



Hi-TEC WORLD SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Saturday 11th - Sunday 19th October

Staged on the spectacular all-glass show court at Manchester's National Squash Centre, this will be the finest squash event ever staged here of all time. Recognised as the most important event in the world squash calendar and on the professional circuit, the nine-day event will attract the world's top 64 players in the Men's Championship and the leading 32 players in the Women's Championship, with representation from 40 countries.



Following on from Manchester's successful hosting of the National Squash Championships for the past 10 years, this prestigious event will give the City the chance to showcase the sport on the world stage.

Volunteers are required to carry out essential roles during the period of the event. Job description can be downloaded from the website or ask when contacting Nicky for an application form by post.

There will be a scoring course before the Championships for those assigned to Scoreboard Operator positions.

Previous experience of squash volunteering is not necessary for the majority of the above jobs.

Uniform

You will be given an event uniform to be worn during your shifts.

Refreshments

You will be provided with unlimited water/tea/coffee and a meal voucher per shift.

Expenses

Expenses will be paid for all out of pocket travel costs incurred while volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event please log onto www.worldsquash2008.com to complete an application form:

or to receive application form by post contact:

Nicola Moloney, Event Operations Manager on 0161 220 3814 or n.moloney@manchester.gov.uk

Ramblers' Association – Get Walking Keep Walking

We need you!

Help to get people walking!

Do you enjoy walking through the roads, parks and squares of Manchester? If so, then we have two volunteer roles that are right up your street!



We are recruiting volunteers to support our new Get Walking Keep Walking programme in Manchester. This promotes local urban walking and independent walking over 12-week sessions. We are seeking volunteers to develop and check new walking routes throughout the city.

No special skills are required, and full training will be given. We plan to hold a training event in late July in central Manchester. Don't worry if you can't attend then, we will be planning more events later in the year. If you would like more information, or would like an application form please visit www.getwalking.org.uk

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



Mossley Festival

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August 2008 (please note change of date)

Smithy Farm, Luzley Road, Luzley, Mossley, Tameside

Mossley Festival Association is a not for profit organisation. Formed in 2003, it seeks to bring the musicians and other local artists onto Mossley's streets and open spaces for the benefit of the people of Mossley. To date five successful major festivals have been organised by MFA.

For the 2008 festival we will have 40 bands on two separate stages, ranging from young new pop-bands to traditional Asian music, blues, jazz, rock and Caribbean sounds and an astage. 20 DJ's and MC's will perform in the Dance tent. In addition to the music there will be a Circus skills workshop and demonstration held in a big top style tent, street theatre performances, puppetry, craft stalls and green issues stalls.

We require approximately 20 volunteers to help make the event a success. There are 2 shifts each day: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs and 17:30hrs-24:30hrs, with a health and safety brief at the beginning of each shift. When applying, please state your day(s) and shift(s).

Volunteers will have their own amenities within the enclosed area. Nearby will be a marquee for volunteers exclusive use equipped with tables, chairs and lighting.

There will be a water supply and toilets nearby offering basic washing facilities. Food and drink vouchers will be supplied. There will also be a fully stocked first aid kit in the marquee and 2 St. Johns Ambulance volunteers.

Car parking will be available in a small field immediately before the entrance to the site and travel expenses will be paid up to a maximum of £5.00 (25p/mile).

Manchester Pride 2008. Big Weekend

22-25th August 2008 (Fri-Mon)



Manchester Pride is appealing for volunteers to help out behind the scenes at their 18th birthday – the biggest party of the summer. They're looking for people from all backgrounds to help them showcase Manchester to festival goers arriving in the city from across the UK and Europe.

Opportunities available include:

- Parade Steward - Required from: Saturday 23rd August - 11-4pm
- Street Collector - Parade - Required from: Saturday 23rd August - 11-4pm
- Big Weekend Crew - Required from: Friday 22nd August - Monday 25th August - shift times will be allocated.
- Recycling Warden - Required from: Friday 22nd August - Monday 25th August - shift times will be allocated.
- Promotions Assistant- Required from: From Mid April - times negotiable.

All volunteers will need:

The ability to work on own initiative, ability to work under supervision and to work outdoors. as well as being reliable, hardworking, enthusiastic, friendly and trustworthy.

All Volunteers will receive a Pride t-shirt. However, due to the fact that the Manchester Pride organisation is a charity they are unable to pay volunteer expenses.

All Manchester Prides sites are accessible and the organisation have an over 18s policy for health and safety and licensing reasons. Please register your interest in the usual way.

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!

Volunteer Opportunities at EMERGE Recycling.

EMERGE Recycling is a social enterprise based in the heart of East Manchester. We provide a range of waste management services including recycling, re-use, community and educational activities and consultancy services promoting sustainability.



EMERGE FareShare is a unique scheme that redistributes surplus food from the food industry to homeless and vulnerable people in Greater Manchester.

It is estimated that 125,000 tonnes of food waste disposed of annually by food retailers is potentially suitable for redistribution, while over 4 million people in the UK cannot afford a healthy diet.

We want to support FareShare's campaign that "No Good Food Should Be Wasted" and we are looking for volunteer **drivers, drivers' mates and sorters** to get this innovative project off the ground.

What do EMERGE FareShare volunteers do?

Drivers collect and deliver donated food to community groups. They carry out van checks and help to plan routes and deliveries. Drivers must have a licence with no more than 3 points, must be over the age of 25 years and have recent experience of driving (within the past 3 months).

Drivers' mates compile shift schedules and direct drivers to delivery points and ensure the paperwork is completed at each stop.

Sorters ensure that food is of an acceptable quality for redistribution.

We ask volunteers to commit to at least one day per fortnight (weekdays only).

Training will be given in all aspects of the roles including, food safety, manual handling, health and safety and we also offer certified food hygiene training.

EMERGE is also looking for volunteers to help out at our 10th Birthday Party on 11th July 2008 at Moonlight Bar, Tariff Street, Manchester. The party is from 4pm-7pm but we need help from 1pm onwards to get the venue ready. The party will be fun with awards, speakers and tasty local food.

THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Collectors needed...Belle Vue Dog Racing Track!!

Monday 28th July 2008!!

Come and show your support for the New Children's Hospital Appeal by helping them raise much needed money in a collection at Belle Vue on the evening of Monday 28th July.

The New Children's Hospital Appeal is a £20 million appeal raising money for Manchester's New Children's Hospital which is being built on Oxford Road. It will be the biggest children's hospital in the UK when it's built in 2009.

All monies raised will ensure that when the new state of the art hospital opens in 2009 it will have the best equipment for diagnosis and treatment, as well as parental accommodation so parents can always stay close to their child.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to value of £5.

So come on get cheering, get collecting!!

Apply in the usual way!! Thanks for supporting The New Children's Hospital Appeal!!

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.

STOP PRESS!!!! CREATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE MEV E-MAIL ADDRESS

How would you like your own unique Manchester Event Volunteers e-mail address? The team has recently purchased the domain name **www.volunteersdoitbetter.org.uk** specifically for use by our volunteers.

We have had found that occasionally our e-mails are directed to your spam or junk inbox we have decided that it may be useful for us to communicate differently.

You can still keep your existing e-mail account (e.g. hotmail, aol, tiscali, btbroadband) but you could set up a unique MEV account for all your volunteering activity. This would allow the team to ensure that you receive all your mails 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 or know of friends and family who do, why not set an e-mail address for yourself so you can keep up to date with last minute opportunities.

Ideally we would like you to set up an e-mail address with your full name as opposed to nicknames e.g. you could have **your.name@volunteersdoitbetter.org.uk.**

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.

MEV - OUR NEW WEBSITE, Do You Have Any Suggestions?

The team at Manchester Event Volunteers are currently in the process of redeveloping our website, and we need your help!

We have always been keen to develop an active, vibrant and informative online community of volunteers. In order to do this, we need your ideas and suggestions for the type of sections you would like to see. Some ideas we've had include: Individual Volunteer Blogs – so you can all keep an online diary of your attendance at events, upload photos etc. Volunteer moderated Forums – which are automatically updated with new Events, so Volunteers can comment on an Event straight afterwards. Volunteer Chat Room and Private Messaging Function

If you have any comments on any of the above ideas, or an idea of your own please email the team at info@mev.org.uk and let us know.

New Policy on Providing Expenses - A Reminder With effect from Friday 9th April 2008.

We have contacted all of the event organisers we work / have worked with to state that with effect from Friday 9th April 2008 all volunteers must receive out of pocket expenses incurred whilst volunteering.

MEV guidelines state that expenses can be paid for the following:

- Bus and Train travel expenses for inductions and attendance at the event
- Car Mileage (where organisers can pay for usage)
- Meals (where required)

Please note that there may be certain exclusions. Some organisations (e.g small charities with limited financial budgets) may be exempt from this policy and their cases will be considered individually. However, we will advertise if expenses cannot be paid. You then have a choice of whether you can take part. **If you have any questions please contact the MEV team.**

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