

The Manchester Histories Festival

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March 2009

Manchester Town Hall

Bringing together the People of Manchester to Celebrate the Histories of Manchester.

We are inviting everyone interested in the fantastic history of Manchester to come along and celebrate it. Friday will be concentrating on schools' work and Saturday is for everyone.

The day will include; exhibitions, film shows, music, lectures, meet the expert, guided walks and more. visit www.manchestehistoriesfestival.org.uk for more information. We need volunteer help to make this successful, both before, during and after the festival.

Roles Before The Festival Will Include:

- Events Co-ordinator** - Taking pre-bookings for the events taking place. Starting in February shift patterns are flexible, but half day a week commitment is essential.
- Exhibition Co-ordinator** - Logging exhibition content and placement in County Archives. 16- 20 March shift patterns are flexible, but half day commitment is essential.

Roles At the festival Will Include:

- Set Up** - Friday 20 March. Please bear in mind there will be a lot of lifting.
- Meet and greet** - All day Friday and Saturday
- Recycling** - All day Friday and Saturday to help tidy up the exhibition areas.
- Events Coordinator** - All day Friday and Saturday to help with bookings for events on the day.
- Room Coordinator** - All day Friday and Saturday to help look after the exhibition room
- Walking Help Points** - All day Friday and Saturday helping members of the public with enquiries.
- De-rig** - Saturday 4.00pm - 7.00pm. Please bear in mind there will be a lot of lifting.

After the event

- Exhibition Coordinator** - organising the return of exhibitions after the festival 23 - 27 March half a day commitment is essential.

All reasonable travel costs and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please register in the usual way.

Manchester Refugee Support Network

MRSN is a refugee-led charity based in Moss Side, Manchester. We work to build strong and independent refugee organisations and give people the information they need to settle/ build new lives. Our work focuses on development of refugee organisations, advice and orientation, and advocacy.

We are looking for volunteers for the following projects:

- advocacy work to help asylum seekers and refugees access health and social care services and to support new refugees to deal with practical issues and integration. Bilingual volunteers who speak refugee community languages are particularly needed. A commitment of half day as and when needed is essential
- community development work supporting refugee community organisations. A commitment of 5 hours a week for 6 months is essential.

All training necessary and out of pocket expenses will be provided.

THE MANCHESTER LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK

**Do you have an interest in health and social care services and want your voice to be heard?
Then become a member of the Manchester Local Involvement Network (LINK)**

The Manchester Local Involvement Network (LINK) is an exciting new system, which allows volunteers from the local community to have their say in the way in which health/social care services are delivered.

As a volunteer of the LINK you will be

Finding out what people in the community want , investigating issues that people raise , use its statutory powers, when needed, to hold services to account

Why join the LINK?

Because service providers have started to recognise that services tend to improve if people's views are listened to and acted upon. The LINK will provide a way of telling the people who purchase, provide and manage your local services what you think is working and what isn't, as well as suggesting ideas for improving existing services.

Since April 2008 the LINK has been run by a self appointed board which was necessary in order for decisions to be made and some work to begin. However, this was only ever a transitional arrangement and in October the board will stand down and hand over the reigns to a new, elected board.

Details are still being finalised but the board will be made up of elected individuals, organisations and community groups reflecting the diversity of the city of Manchester.

If you think you have what it takes to be a member of the board of Manchester LINK, we want to hear from you! You need to be able to commit to 3-4 hours per week and attend monthly meetings.

The board will lead on the work of the LINK and it is vital that the board is truly representative of the population so applications from minority groups are particularly encouraged.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have recently changed address, e-mail or phone number please let us know and we can update your details on our central database.

This will ensure that you can be contacted easily when you register for an activity or event.

SUPER NEW PROJECTS AT SHAKESPEARE HOUSE

28th July 2008 onwards

Shakespeare House is an innovative community centre in Fallowfield / Whalley Range. We run activities for youth, women, ethnic minorities and the elderly. Volunteers are needed for coordinating activities, marketing, research, administration and generally having a great time!

Our key projects include:

GameSchool

Gameschool is a radical new concept designed to help young people improve their educational and people skills by...playing games.

DiversiTour

DiversiTour is a tour of equality and diversity of Manchester. People get to visit organisations that work with a range of communities and individuals.

If you are interested in learning more about the centre and our other activities such as English Village, Yoga for the Elderly, Arabic for Children, Tuition for KS3 & KS4 etc. then register your interest in the usual way.

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!

Why Age Concern South Manchester Needs Volunteers

We provide an extensive and imaginative range of services and activities to enable older people (50+) to make more of life. These include:

Home from hospital service, a busy day care centre, community lead Ageing Well clubs, our residential home, age Concern shops



How Can You Help?

We need your help:

To offer friendship and support to older people using our "Home from Hospital service", to help staff provide our day care service for frailer older people, as a driver or escort for our minibus, to offer new learning opportunities for older people in our "Ageing Well" clubs, by sharing your knowledge, skills or passion in a particular subject, to offer friendship and support to older people in our residential home, to help staff in our charity shops.

Who Can Volunteer?

To join our team of volunteers, you must be:-

Able to spare as little as 4 hours per week during the daytime or evening, reliable and responsible
Committed to the well-being of older people

For most of the volunteering opportunities available, you do not need formal qualifications or previous experience, as training and support are provided for you.

What Do Volunteers Get Out of it?

Satisfaction knowing that you've made a positive difference in someone's life, valuable and rewarding experience for work and life, Opportunities to use existing skills and to learn new ones, opportunities to make new friendships, a friendly and welcoming organisation, Role specific training and on-going support.

WHY NOT LET US SET UP YOUR OWN UNIQUE MEV E-MAIL ADDRESS

How would you like your own unique Manchester Event Volunteers e-mail address? You could have your.name@volunteersdoitbetter.org.uk. For more information contact the MEV team.

QUALITY LIVING SCHEME

Volunteer Mentoring and Befriending Project Long Term Opportunity



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The Quality Living Scheme is a Manchester based volunteer project, which aims to improve the standard of life for residents of the Manchester Methodist Housing Association projects in South Manchester.

We are based in Hulme and presently work with 6 housing projects; and have 18 volunteers. Each project caters for residents with different support needs such as young single mothers, people with alcohol problems and people with mental health or mobility needs. As each project is so different volunteers will be able to support residents in a variety of ways from offering one to one befriending to organising group activities.

If you are interested in being involved register in the usual way and an application pack will be sent to you. A CRB check will be necessary for this opportunity. However, Criminal convictions do not exclude you from being involved with the scheme, only if the nature of the conviction deems you unsuitable for the particular placement you may be interested in.

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.

Professional Behaviour Whilst Attending Events - Reminder

All volunteers have a responsibility to behave professionally at all times. If you travel to and from the venue in uniform you will be highly visible as a representative of the event. You must, therefore, ensure that you present yourself in a professional manner at all times.

Whilst in uniform and at your venue you must not:

eat, smoke or chew gum in view of the general public

ask for autographs or take photographs

consume alcohol (other than at designated staff functions)

Please be aware that bullying, obscenities, offensive language and offensive/inappropriate jokes are unacceptable at the venue or with your work colleagues.

Anne Frank + You - Exhibition 7th November - 18th December

Stockport Art Gallery is looking to develop a team of volunteers to assist visitors and groups who attend the exhibition. Volunteers will receive training about the story of Anne Frank and how her experiences and diary entries relate to issues in Britain today. We are asking volunteers to commit to a minimum of two, but preferably four or more hours per week. Volunteers are not expected to be experts but an interest in the subject would be helpful.

The exhibitions 'Anne Frank (+ You)' and 'Anne Frank & Family', provide an excellent opportunity for visitors and volunteers to develop a real understanding of the Anne Frank story as told through her diary and through the lens of her father's camera.

Volunteers will gain experience of working alongside staff at Stockport Art Gallery and may be given the opportunity to extend their volunteering at additional heritage sites in Stockport. Certificates will be awarded to each volunteer to acknowledge their valuable contribution.

PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO LIMITED BUDGETS, EXPENSES MAY NOT BE PAID

STOCKPORT
ART GALLERY

UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - 2008

Some of you will remember that we sent out a questionnaire in November 2006 to update our records on your personal details and volunteering activity.

We did this to make sure that you still wanted to be involved with MEV and could be contacted easily for events. Later this year we will be carrying out a similar exercise and we hope that you can spare 10-15 minutes to complete the forms.

Your views are very important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

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