

# THE BT PARALYMPIC WORLD CUP

## 20th–25th May 2009



The BT Paralympic World Cup is returning to Manchester for its fifth year.

Three venues will provide a stage for over 400 of the World's top athletes to compete over five days, 20th – 25th May 2009, in four sports. The Beijing records will be reattempted and you could be there to help run the event.

For 2009 the world-renown Bladerunner Oscar Pistorius will set an unprecedented standard on the Athletics Track. BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year Ellie Simmonds and Paralympic Gold Medalist Sarah Storey will star in the pool and on the Track. Eight wheelchair basketball teams ranked top in the world will battle it out in a nail-biting four-day competition in the Regional Arena. The 2009 BT Paralympic World Cup is not to be missed.

The event could not 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 2009. To register please contact MEV directly, or for more information on the event please visit the official website on [www.btparalympicworldcup.com](http://www.btparalympicworldcup.com).

Wheelchair Basketball	Track Cycling	Swimming	Athletics
Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 May	Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 May	Sunday 24 – Monday 25 May	Sunday 24 May
Manchester Regional Arena	Manchester Velodrome	Manchester Aquatics Centre	Manchester Regional Arena
Sportcity, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF	The National Cycling Centre, Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ	Booth Street East, Ardwick, M13 9SS	Sportcity, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF

### **We are recruiting approx. 95 volunteers for the BT 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

## **PLATFORM2**

Platform2 is a unique opportunity to volunteer overseas and then come back and creatively express your experience in your community. It's for people who might not otherwise get the chance to volunteer in a developing country. The trip is fully-funded – we pay for your flights, accommodation, living costs, vaccinations, insurance etc. (all you have to pay for is transport to & from your interview, to & from Heathrow Airport & any passport costs).

### **The criteria**

you have to be between 18 and 25 at time of travel, not be able to afford one of the paid opportunities.

You could be going to countries such as Ghana, South Africa, India or Peru for a life-changing 10 week placement which will make a real difference to the local community.

**Please phone to register your interest or visit [www.mev.org.uk](http://www.mev.org.uk)**

**DID YOU KNOW:** That you can register your interest by phone, just call us on 0161 234 1531 and we can add your interest on the database immediately! This will also help us save money on our FREEPOST address!

## Home-Start Manchester North looking for Trustees!

Do you live in Manchester and care about your local community? Would you like to see young families, who are experiencing difficulties, being supported both practically and emotionally? Would you like to be part of an organisation that offers regular and direct support and can make a real and positive difference to the lives of young children and their parents? Do you have local knowledge or political/business contacts?

If so, why not consider becoming a Trustee for Home-Start Manchester North, a registered charity that recruits and trains volunteers to offer support and practical help to families in need. We need people who are passionate about the work of Home-Start and will be committed to contributing to the success of the scheme.

**We would particularly welcome interest from people with:**

Business development and management systems, financial, governance, and/or strategic planning experience.

**For more information, please register in the usual way.**

### **Beech Road Festival 2009**

**Sunday 5th July 11.00am - 6.00pm, Beech Road Park, Chorlton**

Beech Road Association of Traders would like help in stewarding the Beech Road Festival, which is a family event much enjoyed by everyone. The event has been arranged to raise much needed funds to make improvements to Beech Road Park. Activities on the day will include:

Live music in the park all day, Unity Festival are helping children to make music, Small rides, Face painting, Tombola, All kinds of foods and lots more stalls

**Volunteers will need to arrive at 9.00am until 6.00pm and expenses will be paid.**

We require approximately 10 volunteers to help make the event a success, so if you are interested in being involved with a fun family day we would be very happy to hear from you.



### **MANCHESTER – MALAWI CYCLING CHALLENGE**

**On behalf of Project African Wilderness for Mwabvi Wildlife Reserve in Malawi - Saturday 21 March 2009**

Project African Wilderness (PAW) was founded by people in Africa and the UK to protect the stunning Mwabvi Wildlife Reserve, a National Park in the extreme south of Malawi.

Working with the local people, we are:

Improving water supply and roads, fencing the reserve and reintroducing animals, building a conservation training centre, offering training and employment for local people, Our ultimate aim is to reintroduce the black rhino



PAW and BikeRight! are challenging the people of Greater Manchester to a race around Clayton Vale on Saturday 21 March 2009. Participants will have the opportunity to beat fellow competitors' and celebrities' track times as well as help raise money for a great cause. We require volunteers to help leaflet the Manchester area in the run up to the event and also, to help on the day, so if you are interested in getting involved in a worthy cause please register your interest in the usual way and more details will be sent to you.



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