



## Experience Volunteering



### Who are we?

Experience Volunteering is a new support and information service for those who live in the East Manchester Community. Experience is based at East Manchester Community Forum on Mill Street close to Alan Turing Way/Ashton Old Road.

### What we do?

Experience provides support for people wanting to access flexible Volunteering and enhance their skills and development. This also includes providing support and information for those wanting to access employment, training and support through Volunteering.

Experience delivers support to local groups in East Manchester, this can include training and self-assessment for groups and organization that involve Volunteers or thinking of involving Volunteers. We will help tailor a package of Volunteer good practice, resources, policies and procedures to help you become an effective volunteering organisation.

To find out more about Volunteering in your community contact 0161 220 8600 or email [volunteering@eastmanchestercommunity.net](mailto:volunteering@eastmanchestercommunity.net)

## Bury Hospice Processing and Distribution Centre



We have recently acquired an industrial unit, behind ASDA in Radcliffe, which will become the processing and distribution centre to supply stock to our shops.

We need volunteers to support us. You will be involved with receiving donations, processing including sorting, stock selection, steaming, hanging and tagging, out sorting valuable items, racking and boxing the stock for transfer to the shops

Full training will be given and the centre is easy to get to and well served by public transport with ample car parking. This vital role will assist the Hospice to maximise all the donated clothes and household goods by keeping our shops supplied with quality stock that can be placed directly onto the shop floor for sale.

Want to gain valuable experience and help Bury Hospice – then register today.

**Please note this is a long term opportunity.**

### Reward and Recognition

**Please note: due to lack of space we are unable to include any more information about Reward and Recognition this month, we hope to be able to include it in the November edition.**

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)

### DID YOU KNOW?

At [www.mev.org.uk](http://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/



## Poppy Appeal

### Could you Become a Poppy Person Today?

Due to the falling numbers in collectors over the last several years we are in urgent need of volunteers to join our team of collectors and help the Royal British Legion annual Poppy Appeal to keep on growing in your area!!

A single collector is able to collect up to £100 in just two hours, so new recruits are vital source of much-needed funds for the Legion's welfare work. Which is used to provide financial, social and emotional support to those who have served, and are currently serving in our Armed Forces and their dependants.

The Poppy Appeal is so important, it's not only about remembrance and recognition but about honouring the countless men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and about helping the thousands of ex-Service people who need our help TODAY. Without collectors we are unable to keep on growing, so please join us today and keep the Poppy alive in your area.

**If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please register your interest in the usual way.**



## Haigh Hall Bonfire and Firework Spectacular in aid of Wigan and Leigh Hospice

**Sunday 5th November 5.30pm - 8.00 pm Haigh Country Park, Wigan**

We are hoping to attract a family audience of between 2000-2500 people to the park, where a professional firework display will be set off (22 minutes choreographed to music), a bonfire will be lit (built by our park wardens) and we will have a celebrity performance by local pop singer Lauren Waterworth.

We require volunteers for this event to ensure it's success, helping to park cars, man the bonfire (which will have barriers all around), sell raffle tickets in aid of the hospice, walk around with buckets collecting money for the hospice, manning the entrance and taking tickets (all tickets will be either pre-bought or bought from information centre on the night).

**Unfortunately, travel expenses will not provided as this is a charity event. However, a meal will be provided on the night.**

## Event Attendance

During recent months we have noticed that there has been an increased number of incidences of volunteers who show interest in an event but do not turn up. Although we are aware that in the majority of cases this is due to unexpected commitments we do still ask that where possible, you contact someone at the office or the event organiser to let someone know. As our events are often very popular and have limited spaces we do ask that you only put your name forward if you are certain you are able to attend, otherwise it means that someone else will miss out on the opportunity and also means the volunteers that do attend will have to do more work and have less breaks.

**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.

## Quays Santa Dash 2006

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9am - 2pm Salford Quays**



The Quays Santa Dash is a new family fun jog that will see hundreds of people dressed up as Santa's running 3km's around Salford Quays.

The sight of hundreds of Santa's all running together to raise money for the British Heart Foundation will be a great spectacle. We have added in loads of extra activities to make the day as entertaining as possible.

At this event we expect over 1,000 Santa's 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 marshaling on the course.

All volunteers will be required to volunteer between 9am and 2.30pm and will receive Travel Expenses up to £5 (Which will be paid on the day) A quality limited edition British Heart Foundation T-Shirt, Refreshments and 2 free entries for Family or Friends to participate in the event – All volunteers will also get, Reindeer Ears and a Santa Suit to Keep.



Please register your interest in the usual way and more information will be sent to you.

The Quays Santa Dash is being supported by the Lowry Outlet Mall, Manchester's only outlet shopping destination.

**If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please register your interest in the usual way.**

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OUTLET MALL  
FAMOUS BRANDS  
DISCOUNT SHOPPING  
SALFORD QUAYS

## Indian Social and Sports Centre Long term opportunity



The birth of Indian Social and Sports Centre was the brain child of a few philanthropic individuals who thought that ethnic community is missing out on personal welfare available to them through various local and Government sponsored enterprise through the lack of education and language difficulties.

The main objectives of the centre are provision, in the interest of social welfare, of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities among members of the Indian community. In particular, among those who are elderly, disabled and socially isolated, with the object of improving their condition of life. To provide information and advice to individuals, tackle racial discrimination and promote racial harmony and equality. It was felt that issues facing elderly people in today's modern society and fast changing Government and Local Authority Policies, we need a place where they can meet regularly and avail themselves to all the essential services they deserve.

**We require volunteers to help with various roles, such as:**

Driving, Help with senior citizens and moving equipment.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide expenses. However, we will provide a meal when volunteering.

**If you are interested in volunteering for this opportunity please return your register of interest form or register on-line and more information 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 a range of training opportunities with local colleges, leading to further qualifications and, if needed, help with finding a job!

**Clayton Vale Halloween Howler**  
**Saturday, 28th October 2006 7-9 pm**  
**Please note the change of date**  
**from original advert**



Groundwork require volunteers for the annual event on Clayton Vale, the Halloween Howler.

We need volunteers to carry out duties such as:-

Stewarding the route, helping out at the food counter, helping out manning the games organised by the Friends of Clayton Vale, helping out clearing away all the props, helping out guiding people to correct route (please state which role you would prefer).

It would be great if you could come in fancy dress to add to the atmosphere.

This event is a walk in the dark onto Clayton Vale, therefore volunteers need to bring torches.

The Friends of Clayton Vale provide food and refreshments on the night and a flat rate of £5 will be paid for expenses. The event runs from 7-9pm approximately therefore we would need volunteers from 5.30 to 9.30pm.

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

## Young Volunteers

If you are between 14 – 25 and live in Manchester then Manchester Youth Volunteering Project (MYVP) can help you get involved in your community doing something that you enjoy.

We can help young people look at what opportunities are out there, consider the type of thing they might be interested in and support them through any volunteering they choose to do.

We can offer lots of opportunities from working with animals to virtual volunteering through the internet



### 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](http://www.mev.org.uk)

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



## BURY HOSPICE MIDNIGHT WALK

### 9th September 2006

Bury Hospice would like to thank all the Manchester Event Volunteers who showed interest and supported us at the above event.

The Midnight Walk was a huge success and we will be holding another one next year.

Many Thanks

**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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