



FREE MEV T-SHIRT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Dear Volunteers

Within this month's newsletter we have included our 2006 questionnaire which aims to update our records on your personal details and volunteering activity. Although it



requests some information that you have provided previously, some of those details may now have changed. More importantly, it is an opportunity for you to "have your say" about MEV and make suggestions for improvement. **This information you provide is for our use only and will not be passed on to third parties, and will help us with new funding which will allow us to continue to provide you with volunteering opportunities**

As a way of saying thank you for taking part, a FREE, limited edition T-shirt with the logo "Volunteers Do It Better" will be dispatched to you within two weeks of receiving your completed form. You can indicate which size you would prefer (S / M / L / XL / XXL) at the end of the questionnaire

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete *all* of the questions so we have an accurate picture of what you are currently doing and to ensure that you can access your up to date personal records and get the best possible benefits from Manchester Event Volunteers.

We have also included two copies of the reward and recognition form for you to keep and complete at your leisure, please read the attached notes on how this will work. If you need any help completing the information or have any questions, you can call us on 0161 234 1530. Your views are very important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

FIRST AID AND HEALTH & SAFETY COURSES

Are you interested in taking part in First Aid and Health and Safety Courses?

We will be running courses in December 2006 and January 2007 and would like to find out who is interested in taking part.

Please bear in mind that these courses cost a lot of money but we provide them to you for free. Only apply for these if you are serious about taking part. If you do not turn up we not only lose a place but another volunteer is denied taking part.

If you are interest in taking part please return your register of interest form or register on-line.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

At www.mev.org.uk you can register for the service and for events, chat to each other in the forums, upload you event photos, download documents, check out the latest news, search for jobs/

ENGLISH NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

VENUE: The Velodrome, Sportcity, Manchester

DATE: 2nd – 4th February 2007

The English National Badminton Championships is one of the premier domestic badminton events and will feature some of the top players in the world. If you wish to be a part of this years championships as a volunteer, please register your interest in the usual way.

SHIFTS

Friday 2nd Feb –	Shift 1: 9.00am-4.00pm	Shift 2: 3.30pm-10.00pm
Sat 3rd Feb –	Shift 1: 9.00am-5.00pm	Shift 2: 5.00pm-10.00pm
Sun 4th Feb -	Shift 1: 12noon-8.00pm	



ROLES per shift

Scoreboard Operators x6, Shuttle Squad x2, Stewarding team x15, Programme Sellers x3, Results Assistants x3, Line judges x40, Court Maintenance x6

Uniform

You are required to wear black trousers/skirt or tracksuit bottoms with no visible logos. You will also receive: Championships t-shirt, MCC bag, Lockers are available for your personal belongings.

Refreshments

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

Unfortunately no expenses will be paid.

Chorlton Workshop



Long term opportunity

Chorlton Workshop is a community adult education centre offering a first step into education for unwaged adults with no previous further education qualifications. It is aimed towards people who are disadvantaged or discriminated against and would be unlikely or unable to take up provision at a bigger college. We prioritise people who are unwaged or low waged, people who do not already have qualifications and people needing childcare for children under 5. We offer free classes in a small scale friendly environment with individual support from our volunteers and guidance from our student support workers. We provide the opportunity for people who have missed out to gain the confidence, basic skills and information to move on to further education, training, paid or voluntary work.



We are looking to recruit volunteers to support our Basic Skills students. Volunteers will support students in our Numeracy & Literacy workshops, Dyslexia Support Workshop (Thursday evening) and Level 1 & 2 Literacy course. We expect volunteers themselves to have a reasonable level of basic skills however, more importantly; we are looking for individuals with excellent listening and interpersonal skills. The centre is easy to get to and well served by public transport with ample car parking. All volunteers are fully supported and training is given, volunteers can also claim for any travel expenses.

We are also looking for volunteers to work in our small friendly crèche. You do not need to have qualifications in child care but must be willing to under go a CRB check. If you enjoy working with children, please register your interest in the usual way.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO see a particular item or section in the newsletter or on the website?

Log on to **WWW.MEV.ORG.UK** and let us know what you would like featured.

NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

11—18 February 2007

Once again the National Squash Champs are to be held at The National Squash Centre, Sportcity, Manchester from Sunday 11th February to Sunday 18th February 2007. Volunteers are required for: Accreditation, Ticketing processing, Stewarding, Programme & merchandise selling, Court maintenance/management, VIP suit

If you wish to be a part of this years championships as a volunteer, please register your interest in the usual way.

Uniform

You are required to wear black trousers/skirt or tracksuit bottoms with no visible logos. You will also receive: Championships t-shirt, MCC bag, Lockers are available for your personal belongings.

Refreshments

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

Shifts

Date	Shift 1	Shift 2
Sun 11th Feb	12.30pm-6pm	N/A
Mon 12th Feb	10.30am-4.00pm	3.30pm-8.30pm
Tues 13th Feb	10.30am-4.00pm	3.30pm-8.30pm
Wed 14th Feb	10.30am-4.00pm	3.30pm-8.30pm
Thur 15th Feb	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-11.30pm
Fri 16th Feb	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-11.30pm
Sat 17th Feb	10.30am-5.00pm	4.30pm-11.30pm
Sun 18th Feb	10.30am-7.30pm	N/A



Please note that shifts are only approx finishing times as games can either finish earlier or run late.

Unfortunately no expenses will be paid

Cancer Research UK Relay For Life Volunteering Opportunity



Do you want to make a difference? Then get involved with Relay For Life!

Relay For Life is a volunteer-led community event where teams of people camp out overnight and take it in turns to walk around a track for up to 24-hours. At Relay For Life we unite as a community to celebrate the lives of Cancer Survivors, remember loved one, raise awareness of cancer and celebrate fundraising efforts.

YOU can help us make a difference by volunteering with Cancer Research UK and starting your communities own Relay For Life.

As a Relay For Life chairperson you'll be committed, organised and confident chairing meetings. Willing to recruit, motivate and manage other volunteers.

You will receive full Relay For Life training and support from your dedicated Staff Partner.

Please register your interest in the usual way or for further information visit www.relayforlife.org.uk.

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 a range of training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!

Withington Hospital Stroke Club

Withington Hospital Stroke Club are looking for volunteers to help our disabled members at our monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of the month and when we go on outings, on a Saturday approximately every two months.

This is an opportunity for you to learn how to handle and care for disabled people whilst having the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped them to enjoy their day out.

Duties involve amongst other things, assisting members with walking, pushing wheelchairs and helping with their meals.

Unfortunately we are unable to pay expenses at the moment though this position may change in the future.

If you are interested in joining our friendly club please register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you.



Children in Need collection at Homebase, Altrincham

The total so far collected is £4,258.21 and more to be counted. MEV would like to say a very big thank you to Alma and all the volunteers involved.

MEV Merchandise coming soon!

We will shortly be introducing a range of exciting MEV branded merchandise for sale on our website

www.mev.org.uk

The merchandise will include **t-shirts**, jackets, **bags**, **pin badges**, **pens** and mugs, be sure to check the website often!

Clayton Vale Halloween Howler Saturday, 28th October 2006 7-9 pm

I would like to say a very big thank you, on behalf of the Friends of Clayton Vale, to the volunteers who attended our event. As last year their help was invaluable. It seems that even more people attended this year, around 770, so we must be getting it right.

A lot of hard work goes into organising all our events and it is all worth while when we see the faces of the children who come and enjoy themselves. None of this would not be possible without the help and support of people like the Event Volunteers.

Please convey our appreciation.

Best wishes

Lynn
Secretary
Friends of Clayton Vale



DID YOU KNOW? Sometimes event organisers are massively oversubscribed for events, but we ask them to send you a letter if you are NOT required. We believe this is a matter of courtesy and to ensure that you know your interest in that particular event is appreciated. If you do not receive confirmation or letters which informs you that your services are not required, please let us know as we can improve this procedure.

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