

MIA/STREETS AHEAD EVENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

CARPET OF FLOWERS JULY 14 – 21 Manchester

We are planning to make a huge Carpet of Flowers for Albert Square in Manchester. It will be on display July 16 – 20 every day (as part of Manchester's contribution to Britain in Bloom) and will be made in the 2 days preceding this: JULY 14 and 15, by 100 volunteers working with an artist. We shall be running open sessions from 10 - 8pm (you can come during these hours as you can – suggest 3hr blocks). There are kneeling activities and 'sitting at a table' activities. We shall have refreshments available all day. If you would like to help, please phone us to reserve a place 0161 224 0020. You may also come down during the display days if you wish (just talking to the public and keeping an eye on it); also on Sunday 20th we shall be rolling up the turfs and loading them onto a big lorry and on the Monday 21st we shall be delivering all the turf to Platt Fields park so it can be used again. Any of these times, we would very much appreciate help.

NICOLE ET MARTIN CIRCUS AUGUST 21 – 25 Platt Fields Park, Manchester

This is a family circus that lasts just over 1 hour. We are planning to run a few games / races / sideshows for families who may arrive early for this. Helpers welcome – we will provide all the activities and games!

2 - 3pm Thurs 21, Fri 22, Sun 24, Mon 25; 6 – 7pm Sat 23

FRIENDS OF PLATT FIELDS PARK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**ONCE A MONTH VOLUNTEER AFTERNOONS in PLATT FIELDS PARK, FALLOWFIELD
THE 3RD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH EVERY MONTH Between 1-4pm**

Next ones: JULY 20; AUGUST 17; SEPT 21; OCT 19; NOV 16; DEC 21;

Meet at the boathouse by the lake

As part of our efforts to win back the Green Flag to Platt Fields AND BUILD TOWARDS THE PARK'S CENTENARY IN 2010, the Friends organise a volunteer activity afternoon every month (the 3rd Sunday). We do a mixture of gardening, water protection/management on the lake; art (sculpture/painting/mosaic/woodcarving etc; clearing; earth moving; activities with children ... And many others that suggest themselves ... (guerilla gardening etc)

All helpers very welcome .. Its **GOOD FUN, GOOD EXERCISE** and we provide all tools and equipment needed and refreshments. We suggest you wear old clothes.

Quality Living Scheme Volunteer Mentoring and Befriending Project



The Quality Living Scheme is a Manchester based volunteer project, which aims to improve the standard of life for residents of the Manchester Methodist Housing Association projects in South Manchester.

We are based in Hulme and presently work with 6 housing projects; and have 18 volunteers. Each project caters for residents with different support needs such as young single mothers, people with alcohol problems and people with mental health or mobility needs. As each project is so different volunteers will be able to support residents in a variety of ways from offering one to one befriending to organising group activities.

If you are interested in being involved register in the usual way and an application pack will be sent to you. A CRB check will be necessary for this opportunity. However, Criminal convictions do not exclude you from being involved with the scheme, only if the nature of the conviction deems you unsuitable for the particular placement you may be interested in.

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!



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 and further details will be sent to you.



MANCHESTER VOLUNTEERING DAY - Would You Like to Be Involved?

Dear Volunteer

Now is a really exciting time for volunteering in Manchester. 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

We have a provisional date of Tuesday August 19th 2008 with a provisional venue of Manchester Town Hall.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to present certificates and pin badges to those people who have been completing their forms and have undertaken 50, 100, 200, 300 or 500 hours. On the same day there will be lots of activities and you will be able to sign up for volunteering opportunities with a range of partners, have your CV created or updated, receive more information on volunteering as well as being able to access Advice and Guidance which look at your training options.

We would like Manchester Volunteering Day 2008 to be a massive success and bring many different agencies and volunteers together. However, we can't do it without your support. We believe that the event will be a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate the positive contribution that volunteers make and to promote volunteering opportunities.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting day then please register your interest by visiting the MEV website, calling the team on 0161 234 1530 or e-mailing info@mev.org.uk

Best Wishes

The Manchester Volunteering Day Team

USEFUL DOCUMENTS ON THE MEV WEBSITE

Why not have a look and keep yourself up to date with what is happening at MEV by looking at the Useful Documents section of our website www.mev.org.uk/community/documents. From here you can download a number of useful forms and documents.

DID YOU KNOW that if you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter or wish to receive it by e-mail you can contact us directly on 0161 234 1531 or e-mail info@mev.org.uk and we can remove your name from our mailing list. This will not only reduce wastage but will cut our monthly postage, printing and stationery costs.