



Welcome to this special edition of the Volunteer Centre Newcastle Newsletter.

This month we are highlighting a variety of different organisations who are looking for volunteers for the Great North Run.

To join in with any of the opportunities outlined below please contact the organisations directly - each advert contains contact details of the person you need to speak to.

So IF you are going as a spectator then slap on a charity shirt and cheer for the charity of your choice

SHELTER

Location: Mile 8 Cheering point (NE32 3RJ)

Nearest Station: approx. a 15 minute walk away from Bede Metro Station

Times: 10am – 2pm

Great North Run is the world's favourite run. And you can be there on the front row getting the best view of this amazing race and supporting the incredible runners as they take on Newcastle in the biggest Half Marathon going.

By joining Shelter's volunteer team, you will help to raise money for those facing bad housing and homelessness by supporting our team of 100 runners. You'll even get to watch the elite race in the morning and maybe spot a few famous faces in the afternoon.

Side line support at the Great North Run is vital in providing moral support to the runners as well as boosting the recognition of the Charity to make sure people know who we are and how we can help. On the day you'll receive a free Shelter T-shirt to help you stand out from the crowd.

Our participants always comment on how fantastic is it to have a cheer point on the day and our volunteers always have a great time too. This year we have a huge running team who will really appreciate the support on route!

If you're interested, or want some more information, please contact

Beth Cox from the **Shelter Events Team** on:
running@shelter.org.uk

Volunteer Photographer required with Shelter at the Great North Run 2017

Event: Great North Run

Date: Sunday 10th September 2017

Times: 10am – 2pm

Locations: Newcastle City Centre mile 8 of route OR Great North Run charity village, South Shields

We are looking for a volunteer photographer to take some snaps of our fantastic runners as they speed through Newcastle City Centre at the Great North Run.

We have 100 people taking part in the Great North Run this year and we want to make sure we capture the spirit of the day in photographs for them. As well as creating some photographic memories for the runners, we'll also use photos from the day to market the event for next year, and will be publishing photos on our website and Facebook page as well as on posters and flyers, so it is a great opportunity for a budding photographer to develop their portfolio.

We'll have a cheer point set up at mile 8 of the route for the morning, so we'll need you to take photos of runners as they go past and we'll also have a marquee in the race village at the end in South Shields, where we'll take the all- important finisher photos. You will be positioned at one or the other. (if you have a preference, please let me know)

You'll need to have your own camera and preferably some experience of professional photography, but we welcome enquiries from everyone.

If interested, please contact:

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TEENAGE CANCER TRUST:

Cancer sucks. Young people shouldn't face it alone. Together, we can make sure they don't. Teenage Cancer Trust is the only UK charity dedicated to improving the quality of life and chances of survival for the seven young people aged between 13 and 24 diagnosed with cancer every day. But we can't do it alone, we need your help!

This is your chance to cheer on our amazing team of runners at the Great North Run, this event has grown and grown in recent years so it promises to be a really exciting atmosphere. We'll have a bigger presence than ever before as we have more runners than ever before so this really is the time to get involved! All you need is a ready smile and some enthusiasm to get involved in supporting our wonderful team of runners.

Time Commitment: Approx. 3 or 4 hours on Sunday 10 September 2017 Location: Race route, Newcastle Responsible to: Regional Fundraising Team

What will I do?

- Cheer, support and motivate Teenage Cancer Trust runners at various points along the route
- Engage the public with the work of Teenage Cancer Trust
- Be a friendly and approachable face of the charity

How to apply: Email volunteers@teenagecancertrust.org or call 020 7612 0370 to have a chat about the role

WELLCHILD

WellChild are looking for volunteers on Sunday 10th September to support our Great North Run team. Over 138 participants will be running for Wellchild and are aiming to raise in excess of £45k. To be part of this exciting event email volunteer@wellchild.org.uk and join our cheering team!

What will you be doing?

You will join our cheering team along the race route to cheer and support our runners and encourage them to keep going. Please bring friends and family, the more the merrier!

What will you be supplied?

You will only need to give a few hours of your time between 10am – 2pm to support us, in return you will receive a WellChild t-shirt to make you stand out from the crowd and cheering equipment. You will also have the support of a Wellchild Team Leader on the day. A full briefing pack will be sent to you before the event so that you can feel well prepared.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting to volunteer for a mass participation event and anyone looking to get into the charity sector. You will also meet new people and help our amazing runners run harder and faster – they really can't do it without your help!

ST OSWALD HOSPICE

St Oswald's Hospice is on the lookout for some enthusiastic massage therapists and sports physio volunteers to be part of the famous St Oswald's welcome at their Great North Run charity village tent.

After 13 miles, the team of runners will be in need of some TLC, so the local charity, who care for adults and children with life limiting illnesses are looking for some experts to lend their magic touch on Sunday 10th September.

If you have the magic touch and can spare a few hours on the day to ease those aches and pains, please email the Fundraising Team at fundraising@stoswaldsuk.org or call 0191 246 9123.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Cheer Team

If you've got a loud voice and love being part of the action, we've got the volunteer role for you! We rely on volunteers to make sure each event day is a great success. You don't need any experience or special skills. Just lots of energy and enthusiasm! It really is a case of the more the merrier, so if you can rustle up a group of friends, you can all apply to volunteer together. You just have to be 18 years old or over and apply here on our super-speedy form. Then we'll send you all the info you'll need for the day.

Making noise is the name of the game so you'll be:

- Spotting our Save the Children runners as they pass, calling their name and giving them a huge cheer
- Shouting, singing and using the musical instruments provided - we're talking whistles and vuvuzelas, not violins!
- Cheering on all runners as they pass, even if they are not running for Save the Children
- Welcoming friends and family who come along to cheer on their runners.

This is a brilliant, fun way to volunteer either on your own or with friends. Regardless, you'll be joining a fun, friendly and welcoming cheer point dedicated to showing Save the Children's runners just how much we appreciate them. So come join the party!

Contact: events@savethechildren.org.uk or call **(0)20 7012 6400**

<https://volunteer.savethechildren.org.uk/opportunities/422-cheer-team-great-north-run-2017-07-28-00-00-00>

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY

As the Great North Run approaches, here at the National Autistic Society, we are looking for volunteers to help us help our runners so we can ensure the event exciting, fulfilling and lives up to and beyond their expectations.

Volunteers will primarily be helping us at our cheer points to create as much noise as possible for passing runners and may also be asked to help with fairly simple tasks such as setting up and taking down the cheer points, handing out refreshments to participants or organising massages at the end of the race as our runners cross the finish line.

Volunteers are a vital component to our on-the-day management of the event and will be helping the largest and most successful charity in the UK helping improve the lives of those with Autism. Furthermore, on top of helping all of our staff and participants have the best day possible, volunteers in the past have often had very fulfilling days themselves and voluntary work is a fantastic component to have on your CV when looking to build upon or start building a successful career.

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BLOODWISE

Ever wanted to cheer on Bloodwise runners from an open top double-decker bus? Well here is your chance!

We're looking for some enthusiastic supporters to help us turn our unique cheer zone into the loudest on the route! Situated close to mile 4, just a few minutes' walk from Heworth metro station, you'll experience the great North Run like never before. We'll provide whistles, flags, giant foam hands and more; all we need you to do is bring the noise!

We're looking for supporters to help out and cheer any time between 9am – 1pm.

If you're keen to join us please contact running@bloodwise.org.uk with your details and we'll get in touch.

CANCER RESEARCH UK

We're after some enthusiastic people to help cheer on our runners on the course at various cheer points along the route! Our participants really appreciate our cheer points along the route and without our volunteers these events simply wouldn't be the same!

We NEED YOU to get involved so please sign up to a day, or both, if you are free to do so! We would love to see you there as we really do rely on our volunteers to help beat cancer sooner.

To sign up to volunteer at the Great North Run please click here:

https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/volunteer/help-at-an-event/volunteer-application?event_code=N17RNR

Or please email us at sportsvolunteer@cancer.org.uk quoting 'Great North Run'.

Best wishes,

Charlotte and The Sports Team, Cancer Research UK

www.cruk.org/sportchallenges #CRUKchallengers

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY AT THE GREAT NORTH RUN

Do you know people taking on the Great North Run?

Love watching the race?

Or want to support your local community?

Here at Alzheimer's Society we are recruiting a team of energetic and friendly volunteers to join our Great North Run cheer team.

With over 1600 runners running to **#uniteagainstdementia** we need your help to keep them going around the course.

Join us aboard our cheer bus, at our cheer point or in our charity village marquee on this fantastic day.

If you would like to unite with us against dementia please visit:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/cheerteam> or email events@alzheimers.org.uk

TOMMY'S

Photographer - Great North Run 2017

- Take general and specific shots of Tommy's runners, the crowds and Tommy's cheering squads who will be supporting and encouraging the runners
- Generally capture the energy and atmosphere of the day
- Professional or talented amateur photographer or a photography student
- Good experience of taking quality images
- Creativity and initiative to take the best possible shots

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