

VIP

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Volunteer Inspire Programme

Volunteer Inspire Programme (VIP) is now the go-to system to find sport volunteering opportunities within Greater Manchester. The system is collaboratively administered by GreaterSport and volunteer leads from each of the 10 Local Authorities. At the beginning of November 2015 VIP had over 7000 volunteers signed up to the system. These volunteers have recorded over 60,000 volunteering hours!! As well as the Local Authorities using the system two of the Greater Manchester Universities (MMU & University of Manchester) have their own versions of the system that are all linked with the Local Authorities programmes.

VIP in action:

In a month over 35 volunteers were recruited for Run in the Dark, a 5k & 10k charity run, held in Salford. Volunteers were recruited to run the registration desk, marshal the route and to hand out goodie bags to racers once they had finished.

The race organiser commented on VIP after the successful event:

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The volunteers also had a great experience whilst volunteering:

“This was a great volunteering opportunity. I was a marshal for the run and I enjoyed seeing people be motivated when I encouraged them to keep running!”

“Although it’s a bit cold in a November night, I still enjoyed my time volunteering. I met a lot of interesting people, definitely recommend this opportunity!”

The event was a huge success and a lot of this was down to the support from the volunteers on the night who were all recruited through VIP.

Who can use VIP?

Anyone who is looking to volunteer or clubs/events that are looking for volunteers within the sport sector. VIP has recruited volunteers for local sports clubs, premier league football clubs, disability sports clubs, marathons, world championships as well as many more national and international events. If you are looking to get involved in volunteers sign up today at www.greatersport.co.uk/vip and start volunteering.

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