

Be Part of One of the Biggest Events in Manchester this Summer!

Friday, 23rd May 2008

The first St Ann's Hospice Manchester Midnight Walk was an amazing night, raising more than £82,000 thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers who helped out last year.

The Manchester Midnight Walk is not only about raising money and awareness of St Ann's Hospice, but most importantly about having fun!

This year the walk starts at midnight on Friday 23rd May, once again from the City of Manchester Stadium – the home of Manchester City Football Club – and we are planning an even bigger and better event with entertainment before the walk plus a few celebrity faces to join in the excitement.

As well as walkers, a huge team of volunteers will be required to assist with registering walkers, issuing numbers and t-shirts and checking walkers in as they return plus issuing medals and goody bags. We are looking for volunteers who can help out from approximately 9.00pm until approximately 3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided and travel expenses can be paid.

The evening is guaranteed to be fun-filled with everyone sharing a mutual sense of achievement and the knowledge that all money raised will be used in the best way possible to develop our Inpatient, Day Therapy and Community Services at our sites in Heald Green, Little Hulton and at the Neil Cliffe Cancer Care Centre based at Wythenshawe Hospital.



We would love as many people as possible to join us and raise much needed funds for those living with life threatening illnesses in Greater Manchester, so if you think you may be able to help out we would be very pleased to hear from you.



THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Saturday 14th June 2008 – 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Volunteers needed...fill as many shopping bags as you can in ASDA

Help The New Children's Hospital Appeal pack customer's shopping bags at ASDA in Trafford Park, Dumplington on the Saturday 14th of June and raise much needed money for our cause.

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 for any volunteering helping out for 4 hours or more. **Go on get packing!!**

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



Depaul Trust Street Collections

Depaul Trust is a nation wide charity that houses young homeless people aged 16 – 25. We offer homeless and disadvantaged people the opportunity to fulfil their potential and move towards a positive and independent future in many supported accommodation projects in Manchester and around the country. Depaul Trust works with over 3,800 young people every year.

Depaul Trust was established in 1989 in response to the growing numbers of young people arriving on the streets of the capital. Emergency nightshelters, long stay hostels and shared housing were developed so that no young person had to sleep on the streets. Over time it was realised that these young people needed more than just their basic needs met. Depaul Trust expanded into providing specialised pre-employment training so these young people could start planning for their futures.

Depaul Trust reaches out to young people who have little hope for the future. By providing them with safe places to live and developing their employability and self-respect, we help them grow as citizens and establish positive links with their local communities. To find out more about Depaul Trust visit our website www.depaultrust.org

Depaul Trust is holding various street collections Manchester and Greater Manchester and we need as many volunteers as possible to help raise money.

Dates

Didsbury - Saturday 21st June

Rochdale - Saturday 13th September

Chorlton - Saturday 13th December

Oldham - Saturday 20th December

Manchester - Sunday 21st December

All volunteers will be provided with a t-shirt for the day. Depaul Trust will also reimburse the cost of travel by public transport to and from the collection. However, if you are disabled and need to use your car please inform the Depaul Trust.

If you are staying the whole day expenses for lunch will be provided by Depaul Trust. We do ask however if you can bring your own packed lunch and donate the cost of lunch to the collection. Hours are flexible so volunteers can give as much or as little time as they wish, from a couple of hours to all day.

Please register your interest and further details will be sent out to you.

City of Manchester 10K Run - Sport City

Sunday 6th July 2007 7.45am - 12 noon

We are looking for volunteers to assist in marshalling the event. Duties will mainly be out on the course, handing out water or similar roles.

We are not in a position to pay expenses but all volunteers will receive a packed lunch and a race T shirt.

The race starts at 9.30 a.m. (briefing at 7.45am)- Volunteers will be required until approx 12 noon - further details i.e. time of arrival, parking etc will be sent out nearer the time.

The venue is Sport City which will bring back memories for anyone who was a marshal at the Commonwealth Games.

If anyone wishes to RUN the race then we would be delighted to receive your entry form.

Please register in the usual way and further details will be sent to you.

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!

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.

Volunteers will have the chance to learn new skills, meet lots of great people and contribute to one of Manchester's biggest annual events.

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.

Jackie Crozier, festival manager of Manchester Pride, said: "Last year we had over 100 volunteers helping out across all areas of the festival. They play an integral part in the running of the event and without them; the festival just wouldn't be the same."

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.

Futuresonic 2008

Now in it's 12th year, Futuresonic, Manchester's urban festival of art music and ideas is back. Held from the 1 -5th May 2008 Futuresonic will see over 300 artists perform and exhibit in over 30 venues across the city.

A festival of this size needs reliable volunteers and can offer great opportunities to anyone who would be willing to get involved, roles will include helping out at our internationally recognised conference The Social Technologies Summit, stewarding at one of our many gigs, working at the Futuresonic Social (our free, new music event taking place in and around Contact Theatre), manning the Futuresonic Art Tour or running Thepublicspace a temporary structure to be built in Piccadilly Gardens, over the weekend there are countless chances to get involved and we are on the look out for hard-working and enthusiastic people who would like to volunteer over the festival weekend.

Volunteering at Futuresonic is a great chance to get valuable experience across different art forms at one of the most exciting and original festivals happening in the UK.

Please register in the usual way and further details will be sent to you.

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.

Arts About Manchester—Open City

Volunteers required!



Are you someone with a **passion for the arts** who enjoys attending a particular venue or art form? Do you have an **interest in people** and the world around you? Do you possess **empathy and understanding** of issues relating to individuals who feel they cannot attend the arts because of various barriers, who are therefore unable to benefit from what the arts can offer? **Would you be interested in playing a part in supporting such individuals**, to be able to encourage them into the arts and to enjoy this social activity that you find so valuable? If so, you may be interested in contacting Arts About Manchester (AAM) the audience development consortium for Greater Manchester.

AAM are currently looking for **eager people who are interested in becoming trained volunteer group leaders** for *Open City*. This scheme requires volunteers who are willing and able to undergo **one bi-monthly training session and to attend meetings at AAM with colleagues**. Volunteers must commit to a community group (which will be suitably paired with them and their interests) consisting of at least five people, for **six months**. During this time volunteers are expected to meet with their group and attend an arts venue between four and six times.

This volunteering post is not for the faint hearted. The role will most likely present many challenges and may be emotionally demanding; however it should also be **enjoyable and rewarding**, and volunteers will be highly respected by AAM. Volunteer expense will be provided



Proper Job Theatre Company

Board Members Required

Proper Job Theatre Company currently has a young, diverse and pro-active board, which we are looking to increase by 4/5 members. Proper Job has recently become a charity and works in the field of theatre & drama and creative development in education. Our aim is to:

Inspire and engender individual positive change through work in schools, the community and in theatres

Proper Job has quarterly meetings where the board are actively involved in shaping the company's future. For more information about Proper Job visit our website on www.properjob.org.uk

Travel expenses will be provided.

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

By the time you receive this newsletter we will 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 while volunteering.

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

- 1 Bus and Train travel expenses .
- 2 Where organisers can pay for car usage
- 3 Meals

Please note that there may be certain exclusions. Some organisations (e.g small charities) may be exempt from this policy and their case 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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