

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Great Run Company specialises in the development, design, organisation and rights management of mass participation and televised sporting events. We own a portfolio of over 40 annual running and swimming events. The events see over 300,000 participants taking part each year, securing over 25 hours of television programmes with some of the world's best athletes performing. With a relatively small team of permanent staff, volunteers are an integral part of delivering our events.

Want to contribute to your own career? Start by volunteering at a Great Run event! With the Open University we have identified four events in 2017 where there are opportunities for you to contribute and build your CV.

THE GREAT CITYGAMES MANCHESTER + SIMPLYHEALTH GREAT MANCHESTER RUN

The end of May sees a fantastic weekend of live athletics and mass participation running in Manchester. The Great CityGames brings world-class athletes to compete on streets on Friday 26 May. A purpose built athletics track is constructed on Deansgate and has seen the likes of Usain Bolt, Jessica Ennis-Hill and Greg Rutherford taking part.

2 to 4 Facility Management Roles are available which involves helping oversee the running of the Facility we temporarily build and operate.

The Simplyhealth Great Manchester Run, Europe's biggest 10k running event and a brand new half marathon will take place on Sunday 28 May and will see over 30,000 runners take part.

5 varied roles are available across Charity Village Operations, TV Production Support, and Start/Finish line Operations.

THE GREAT NORTH SWIMRUN (Windermere, The Lake District)

Brand new for 2017, the inaugural Great SwimRun takes place on Saturday 10 June. The SwimRun concept has become a popular adventure race combining running and swimming. Based on teamwork, passion, and closeness to nature, teams of two embark on a seamless journey across the landscape, taking on land and water, as they navigate their way around the beautiful course at Lake Windermere.

10 roles are available in Course Operations which involves ensuring the course is implemented and effectively managed throughout the event.

THE SIMPLYHEALTH GREAT NEWHAM LONDON RUN

Sunday 2 July welcomes runners to take part in a 10k and family run with a unique Olympic experience. The course finishes inside the stadium and across the famous finish line and running track, which saw Olympic greats Bolt and Farah race in 2012. The course will also take in sights of the Lee Valley VeloPark, the London Aquatics Centre and the Copper Box Arena.

3 roles available in Course Operations which involves ensuring the course is implemented and effectively managed throughout the event.

SIMPLYHEALTH GREAT BRISTOL HALF MARATHON

Sunday 17 September will see over 10,000 runners take to the streets of Bristol for the hugely popular half marathon. This event starts and finishes in Bristol's historic Harbourside. The scenic, sea-level route takes runners along the Portway, through the stunning Avon Gorge and under Brunel's famous Clifton Suspension Bridge.

3 roles are available in Course Operations which involves ensuring the course is implemented and effectively managed throughout the event.

EVENT	DATE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
GREAT MANCHESTER CITYGAMES http://www.greatcitygames.org/	Friday 26 May	Tuesday 4 April	2-4 x Facility Management Roles
GREAT MANCHESTER RUN http://www.greatrun.org/great-manchester-run	Sunday 28 May	Tuesday 4 April	5 roles available across; Charity Village Operations TV Production Support Start/Finish Support
GREAT NORTH SWIMRUN http://youtu.be/jUwYCChCj3U http://www.greatrun.org/great-swim-swimrun	Saturday 10 June	Tuesday 11 April	10 x Course Operations
GREAT NEWHAM LONDON RUN http://www.greatrun.org/great-newham-london-run	Sunday 2 July	Tuesday 2 May	3 x Course Operations
GREAT BRISTOL HALF MARATHON http://www.greatrun.org/great-bristol-half-marathon	Sunday 17 Sept	Tuesday 18 July	3 x Course Operations



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Typically you will be required to work on the event day only. This may mean an early start and long hours! You will receive a written brief prior to starting work detailing your role and working hours. On event day you will be supported by the event staff and verbally briefed on arrival.

WHAT WILL MY ROLE INVOLVE?

Based on your expression of interest statement we will try to fit your skills to an appropriate and meaningful role, however you will be required to adapt to circumstances of supporting the event and full-time staff. If you already have leadership and management experience, please make this clear in your statement. There are a variety of roles available, however in Course Operations you could be setting up the event site, managing a drinks station or helping out at the finish line.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE EVENT?

Yes. You can apply for up to three events, but please indicate your order of preference. It is our aim to spread this opportunity broadly, making it unlikely you will be offered all three events.

DO YOU PAY ANY KIND OF TRAVEL EXPENSES OR PROVIDE FOOD ON THE DAY?

We do not cover travel expenses; however you will be given a Great Run jacket, crew lunch and soft drink.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the attached Expression of Interest document and send to charlotte.allan@thegreatruncompany.com by the application deadline for each event (see above). Please ensure you let us know why we should choose you for the available role.

WHEN WILL I HEAR BACK?

We aim to respond within 14 days of the application deadline.

