

Dunlop British Open Squash

18 - 24 September 2007

National Squash Centre, Sportcity

Volunteers are required for the following roles:

Accreditation Officer, Access Steward, Court Maintenance, VIP Liaison, Programme Seller

Shifts

Date	Shift 1	Shift 2
Tues 18th Sep	10.00am – 4.00pm	3.30pm – 10.00pm
Weds 19th Sep	10.00am – 4.00pm	3.30pm – 10.00pm
Thur 20th Sep	8.00am – 2.30pm	2.00pm – 10.00pm
Fri 21st Sep	8.00am – 2.30pm	2.00pm – 10.00pm
Sat 22nd Sep	8.00am – 2.30pm	2.00pm – 10.00pm
Sun 23rd Sep	8.00am – 2.30pm	2.00pm – 10.00pm
Mon 24th Sep	12.00pm – 5.00pm	4.30pm – 10.00pm

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

Unfortunately no expenses will be paid.

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.

Car parking: Cars can be parked up on the football stadium concourse, access via gate 11 (next to Visitors centre). Car parking is free of charge.

The Dunlop British Open – Manchester 2007 is the most prestigious and longest-established event in world squash, it will be staged at the National Squash Centre, Sportcity, Manchester and will feature the world's leading male and female players, as well as a full programme of Masters events.



Let's Get Going! – Advice and Guidance at Your Local Library

If you're on benefits, or not working, it can be hard to get going. Manchester's Libraries have teamed up with the Adult Education Service to offer free, friendly advice and guidance from the comfort of your library. You may feel you need help choosing what job you'd like to do, advice on how to do a good application, or help getting ready for an interview. You can get together with an advisor to draw up an action plan tailored to your needs. This isn't a one-off service - your advisor will get to know you and be there for you all the way.

It's practical help too: if you need a CV or help with an application, your advisor can help. If you want to brush up on your reading, writing or job skills, he or she can help you find suitable training. Together, you can help work out where your strengths lie, boost your confidence and increase your chances of success.

What **Let's Get Going** does for you depends on what you need. Your advisor can help you find out about benefits such as tax credits you may still be able to claim when you're working, organise a voluntary work placement, so you can dip your toe in the water before you jump in. Whatever work or training needs you have, **Let's Get Going** will support you every step of the way.

So **Let's Get Going!** Register your interest with MEV and we will provide you with more information.

Wythenshawe Park Spooky Night

Wednesday 31st October, Halloween

5.30 – 8.30pm (last entry at 8pm) - Volunteers needed from: 4pm – 9.30pm

A large event for the park with an expected audience of around 3,000+. Visitors will queue in front of Wythenshawe Hall (where there will be some fairground rides and entertainers) then come into the Hall gardens to take part in a Spooky Trail. They will meet characters along the way and will be able to watch a local dancing school performing 'Thriller' and other Halloween dance numbers. Other volunteers connected with the park (e.g. The wardens, Leisure staff from other departments, friends and family) will be dressing up as the characters on the evening. There will be a buzzing atmosphere with everyone mucking in!

Volunteers needed for: General stewarding of event (directing people, helping to manage crowds etc.), manning a base for St John's Ambulance, directing people where to park

Number of volunteers needed: 10

Facilities: Free car parking, Bus stops nearby, refreshments provided (e.g. Sandwich, hot drinks), a break built into the evening.

Volunteers would arrive at 4pm for a briefing with Ali, who is leading the event overall and will be the main point of contact.

Volunteers would be gathered together at a pre-arranged time at the end of the event. Part of this would be for personal safety reasons, to make sure that no one was going to the car park or walking through the park on their own.

Expenses will be paid through MEV.

Community Catalysts Be Part of the Volunteer Generation

Are you aged 16-25 and looking to make a real impact in Manchester?

Who Are WE?

CSV (Community Service Volunteers) is the UK's leading volunteering charity. We are working with BBC Radio Manchester, youth volunteering charity V and Tesco to help you get involved with our new and exciting project - Community Catalysts.

How Can you Get Involved?

The project is looking for pro-active, creative volunteers between the ages of 16-25 who want to get involved in local events. Our next big event is the Oxjam Music Festival; a live rock and acoustic event taking place in various venues on Oxford Road on the 4th October. Young people are needed to help out on the day as stewards, promotional assistants and with stage management.

Want to Run Your Own Project?

We are also recruiting young people to work as part of our team, co-ordinating local events in their area. So, if you want to design and run your own project the Community Catalyst Project wants to help make your ideas happen!

Volunteer's expenses will be reimbursed and you will receive free access to all events.



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 Neighbourhood Care Groups Association



The Neighbourhood Care Groups Association consists of seven individual schemes working collectively to meet the needs of older people in South Manchester. The Neighbourhood Care Groups Association aims to sensitively deliver a friendly, fair and safe service supporting older people using volunteers to provide social contact and general support within the homes of older residents in communities in South Manchester.

The Neighbourhood Care Groups Association will support both the needs of volunteers and older people involved with the Neighbourhood Care Groups Association schemes by providing volunteers with appropriate resources to deliver general support and ensure the safety of those using support services.

What do we do?

Weekly phone calls to people who are house-bound, driving, visiting, lunch clubs and classes, caring for Carers, wheelchair pushing, odd Jobs, emergency shopping

Why Volunteer?

A volunteer can hope to receive:

A CRB check free of charge, specialist training when appropriate, a comprehensive induction pack explaining exactly what is involved, support from the individual care groups as well as other volunteers, specialist support when required, a sense of community within the organisation, a safe and welcoming working environment which nurtures and develops your skills, unforgettable experiences, opportunities to work alongside dedicated health care professionals, a chance to make a difference to someone's life.

An information day has been arranged for 31st October, the Britannia Hotel on Palatine Road in Northenden. Please register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you.

Child and Adolescent Support Team

The Romania Appeal was originally created in 2003 in order to provide the children at the Casa Lumini Centre with the one-to-one attention volunteers can provide whilst at the centre, as well as funding for long term projects. Another aim was to provide volunteers with the life changing experience to see how empty and desperate the children's lives would be without the centre. Since 2004 we have managed to raise just over £55,000, which has enabled the existence of a Family Home and is contributing towards the new Respite Care Home.



Nearly 300 volunteers have now been to the centre in Romania and 2006 has been another incredible year as it has seen the beginnings of the Respite Care Home and the start of the Intensive Interaction Outreach Programme. Many of the volunteers who go to the centre find their experience so amazing they go to the Centre as much as they can, and raise much more than the £300 we ask for. As a result, in October 2004 the charity was able to adopt 14 orphans and give them a permanent loving home and family for life.

The Appeal is run largely voluntarily. Through the Romania Appeal you can get front line work experience with children with special needs and give the children joy and happiness just by playing with them. Join our dedicated community of volunteers to get experience in your field and help those in desperate need!

There are 8 trips a year, which are between 9 and 16 days long and all training will be provided.

For more information please visit the CAST website www.cast-uk.com or attend the information day on 17th November. Please register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you. A CRB check will be necessary for this volunteering opportunity.

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.

THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Celebrities!! Where?? There!!

On the 20th of September a host of celebrities are joining forces and supporting The New Children's Hospital Appeal in their quest to complete a 12 hour street collection (7am – 7pm) in Manchester city centre.

But...they need your help!!

The New Children's Hospital Appeal needs volunteers to smile and wave their buckets to help collect as much money as possible for their 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.

Refreshment will be available throughout the day and travel and parking expenses up to £5 will be reimbursed.

So please join the stars and help make a difference!!

Thank you for supporting The New Children's Hospital Appeal!!

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the opportunities in this newsletter please return your register of interest form or register on-line.

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If you have any friends who are not receiving the newsletter, this is probably due to them not completing the questionnaire. Please can you ask that they complete the questionnaire and return to MEV Office as soon as possible? If they require a copy of the questionnaire please contact the office.

MEV Merchandise now on-line!

We have now introduced a range of exciting MEV branded merchandise for sale on our website

www.mev.org.uk

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

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