



The organisers are looking for 100 volunteers to help make this yet another successful international sporting event for Manchester. Volunteer marshals are required from 0730 to 1330 to fill the following

**Roles:**

Marshal registration, Baggage service, Goody bags stations, Family Reunion, Water stations\*

- this role ends earlier at c1200, so is suitable for those with less time to spare

**Specialist Roles: Team Leaders**

We are looking for 6 team leaders to lead groups of marshals at the event. If you have prior experience of leading a team at one or more other events supported by MEV then please register in the usual way. Please forward a basic CV to [info@greatrun.org](mailto:info@greatrun.org) using the title 'Team Leader Manchester', explaining the roles you have held and why you think you would be good at the role.

**Benefits:**

All marshals will receive a souvenir jacket, a packed lunch, marshal's bib and travel expenses up to £5.

**All marshals will need to:**

Attend the briefing session on Wednesday 7th May, Town Hall (Further details will be sent to you once your application has been accepted). The deadline is Friday 28th March (roles cannot be guaranteed). Everyone has to be able to get into the City by 0830 on race day.

Include your preferred jacket size when you apply for your role. The organisers will respond to all applicants to let them know whether they have been successful or otherwise.

**Special Request From MEV:**

Please note, MEV would like to ask that you only put your name down if you can actually make it to the event. In previous years, large numbers of volunteers did not turn up on the day. This let the event organisers down massively and denied other volunteers the opportunity to get involved. This year we would like to make sure that the event is well staffed.



**Experience the vision - Manchester Conference 2008**

**Saturday 15th March 2008 11.00am - 3.30pm Manchester Central**

On Saturday, March 15th from 11.00 am to 3.30 pm at Manchester Central (next to G-MEX) you can find out what's being done to improve life in the city. You can explore ways in which you can improve your own life. You can hear Darren Campbell talk about his dreams and the dedication and hard work that won him multiple medals as a sprint athlete.

By 2015 everyone in Manchester must be healthier, happier and wealthier – that's what people working for the council, police, health service, voluntary sector and other organisations are aiming for – that's the vision. And everyone in Manchester can be part of that journey.

The organisers are looking for 25 Volunteer to help make the conference a success in the following

**Roles:**

Non-staff Volunteer Manager, Journey Room Assistant (Support the JR Manager), Upper Foyer Assistant, (support Upper foyer Manager), Exhibition Co-ordinator (support the EH Manager)

**Volunteers will be provided with:**

Travel expenses to and from the event, A branded t-shirt, Packed lunch, Invitation to a pre-event meeting on 13 March at 3.30pm with tea and cakes!

**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](http://www.mev.org.uk) or e-mail [info@mev.org.uk](mailto:info@mev.org.uk) for more info**



## Volunteering opportunities at Manchester Civil Justice Centre

The Personal Support Unit (PSU) is a charity supporting unrepresented people at the courts within the Manchester Civil Justice Centre.

This innovative new project is the first of its kind outside London, and has opportunities available for calm, practical and outgoing people interested in volunteering at court.

The prestigious Civil Justice Centre is the largest courts to be built since the Royal Courts of Justice in London in 1881, and is situated within the Spinningfields development in the heart of the city centre.

Volunteers will be trained to give assistance to people who for various reasons don't have lawyers but need practical and emotional support.

You will need to be someone who can deal with people on all levels and who has initiative, a common sense approach, and the ability to empathise with people going through a difficult time.

You do not need any formal qualifications, but life experience and the ability to read and write English are essential.

Travel and lunch expenses are provided.



## Tree of Life Centre Wythenshawe Long Term Opportunity

Would you like to work within a lively and vibrant community charity, the Tree of Life Centre, which is based in the Woodhouse Park area of Wythenshawe. The Tree of Life Centre is a centre for health and well being offering support to the local community. As part of this, we operate a community shop and cafe, in which we sell low cost furniture, white goods and household items. The community shop and cafe are open all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We are looking to recruit additional people preferably local to the Wythenshawe area to volunteer to assist us in the following areas:

### Community Shop – Shop assistants

Working in various areas of the shop, i.e. furniture, clothing, household goods, toys, books, videos and sorting. Assistance is required in the Shop areas Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.

### Café – catering assistants

To assist the cook in preparation, serving and clearing / cleaning of kitchen area. Catering experience and current food hygiene certificate preferable, however training will be given to gain the qualification. Assistance is required in the kitchen area Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

### Waiting on staff

Taking and serving of customer orders, ensure tables are correctly set and are cleared away and kept tidy, take payment for food ordered. Assistance is required in the cafe area Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

### Drivers

Experienced drivers over the age of 25 with clean driving license to drive 3.5 tonne van, assisting in the collecting & delivering furniture.

Volunteers required on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

**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!

## The Genesis Twilight 10km Walk

**Sunday 4th May 2008 5.00pm - 12 midnight**  
**starting and finishing in Albert Square**



Breast Cancer currently affects 1 in 10 women in the UK. Despite new drug therapies, a third of these women will never be cured. After decades of research into new treatments, the disease continues to rise across the western world. Breast cancer has become one of the most devastating health problems of our time. But it doesn't have to be like this.

For us, even one case of breast cancer is too many.

The Genesis Appeal is the only charity in the UK entirely dedicated to preventing breast cancer. Our Breast Cancer Prevention Centre is needed to provide a base for one of the most ambitious breast research, treatment and support programmes in Europe, all under one roof.

The Genesis Twilight 10km Walk has been arranged to raise much needed funds for the Genesis Appeal and will occur on Sunday evening 4th May, starting and finishing in Albert Square. Groups of 100 walkers will set off every 20 minutes from 5.00p.m until 12.00a.m.

We will require 100 volunteers to take part in the following roles:

Registration, Flow Marshals, Route Marshals

All volunteers must be 18 or over and there will be a team briefing a week before the event. All volunteers will be provided with either a t-shirt or high visibility vest (dependent on their duty) and they will be supplied with a voucher for food and drink.

## St Georges Parade

**Sunday 20th April**

Manchester is once again putting on a St George's parade, now one of the largest in the country when it takes to the streets on Sunday 20th April.

The parade is a cavalcade of floats, bands & walking parties that snake their way through the city centre in a celebration of the diversity of the Mancunian communities & culture. A fusion of colourful, noisy & flamboyant fun for all which begins just east of the city before passing through the city centre via Piccadilly.

Due to the proposed scale of the parade and the extended route, the event organisers require a number of volunteers to assist in setting up the parade, stewards along the route and collectors / programme sellers. If you would like to be involved in this event please register in the usual way and detailed information about the event will be sent out to volunteers shortly.

We are also considering a 'Party in the Park' event on Saturday 19th April this is proposed to include bands, family entertainment & a fun fair which will require a variety of volunteers to assist in stewarding, safety marshals, security as well as setting up & de-rig of marquees, equipment and barriers. This project is dependant on gaining sufficient volunteers. So, If you are interested in assisting please again register as normal & we will update you of progress within the next 2-3 weeks.

Unfortunately, travel expenses will not be provided. However refreshments will be provided and all volunteers for either event will be invited to a free St George's Reception in the Great Hall, Manchester Town Hall on the following Saturday 26th April, this evening event will include a free meal & entertainment in thanks & recognition of those who have assisted.



**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 PARALYMPIC WORLD CUP

**7th-11th May 2008**



This world class event has now become the biggest annual multi-sport competition for elite athletes with a disability, outside of the Paralympic Games. At the 2007 event, over 320 athletes from 40 countries competed in four sports; athletics, swimming, track cycling and wheelchair basketball. This year promises to be just as exciting with a host of world class athletes returning to compete for the coveted medals ahead of the Paralympic Games in Beijing.

The Paralympic World Cup cannot take place without the dedicated number of volunteers that offer their help and support for the competition and we have positions available in a variety of roles at the sporting venues and athlete hotels. We hope that you are able to support this event and look forward to working with you in 2008. For more information please visit the official website on [www.paralympicworldcup.com](http://www.paralympicworldcup.com).

Please find below the venues for the four sports, which will be the main locations for the volunteer work. There will also be other roles based at the assigned athlete hotels in Manchester City Centre and Manchester City airport including drivers, welcome desk assistants and athlete meet and greet on arrival days.

Wheelchair Basketball - Wednesday 7th – Saturday 10th May Manchester Regional Arena Sportcity

Track Cycling - Thursday 8th – Friday 9th May Manchester Velodrome

Swimming - Friday 9th - Saturday 10th May Manchester Aquatics Centre

Athletics - Sunday 13th May Manchester Regional Arena Sportcity

We will be recruiting approximately 85 volunteers for the Paralympic World Cup.

### As a volunteer you will receive:

A full information pack and training session, event uniform and accreditation, 4 x tickets for you and your family/friends to one of the sports (where available), food and drink at the venues, travel expenses

### Roles will include:

DRIVER (must have full UK driving licence), VENUE VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR, PROGRAMME SELLER, TICKET SELLER, RESULTS RUNNER, EQUIPMENT MOVER, TRAINING TIME HELPERS, ATHLETE LIAISON, WELCOME DESK ASSISTANT, COURT STEWARD

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

## MEV Merchandise coming soon!

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

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

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

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