



MANCHESTER VOLUNTEERING DAY - Come Along and See What's On Offer **Tuesday 19th August 2008, 12pm - 6pm, Manchester Town Hall**

Now is a really exciting time for volunteering opportunities. Manchester Youth Volunteering Project (MYVP) and Manchester Event Volunteers (MEV), along with other partners are working towards the creation of Manchester Volunteering Day which will act as a showcase and celebration of volunteering in the City. The team have recruited approximately 70 organisations to come along on the day to promote their volunteering opportunities to you. **The majority of stalls will be inside Manchester Town Hall including:**

Massage, Aveda Treats, and Neals Yard Aromatherapy Remedies, Fair Trade Stalls, Employment Advice and Opportunities, CV Workshops as well as Information, Advice and Guidance

There will also be a host of activities happening in Albert square including:

Bird Box Building, Mancat's Construction Bus, Manchester Libraries and many more.

We would like Manchester Volunteering Day 2008 to be a massive success and bring many different agencies together. The team would like all volunteers/potential volunteers to come along and have a look at the additional opportunities available. Why not bring your friends or tell anyone you think may be interested!! **If you would like to find out more information you can contact the team on 0161 234 1530 or by e-mail info@mev.org.uk**

VOLUNTEERS DO IT BETTER!!!!!!

Why Not Let Us Set Up Your Own Unique MEV E-mail Address?

How would you like your own unique Manchester Event Volunteers e-mail address? We have found that occasionally our e-mails are directed to your spam/junk inbox and so we have decided that it may be useful for us to communicate differently.

You can keep your existing e-mail accounts (e.g. hotmail, aol, btbroadband) but you could set up a unique MEV account for all your volunteering activity. We can then be sure that you receive all emails from us and you could interact with event organisers, safe in the knowledge that they will know that the e-mail is from a unique MEV volunteer!

If you do not have access to a computer, but have friends/family who do, you could still set an e-mail address for yourself to keep up to date with last minute opportunities.

To set up your new address please email Chris at cb@mev.org.uk or call 0161 234 1531. Please include your preferred password for your new account, and we will email you with your new email address, and details of how to use it.

MANCHESTER LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP

We are a city wide organisation that supports learning disabled adults to live in their own homes. We are looking for volunteers to help us provide opportunities for the people we support to access community based activities such as trips to the cinema, meals out, going to football matches, attending college courses, in fact anything that might increase quality of life. We also actively promote health and fitness.

All volunteers would require a CRB check and all out of pocket expenses would be reimbursed



If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter please call 0161 234 1530, return the register of interest, log on to www.mev.org.uk or e-mail info@mev.org.uk for more info



Henshaws Society for Blind People is a leading charity for blind and visually impaired people across the North of England. We give expert care, advice and training to anyone affected by sight loss, right where it's needed most.

Money Laundering... you've seen it on the news, now try it in person! Henshaws are the chosen charity of the Trafford Centre's Fountain Fund, so all the pennies that go into the fountain are donated to us. But... before we bank them we need to wash, dry and count them, and it takes a great team of people to get through it all in one day! We need individuals and small groups to take part in one of our Money Laundering days, and all scores go towards our Money Laundering Scoreboard. We meet at the Trafford Centre at 10am on the morning.

Money Laundering at the Trafford Centre, 13th August 10am to 3pm or any time volunteers can offer
Money Laundering at the Trafford Centre, 20th August 10am to 3pm or any time volunteers can offer
Street collection around Altrincham, 16th August all day or any time volunteers can offer

Henshaws also have a number of long term opportunities which volunteers can get involved with. These include:

Administration, buddy/mentor, Driver, Children and family events, Evening Social Group, Art Galleries and Museum, Gardener, Group Leader, support for Group Leader, Holiday Club, Home visitor, IT Support, Office Support, Patient Support, assist with Skillstep Course, Toy room, Events and Fundraising, Personal Grants and Funding, Theatre and Arts, Youth Group

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles please register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you.



CALL - Cancer Aid & Listening Line

CALL is a local charity providing emotional support and home-based practical help to people living with cancer, their carers and families. All services are delivered by trained volunteers who are managed by a team of professional staff based in offices throughout Greater Manchester.

CALL was set up as a telephone help-line in 1982 and has since continued to grow and develop new services. The help and information telephone line operates from 7.30pm to 10.30pm every evening and is available for anyone who has concerns about cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

CALL requires volunteers to give home-based emotional support and practical help. Services are tailored to each individual, but they could include:

- **Listening and befriending: talking through difficulties and concerns**
- **Practical help such as shopping, dog walking etc**
- **Social activities, days out, coffee mornings, relaxation sessions**
- **Group support**
- **Information about local services and support networks**

CALL are particularly looking for volunteers to help with:

- **Driving and support for a hospital appointment or treatment**
- **Respite sitting, allowing carers time to themselves**
- **CALL South Manchester, Cecilia Centre, Wythenshawe –volunteers needed to help out at the day unit on Mondays and/or Fridays from 10am to 2pm**

All services are provided free of charge.

CALL provides all volunteers with a 3 day training course (to be completed before volunteering commences) and out of pocket expenses. Next training is at CALL Stockport, Beechwood Cancer Care centre on the 2nd, 9th & 16th June 2008. **A satisfactory CRB check is required for this opportunity.**

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!



Tenant and Family Fun Day

**Saturday 13th September, 2008
Boggart Hole Clough, Charlestown, North Manchester.**

Northwards Housing are hosting an 'It's a Knockout' competition in conjunction with their annual tenant, family fun day and require volunteers to carry out essential roles to help make the day a success.

On the day there will be a motor cycle and police dog show, Live bands and dance acts on stage, various competitions such as beat the goalie, a treasure hunt and the main event of the day the 'it's a knockout' competition.

We require approximately 12 volunteers from 10am until 5pm, 13th September. It would be useful if you are available to attend a briefing on Friday 12th September at 2pm at Boggart Hole Clough

Volunteers will be required to marshal the crowds, assist the organisers to set up and take down and help the public with any queries

- All Volunteers will be provided with a high visibility vest to wear on the day.
- Refreshments will be provided to the volunteers free of charge on the day.
- Car parking is available, expenses will be paid for all out of pocket travel costs incurred while volunteering up to a maximum of £5 (25p/mile).

Please register your interest for this fun event in the usual way.

PLATFORM2
YOUR PLATFORM TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD

Platform2 is a unique opportunity for 18-25 year olds in the UK to volunteer in a developing country for 10 weeks and then come back and creatively express their experience in the UK. Volunteers could be going to countries such as Ghana, South Africa, Peru, India or Malawi, for a 10 week placement which will make a real

difference to the local community - all of the work is locally operated and supervised, and sustainable.

When the volunteers get back, we'll give them a platform to creatively express their experience - through art, film, photography, blogging - whatever they're into, they can use it to tell people about their trip and what it's like to live in a developing country.

Platform2 is different to most overseas volunteering opportunities because it's aimed at people who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to do something like this, so it's free. The scheme is fully-funded by the Department for International Development and run by Christian Aid, Islamic Relief and BUNAC.

If you're 18 to 25 (at the time of travel), have/are eligible for a UK passport, and want to make a difference to people in the developing world, here's your chance.

Typical projects include constructing community buildings, caring for and teaching children, building infrastructure at eco centres, and assisting in HIV clinics. The important thing is that they involve living among a local community, getting an opportunity to make a meaningful difference to that community, and then coming back inspired to tell their story back in the UK. To find out more, please visit

www.myplatform2.com

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.



The Children's Society is a leading national charity, driven by the belief that every child deserves a good childhood.

The Children's Society provides help and understanding for those forgotten children who are unable to find the support they need anywhere else.

We require a couple of volunteers to help the Charity Shop Manager to run the shop at 978 Stockport Road, Levenshulme on Saturdays.

Shifts

9.30am - 1.00pm and 1.00pm - 4.30pm

The Children's Society is committed to making sure that you benefit from your volunteering role as much as we do. We pledge to:

provide information, resources and a support network, reimburse expenses for travel and food, provide adequate insurance protection, use a variety of methods to thank and acknowledge our volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for this opportunity please register in the usual way stating the shift/s you would prefer.



working for cycling

The Cycling Tourist Club Long Term Opportunity

Working in partnership with the Cycling Tourists Club, Manchester City Council, Manchester Event Volunteers and Big Lottery, the CTC Charitable Trust's Cycling Champions programme enables people from all communities at any level to take part in Cycling activities in their COMMUNITY.



We require volunteers to assist in community cycling groups- mainly in parks in Manchester and also the regional cycle network.

First Aid, CRB and Disability Certificates are preferable, but not essential. Courses, support and personal development are available for keen volunteers and travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Our aim is for people to have FUN, Meet new People and get healthier whilst Cycling, so if you are interested in being involved please register in the usual way.



UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - 2008

Some of you will remember that we sent out a questionnaire in November 2006 to update our records on your personal details and volunteering activity. We did this to make sure that you still wanted to be involved with MEV and could be contacted easily for events. Later this year we will be carrying out a similar exercise and we hope that you can spare 10-15 minutes to complete the forms. Your views are very important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

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