

FREE Accredited Training for Volunteers

Do you volunteer on a regular basis? Would you like to gain a nationally accredited qualification whilst volunteering? 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 NVQ Level 2
Team Leader NVQ Level 2
Business Administration NVQ Level 2
Professional Cookery NVQ Level 2
Multi-Skilled Hospitality NVQ Level 2
Cleaning and Support Services NVQ Level 2
Food and Drink NVQ Level 2

To be eligible for these training courses volunteers must meet the following criteria:

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

What about Skills for Life?

Some volunteers may benefit from additional support in literacy and numeracy or may wish to achieve a Skills for life qualification to gain recognition for the skills they already have. We can help identify problem areas and provide support they might need to improve basic skills as part of the Skills for Life national strategy for improving adult literacy, numeracy and language.



Tatton Mere, Tatton Park, Knutsford at 6.00am, Sunday 8th June 2008

The first annual Tatton Park triathlon is being held on Sunday 8th June 2008 and we require volunteers to help make the event a success. The experience of those of you who have been involved with the Salford or London triathlon will be invaluable, however not essential. We just ask you to encourage all the athletes, be willing to help out on the day and you will have a great day. The charity to benefit from the event is Macmillan Cancer relief.

We are looking to recruit about 40 marshals for the day and the Marshal briefing will take place at 6.00am at Tatton Mere, Tatton Park. The event should finish at approximately 2.00pm. The benefits to volunteers will include a quality Tatton Park Triathlon T shirt, A packed lunch will be provided at the start of the day and travel expenses. Since there will be no public transport to Tatton car mileage expenses will be paid and we encourage car sharing for your friends who perhaps don't have their own transport. As a marshal entrance to the park and parking is free.

For further information please visit our website at www.tattontriathlon.co.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!



Long Term Opportunity

Volunteers required for a local disability charity's new office IT project

Manchester's oldest charity, Disabled Living, urgently requires volunteers who have basic IT skills and are comfortable on the phone to help our charity on a vital project. We have a new in-house central database that is essential for developing our front-line services for disabled people across the region.

This project involves finding new contact details through our old database and/or Google or Yell.com. Volunteers will then phone the contact person/organisation directly to confirm their details and enter these on the new database.

This updated data will make a big difference to our charity's income generation and you can be a part of this crucial project!

Expenses: Travel expenses 25p per mile for car and £10 max daily travel & subsistence allowance

Training: Training on new database & internet searches will be offered by our IT support officer. Telephone training by Project Co-ordinator

RNLI Manchester Beach Party

12-14 June 2008 Exchange Square



Come and join Manchester's biggest beach party! The RNLI are holding a series of beach themed events in and around Exchange Square in the city centre from 12-14 June. The RNLI Beach Lifeguards will be there with their fantastic VW Camper Van Roadshow and the events offer something for everyone. We are looking for volunteers to fulfil a number of roles throughout the event – please see below for more information about specific roles:

Thursday 12 June Surf's Up Fashion Show with the RNLI Beach Lifeguards, Exchange Square

Volunteers required: · Marshall spectators, collect money in Manchester city centre

RNLI Beach Party, Waxy O'Connor's

Volunteers required: · Collect money on the door and in the Printworks ·

Attend the party! Friday 13 June RNLI Inflatable Beach Volleyball Championships, Exchange Square

Volunteers required: · Marshall participants, collect money around the city centre, evening volunteers required to collect around the MEN Arena.

Saturday 14 June RNLI Beach Family Fun Day, Exchange Square

Volunteers required: · Wear the RNLI Stormy Stan suit and collect money, provide facepainting in the RNLI facepainting area, collect money around the city centre, marshal participants in Surf/Jetski simulators, recruit participants for Surf/Jetski simulators.

By offering your time to the RNLI you can directly contribute to the essential lifesaving service offered by our volunteer crews. Those crews rescued an average of 22 people per day last year at a cost of up to £5,800 per launch. Volunteer support is the only way that the RNLI can continue to maintain its 'ring of safety' around the British Isles. Get involved today – have some fun and support the RNLI!

Expenses will be provided.

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This will not only reduce wastage but will cut our monthly postage, printing and stationery costs.