

# THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

The New Children's Hospital Appeal is part of Central Manchester & Manchester Children's University Hospitals Charity. Registered charity number 1049274.

The New Children's Hospital Appeal is a £20million appeal, based on Oxford Road at Manchester Royal Infirmary. The appeal is raising funds to put the icing on the cake for the new children's hospital that's due to open in 2009. The money raised will ensure that the new hospital has the very best in facilities and equipment, as well as accommodation so that parents can stay close to their children when they're in hospital. The appeal has a busy couple of years ahead of them and they need your help!

**For starters, Saturday May 12th** will see the appeal holding Bob's Big Balloon Race – a city centre release of over 10,000 balloons into the skies above Manchester. As well as help on the day, we're looking for people to help promote the event and help get all of the balloons sponsored. We're currently looking for people to help sell balloons on the following dates:

**Saturday 28th April (10.00am – 4.00pm)**  
Selling balloons in the Trafford Centre

**Sunday 29th April (10.00am – 4.00pm)**  
Selling balloons in the Trafford Centre

**Saturday 5th May (10.00am – 4.00pm)**  
Selling balloons in the Trafford Centre

**Saturday 5th May (12noon - 3.00pm)**  
Handing out Balloon Leaflets in City Centre / Albert Square / Market Street

**Sunday 6th May (10.00am – 4.00pm)**  
Selling balloons at The Trafford Centre

**Saturday 12th May BALLOON RACE (11.00am – 3.30pm)**  
Selling balloons, collecting money and support the events team



**On Sunday May 20th**, Manchester City Centre will be awash with runners, as the Bupa Great Manchester Run takes over town. As the locally nominated charity for this year's run, The New Children's Hospital Appeal are looking for people to come along and cheer on the runners, many of whom will be raising funds for the appeal. If you're the running type, you may even want to join the race and raise funds. We only have a limited number of places left though – so get in there quick!

**Sunday 20th May GREAT MANCHESTER RUN (10.00am – 2.00pm) Manchester City Centre**  
Support Appeal runners along the route and co-ordinate after run celebrations and Charity Collections

If you want to find out more about volunteering for The New Children's Hospital Appeal, why not pop down to the upcoming Volunteer Open Day at the Renaissance Hotel (just off Deansgate) on:

**Sunday April 15th any time between 11am and 1pm.**

Have a cup of tea, a chat, and find out more about the appeal and the opportunities available.

If you are interested in volunteering please return the register of interest form or register on-line.

**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!

## Longford Park Festival

**Sunday 6th May 2007**

**Longford Park, Stretford, Manchester**

The Friends of Longford Park have worked closely with Walk the Plank, a professional arts organisation with extensive experience in creating and coordinating large-scale events including festivals and celebrations and for the past five years there has been a Festival in Longford Park. Our events have an excellent safety record and we aim to maintain this by ensuring the highest standards of public and staff safety at the Festival.



Walk the Plank worked with Friends of Longford Park steering group in 2000-2003 and have developed a comprehensive guide to managing an event. The Friends of Longford Park successfully managed their own Festivals in 2005 and 2006 and we are using the same process informed by evaluations of recent events to organise this year's event on 6 May.

Previous years have seen thousands of people attending our events and although this year will be different providing a platform for local community organisation/arts and crafts, we hope it will attract people from a wide area and from different cultural backgrounds. A chilled out event with acoustic musicians, arts and crafts, children's entertainment, environmental and local produce stalls, and raffle. The festival will be from 1200 to 1700 but volunteers may be required to arrive in the morning.

We need around 25 volunteers for the event. The tasks will consist of general stewarding duties - manning points of entry to the park, litter picking, supervising the performers, ensuring the public are safe. We will cover the costs of travel and refreshments. A badge will be supplied for identification as stewards and jackets if possible.

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## Bike Week

**16th - 24th June 2007**

Bike Week is the UK's annual event which celebrates cycling. This year's event takes place between 16 - 24 June and aims to encourage residents to incorporate cycling into their everyday lives thereby promoting a healthier lifestyle.

Various activities are planned to celebrate National Bike Week and most will be free to enter and suitable for novices and families. Attractions will range from organised cycle rides and tuition to cycle stunt displays, have-a-go activities and retail stalls. The highlight will be the Manchester Cycle Show (including the official opening of Manchester's Bike Week) in St Ann's Square on Saturday 16 June between 11.00am and 4.30pm.

Event organisers would welcome assistance from volunteers on Saturday 16 June from 10.00am to 5.00pm to assist with stewarding duties and distribution of information to visitors.

We require 10 volunteers, who would need to be physically able to stand for fairly long periods of time whilst distributing event programmes.

Volunteers will receive refreshments (bottled water + lunch pack), Travel Expenses and a Bike Week T-Shirt.

**Please only register your interest if you are serious about turning up.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

If you no longer wish to receive the monthly newsletter you can contact us directly on 0161 234 1531 or e-mail [info@mev.org.uk](mailto:info@mev.org.uk) and we can remove your name from our mailing list. This will not only reduce wastage but will our cut our monthly postage, printing and stationery costs.

### DID YOU KNOW?

If you are interested in any of the opportunities in this newsletter and would like to find out more, please return the register of interest or

e-mail [info@mev.org.uk](mailto:info@mev.org.uk)

## Salford Quays Jog

### Sunday 22nd April 2007



The Salford Quays Jog is a family fun jog that will see nearly 1,000 people tackling a 5km run around Salford Quays on Sunday 22nd April. Also taking place on the day will be a 2.5km Junior Jog and a 1 mile timed challenge event where people can race against the clock to see how fast they can complete a mile. All the participants will get warmed up by the Nike Shox Fitness experts.

At this event we expect over 500 participants and to ensure the event goes off without any problems the British Heart Foundation are looking for approximately 35 volunteers who will take on a variety of roles including the distribution of Goody bags and marshalling on the course.

All volunteers will be asked to attend between 9am and 1pm and will receive Travel Expenses up to £5 (Which will be paid on the day) A quality limited edition Event T-Shirt, Refreshments and 2 free entries for Family or Friends to participate in the event – That along with the knowledge you will be helping the Nations heart Charity raise over £20,000 to continue our fight against Heart Disease in Manchester.



Please register your interest in the usual way upon which the Event Manager, Dan Schofield, will be in touch with all the information you will require.

The Salford Quays Jog is being supported by the Lowry Outlet Mall, Manchester's only outlet shopping destination and Salford City Council.

**If you are interested in volunteering please return your register of interest form or register on-line.**

## Middlewich Folk and Boat Festival 2007

### 15th - 17th June 2007

We are a medium sized folk festival attracting an international audience and international artists. We run a three day event which this year is on 15-17 June. Alongside the folk festival, we run a boat rally which attracts up to 300 boats on the Trent and Mersey Canal.

The concerts take place in a large marquee at Civic Way, Middlewich, in the Civic Hall, British Legion and several pubs. Details of the concerts, artists and times are on the web site [www.midfest.org](http://www.midfest.org) We need approximately 50 volunteers for various duties, including stewarding at the venues (ticket taking and manning artists entrances and fire escapes). We also need people to help run our two camp sites and to help at the Boat Rally at an information point.

Full health and safety instructions are given and volunteers will be issued with high visibility jackets We can not pay expenses as we are a non-profit-making charity, but offer free camping over the weekend. We would like volunteers to work for around 4 hours a day. and they will then be given free access to concerts on the day they work.

**Please register your interest in the usual way**



## FREE Accredited Training for Volunteers from MANCAT

Do you volunteer on a regular basis? Would you like to gain a nationally accredited qualification whilst volunteering?

**Firstly, to be eligible for these training courses volunteers must meet the following criteria:**

- 1 Be aged 19 or above.
- 2 Should not already hold a Level 2 qualification (e.g. 5 GCSEs at grades A - C or a higher qualification).
- 3 Be prepared to volunteer on a regular basis for a minimum of 24 weeks
- 4 Be volunteering in a related role (i.e. regularly deal with customers to register for the Customer Service, Admin, Accounting or IT NVQ).

If so, you may be interested to learn that MANCAT is currently offering NVQ Level 2 training courses FREE of charge to local employers / voluntary organisations. MANCAT is providing this training in a number of different subject areas, including:

### **Customer Service**

Enables employees to give customers a positive impression of themselves and their organisation. Helps employees to deliver reliable customer service and to resolve customer service problems.

### **Business Administration**

Employees can select from a variety of modules, including:  
Managing diary systems, Spreadsheet, presentation, word processing software etc.

### **ITQ (A new IT focused “pick and mix” NVQ qualification)**

This qualification is tailor made to mirror the IT applications that employees use on a daily basis in the work place.

Modules include, Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, IT maintenance etc.

### **Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)**

Designed to provide a recognised qualification for support staff who work in accounting and finance. Includes ledger balances, making & recording payments etc.

Please register your interest in the usual way and a member of the business support team from MANCAT will be in contact with you.

[www.mancat.ac.uk](http://www.mancat.ac.uk) or [www.manchesternti.com](http://www.manchesternti.com)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES -OPEN TO MANCHESTER RESIDENTS ONLY, REGARDLESS OF AGE

**Courses available include:**

**ESOL**

**Basic IT**

**Basic Skills (reading and writing)**

Please note that, due to the limited nature of funding for this course, the organisation can only offer the opportunity to residents who live in the Manchester area only.

**Refreshments will be provided.** If you are interested, please return your register of interest stating which course/s you would prefer.

**On completion of this course, all volunteers will receive:**

a recognised qualification, a certificate from the awarding body and a special MEV certificate

Courses will take place at Manchester Town Hall.