

# LADYFEST MANCHESTER

**7-9 November at the Zion Arts Centre, Hulme**

**All welcome, no qualifications or experience necessary**

**Open to all genders ages 16 and over – no upper age limit applies**



Ladyfest is an international female-focused festival of music, art, performance, poetry and political exploration and activism and its coming to Manchester this autumn! It aims to be a celebration of women in the creative and cultural arts and will take place 7 - 9 November at the Zion Arts Centre, Hulme. For your delectation there will be musical styles to suit all tastes. Bands already confirmed: Vile Vile Creatures, Hooker, Suicidal Birds, Kids Love Lies, Shrag, The Lovely Eggs, The Bobby McGee's and Town Bike. The many rooms of the Zion Arts Centre will play host to DJ's, electronica and acoustica while visual art will feature strongly throughout with installations and contemporary pieces from up and coming artists. Friday and Saturday will reveal comedy, cabaret, burlesque, spoken word and poetry amongst other wild and wonderful things at Ladyfest Manchester Carnival. We also understand that the Ladyfest ethos is not just about entertainment but about discussion, dialogue and debate so we want to provide spaces for workshops on a range of topics from creative/practical skill-sharing to informative explorations of feminist debate. Confirmed speakers include Prof. Sheila Rowbotham, Dr. Marion Leonard and Miranda Sawyer with BBC4 in attendance filming the debate for WOMEN, a three-part documentary series about feminism and its impact on contemporary women's lives.

**We need your help to make this important and fun event happen. Be part of something special.**

We can offer you the opportunity to gain experience in a friendly informal setting as a valued voluntary worker. We can provide you with an induction, training and written references.

## **What we are looking for?**

Clean up and recycling attendants, cloakroom attendants, decorators, hospitality personnel for performers and musicians, ticket takers, working the door at workshops/panels/shows and lots more besides.....

Men are especially encouraged to do clean up since women have historically filled these roles and continue to dominate service industry roles and domestic work.

## **Specialist skills**

Cooks with food safety certificates, certified first aid volunteers, sound and lighting engineers

## **Terms**

We are unable to provide expenses, however, we will provide volunteers with a pass to Ladyfest. To earn a full pass you must work 12 hours. To earn a partial pass, you must work 6 hours. We may or may not have jobs for everyone, but we will do our best. We are primarily looking for volunteers, who can work 12 hours, to cut down on training and potential chaos. We hope that you will be flexible to our scheduling needs as certain times over the weekend will be busier than others. All volunteers will receive a hot meal per shift worked. Each shift is for 6 hours.

## **DISABLED LIVING**

### **Volunteers required to help local disability charity!**

Manchester's oldest charity Disabled Living urgently requires volunteers who have basic IT skills and are comfortable using the phone to help our charity on a new IT project.

We have a new in-house central database that is essential for developing our front-line services. Using the old data, this project involves finding new contact details through Google or Yell.com and contacting the person directly to confirm their details. These details are then entered on the new central database. The clean data will make a big difference to our charity's income generation and you can be a part of this vital project!

**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!



## **Manchester Neighbourhood Care Groups Association**

The Manchester Neighbourhood Care Groups Association consists of eight individual schemes working collectively to meet the needs of older people and adults with needs in 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 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, and 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 and training 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, and a chance to make a difference to someone's life.

**Please register in the usual way and more information will be sent to you. A CRB check will be necessary for this volunteering opportunity.**



## **Child and Adolescent Support Team**

The Child and Adolescent Support Team (a British not-for-profit Social Enterprise) is currently looking for motivated people who could spare just a few weeks of their time to help abandoned children in Romania, Bulgaria, Belarus, or India.

Would you like to expand your skills and knowledge? Are you looking for opportunities to use the skills you have acquired? Do you feel passionately that all young people have a right to a positive future? If the answer is yes, why not get in touch!

We aim to support these young people who often have neurological and physical impairments as well as social and communicative difficulties as a result of growing up in orphanages. We support them and their carers to build a brighter future.

We offer free accredited training by academic and health care professionals so volunteers are well equipped to work effectively as support volunteers on the projects.

## **USEFUL DOCUMENTS ON THE MEV WEBSITE**

Why not have a look and keep yourself up to date with what is happening at MEV by looking at the Useful Documents section of our website [www.mev.org.uk/community/documents](http://www.mev.org.uk/community/documents). From here you can download a number of useful forms and documents.

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