is an international day of action on 1st December each year designed to raise awareness about HIV and challenge stigma. It's a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference – whether that's through fundraising, campaigning, or wearing a red ribbon.

This year's theme is HIV Testing and Manchester World AIDS Day Partnership have lots of activities that we need your support with, including:

- Helping with street collections in Manchester
- Selling candles and collecting donations at the Vigil on World AIDS Day
- Taking a collecting tin/red ribbons into your school, college, workplace or to a local business.
- Taking information about HIV Testing and why it's important into your school, college, workplace.

**People can sign up to help out by visiting:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/helpwithWorldAIDSDay2011>

Or register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you.

## **British Red Cross Santa Dash** **11th December 2011 Heaton Park**

**Please note this is not a volunteer opportunity - Participants needed**



Choose either the 5K or 10K route and join 1000s of other participants in this fantastic event. Taking place on December 11th at Heaton Park, Manchester, this is an event not to be missed. Participants receive expert fundraising advice and support and their very own Santa suit to run in! To sign up today call Jackie on 0161 888 8915 / 07710 733 196 or email [jpickersgill@redcross.org.uk](mailto:jpickersgill@redcross.org.uk)

## **British Red Cross Christmas Collections around Manchester**

Are you able to spare a couple of hours to help raise hundreds of pounds for the British Red Cross? We are holding various bucket collections throughout Greater Manchester and we need your support to make them as successful as possible. All the money raised goes towards helping the Red Cross continue its vital services both here in the UK and abroad.

### **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.**

## **Manchester Adult Education Service - New Courses for 2012**

As part of their 2012 programme, Manchester Adult Education Service are pleased to be offering more courses for those interested in learning more about volunteering, mentoring or youth and community work.

### **Volunteer Training**

16 week Level 1 Introduction to Volunteering Worker Course  
Tuesday at the Grange Centre, Pilgrim Drive, Beswick 9.30-3.30  
Thursday at the Abraham Moss Centre, Crescent Road, Crumpsall 9.30-3.30

### **Youth and Community Work Training**

16 week level 1 Introduction to Youth and Community Worker Course  
Monday at the Forum Centre, Wythenshawe 9.30-3.30

### **Mentoring Training**

15 week Level 1 Mentoring Course.  
Monday at the Forum Centre, Wythenshawe 10.00-3.00

These courses enable people to understand how community, youth work and volunteering organisations work, as well as finding out about how to become a volunteer youth or community worker, volunteer or mentor. All courses are accredited and there is an element of portfolio development and preparation for work placements.

**Please note a requirement of all the courses is that individuals have or have to complete a CRB clearance check. This check is free to those who fully enrol and complete the course.**

Manchester Adult Education Service also offer a comprehensive range of other training programmes.

## **South Manchester Learning Hub**

**Would you like to help improve your local area?**  
**Would you like to develop new skills?**  
**Would you like to meet new people?**

We offer a range of exciting volunteer opportunities in our South Manchester learning hubs of Burnage, Didsbury and Withington including: Marketing and promotions, activity and events organising, classroom support, funding assistant, Community engagement work and Administration. Full training will be given!

CSV Media in conjunction with Westcroft, Barlow Moor and Old Moat Community Centres are looking for people who have something to say about their community! We are looking for volunteers who want to take on the challenge of being Social Media Reporters for their local community. In return for your time, energy and ideas we will train you in basic interviewing, filming, editing techniques to produce content for a community website. So if you live in and around the Burnage area and are interested in learning new skills and reflecting your community online please register an interest or drop into your local centre.

### **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.**

## FareShare North West

FareShare North West works with the food and drink industry to minimise food waste by redistributing quality food to organisations working with homeless and disadvantaged people.

FareShare are pleased to offer a 10-week volunteering placement for people who want to gain experience as warehouse and delivery assistants.

The placement is 2 days a week for 10 weeks from 16th January to 23rd March 2012.

### What could FareShare offer you as a volunteer?

- New skills, experience and full training in the role
- Accredited Food Safety qualification
- Career, CV advice and support
- A reference for future employers
- Travel and lunch expenses
- The opportunity to give practical help to fight food poverty and reduce food
- Meeting like-minded people and make new friends.

### Please check you are eligible to join the placement:

1. You must be over 19 years old and live in the borough of Manchester
2. You must fit into one of the following target groups:
  - Workless and in receipt of Incapacity Benefit
  - Workless and in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (WRAG)
  - Lone parents in receipt of Income Support or JSA
  - Workless members of the BME communities
  - Workless people over 50 who wish to return to work
  - Workless people with no qualifications
  - Carers who wish to return to work
3. You must not already be registered with Manchester Adult Education Service.

**If you would like to apply please contact Nicola Milner on 0161 223 8200 or email [volunteering@emergemanchester.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@emergemanchester.co.uk)**

## FARESHARE AND SAINSBURY'S 1 MILLION MEAL APPEAL

FareShare are looking for an army of volunteers to work alongside Sainsbury's staff at 604 stores nationwide on Saturday 26th November. Volunteers will greet customers, give them the "FareShare shopping list" of food items and encourage them to get involved by buying an item of food from the list.

This will generate enough food to provide 1 million meals for FareShare's 17 depots and their 700 beneficiary groups, and help feed the growing number of those in need.

**If, like us at FareShare, you are passionate about food poverty, visit [http://www.fareshare.org.uk/wordpress/?page\\_id=1244](http://www.fareshare.org.uk/wordpress/?page_id=1244) for more information. You can see if there is a participating store near you and register your interest.**

**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.**

## **GREATER MANCHESTER ZERO WASTE COMPETITION**

Residents of Greater Manchester are being urged to take part in their local Zero Waste Competition to be in with the chance of winning cash prizes of up to £150!

Environmental charity EMERGE is searching for individuals and groups to become Zero Waste Champions and reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill to as close to ZERO as possible...in one month! If you have a passion for the environment and recycling, then this is the challenge for you.

EMERGE will be running Zero Waste Competitions in Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford until April 2012. You could win prizes worth up to £150 for reducing your waste and encouraging people around you to do the same.

EMERGE wants champions to perform weekly waste weigh-ins and record the information in a Zero Waste Diary. At the same time, champions must encourage the people in their community- their friends, family, neighbours and colleagues- to reduce, reuse and recycle and provide proof of their efforts in the diary, the more creative they are the better.

Two public presentations will be given about the competition, to which all are invited. The sessions will be held at 2-3.30pm and then again at 7-8.30pm on Tuesday, November 15 at Brazenose House West, in Brazenose Street, Manchester M2 5AS.

**For full details of the competition contact Nicola Milner on 0161 223 8200, or email [volunteering@emergemanchester.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@emergemanchester.co.uk) or register**

## **Money Mentors**

Are you struggling to pay your bills and manage your money?

Do you need help with:

- Rent, council tax, gas, electricity or water arrears
- Other debts including Credit Cards or Catalogues
- Budgeting
- Money Saving Tips
- Banking
- Benefits Advice

**For Free Advice, come in and see us at the Benchill Community Centre Tuesdays 1.00pm – 4.00pm and Ask for Jayne, Money Mentors Team or telephone 0161 223 1155**

## **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**

**Manchester Event Volunteers**

**Manchester City Council,  
P.O.Box 532, Town Hall,  
Manchester, M60 2LA**

**Tel: 0161 234 1532**

**Answer phone: as above (after 5pm)**

**Fax: 0161 274 0025**

**E-mail us: [kd@mev.org.uk](mailto:kd@mev.org.uk)**

**Web: [www.mev.org.uk](http://www.mev.org.uk)**



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