



SPECIAL OFFER!!

Salford Families are giving away free training, experience, skills, fun times and appreciation in exchange for your time as a volunteer...



Barnardos Salford Families provides a play and leisure service for children and young people with disabilities living within Salford.

We provide out of school activities throughout the year in the form of groups, in which volunteers are expected to; ensure the child they are working with is safe and assist the member of staff with preparing drinks and snacks. Helping the children enjoy each activity is also very important. Activities that commonly take place are arts and crafts, sports, music, drama and days out.

Short term summer volunteers

Throughout August, our activities take place on a much larger scale; as many as 12 separate schemes may run concurrently at any one time.

We are actively recruiting summer volunteers now. Summer volunteer applicants must apply by the end of May 2007.

Long term volunteers

We have vacancies for volunteers to help out after school, in the evenings and during the weekend. At Salford Families there is the flexibility for volunteers to commit to a full day or just a few hours each week or even on a monthly basis. Various days and time are available to suit all.

Drivers

Volunteer drivers give the children the opportunity to get out and about in our 16 seater mini bus. Often visiting farms, parks and museums in the community, the driver can make all the difference to an activity. Applicants must have a full, clean driving licence.

All volunteer roles require an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau check. This can take place with the applicant and a member of staff at an agreed time.

Full training and support given to all volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering please return your register of interest form or register on-line and more details will be sent to you.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter and would like to find out more, please return the register of interest or e-mail info@mev.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

At www.mev.org.uk you can register for the service and for events, chat to each other in the forums, upload your event photos, download MEV documents, check out the latest news, search for jobs/ advice and provide feedback.

Cancer Research UK Piccadilly Train Station Collection Volunteering Opportunity



Thursday 17th May and Friday 18th May 2007

Can you spare a few hours to help Cancer Research UK collect vital funds at Manchester Piccadilly train station?

We need volunteers to help man an information stand and collect spare change from members of the public within the station on Thursday 17th May and Friday 18th May from 7.30am to 6.30pm. We have arranged 2 shifts:

Shift 1 7.30am - 1.00pm
Shift 2 1.00pm - 6.30pm.

All volunteer travel expenses will be repaid and a free Cancer Research UK t-shirt provided. Please register your interest in the usual way stating what times you would be available.

The XME Tri Sprint Series

We like to go the Xtra Mile... Xtra Mile Events aim to deliver high quality multi-sport events across the north west of England, including triathlons, duathlons and aquathlons.



To enable XME to run safely, smoothly and professionally we require the regular assistance of a dedicated Event Crew who will be responsible for marshalling, meet and greet, race results, catering, goody bag distribution etc.

Our main job is to ensure that people have fun at our events so a sense of humour and reliability is a must!

In return we will look after you, our greatest asset, by providing expenses, event wear and the chance to be part of an exciting, growing company.

The XME Tri Sprint Series is a series of five pool-based triathlons of sprint distance. The series takes place around the North West of England:

13/05/2007 Wilmslow Triathlon - Wilmslow Leisure Centre, SK9 1BU

03/06/2007 Macclesfield Triathlon - Macclesfield Leisure Centre, SK10 4AF

05/08/2007 New Mills Triathlon - New Mills Leisure Centre, SK22 4BP

26/08/2007 Saddleworth Triathlon - Saddleworth Pool, Uppermill, OL3 6HQ

16/09/2007 Newton-le-Willows Triathlon - Selwyn Jones Leisure Centre, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 0AQ

If you have access to the internet you can visit www.xtramileevents.com for more information.

Please register your interest in the usual way stating dates you are available.

DID YOU KNOW.....With MEV, volunteering is about personal choice and you can get involved with events which interest you most. You can also take part in training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!

Go Yellow this June and Support St Ann's Hospice Friday 8th and Saturday 9th June 2007



It's that time of year again when Greater Manchester turns yellow in aid of St Ann's Hospice!

The St Ann's Hospice annual Sunflower Collection will be held in Manchester City Centre on Friday and Saturday the 8th and 9th June between 9am and 6pm. The collection will be based in and around St Ann's Square and is part of one of the many Go Yellow initiatives taking place across Manchester to help raise both awareness of hospice care and vital funds for those living with life threatening illnesses.

The Sunflower Collection has always been well supported by volunteers from Manchester Event Volunteers and last year a staggering £7,800 was raised. We very much hope to achieve or even exceed that success again this year and are hoping to have around 40 volunteers each day.

The Sunflower Collection has a worthy reputation as a very entertaining event, with more and more volunteers taking part each year. We would love as many people as possible to join us and raise much needed funds for those living with life threatening illnesses in Greater Manchester.



The two days are guaranteed to be fun-filled with everyone sharing a mutual sense of achievement and the knowledge that all money raised will be used in the best way possible to develop our Inpatient, Day Therapy and Community Services at our sites in Heald Green, Little Hulton and at the Neil Cliffe Cancer Care Centre based at Wythenshawe Hospital.

All volunteers will receive refreshments throughout the day with the top collectors winning prizes which will be presented at the end of the day. Every little helps so if you can spare an hour or two we would be most grateful.

If you think you may be able to offer a few hours in Manchester to help collect for St Ann's Hospice on the 8th and 9th June we would be pleased to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering please return your register of interest form or register on-line.

Event Attendance

During recent months we have noticed that there has been an increased number of incidences of volunteers who show interest in an event but do not turn up. Although we are aware that in the majority of cases this is due to unexpected commitments we do still ask that where possible, you contact someone at the office or the event organiser to let someone know. As our events are often very popular and have limited spaces we do ask that you only put your name forward if you are certain you are able to attend, otherwise it means that someone else will miss out on the opportunity and also means the volunteers that do attend will have to do more work and have less breaks.

MEV is in the process of creating new policies for non attendance at events and will keep you informed of these procedures once they have been confirmed.

Please let us know if you would like to see a particular item/ section included in the newsletter or on the website? Log on to WWW.MEV.ORG.UK and let us know what you would like featured.



Manchester Pride 2007 **17th - 27th August**

Manchester Pride 2007 is THE opportunity for you to get involved with one of the largest and most successful LGBT Pride festivals in the UK. It's your chance to show lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from all over the UK, Europe and further afield the very best that Manchester has to offer. Manchester Pride needs you to lend

us your talents to ensure that this year's festival continues to build on the successes of EuroPride 2003 and Manchester Pride 2004, 2005 and 2006. We really couldn't make this event happen without your generous support; our volunteers have been incredible year on year and we're counting on your help to continue this success.

We need help with the following roles:

Big Weekend Crew

The Big Weekend Crew will be asked to provide visitors with information on the Festival and facilities and maintain information points where appropriate. Management of queuing systems, ushering visitors and preventing bottlenecks or blockages around the box office are also BWC roles.

Required between 24 - 27 August.

Administrative Support

This is a role for two individuals to provide administrative support to the Manchester Pride team. These roles are flexible but would be required from 1 to 3 days per week in the run-up to the festival. Applicants require IT skills, and experience of using Word, Excel and e-mail.

Roles required various dates to be discussed

Parade Stewards

Parade stewards are required to help with the Manchester Pride Parade on Saturday 25 August - help with crowd control, meeting & greetings entrants, setting up barriers and ensuring the safety of the public would all be your responsibility. Please remember that this role requires a long walk with the parade and we would request that you only apply if you feel you are able to manage this.

Roles required 25 August.

Promotions Assistant

You will be required to assist with the distribution and placements of marketing materials throughout the gay village and surrounding area.

Roles required between March - August.

Recycling Wardens

Recycling Wardens are required to assist Manchester Pride staff in keeping the event site well maintained to provide a safe environment and a high quality visitor attraction.

Roles required between 25 - 28 August.



If you have any friends who are not receiving the newsletter it is probably due to them not completing the questionnaire. Please can you ask them to complete the questionnaire and return to the MEV Office as soon as possible? If they require a copy of the questionnaire please contact the office.

MEV Merchandise Coming Soon!

We will shortly be introducing a range of exciting MEV branded merchandise for sale on our website

www.mev.org.uk

The merchandise will include t-shirts, jackets, bags, pin badges, pens and mugs, be sure to check the website often!

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