About Run Hackney

The Run Hackney event weekend will take place on **Saturday 21ˢᵗ and Sunday 22ⁿᵈJune 2014** and aims to bring everyone together to celebrate active lives in Hackney. The weekend will act as a signpost to the incredible range of sports and recreational facilities accessible across the Borough whilst also highlighting the cultural assets that Hackney has to offer.

The event will draw on Hackney's own resources and people, bringing the green spaces of Hackney to life and providing a stage on which to promote sport and activity.

The weekend will kick off with the **Run Hackney 5k Fun Run** with 2,000 entrants on the Saturday afternoon.

The **Run Hackney Half Marathon** will start at 9:00am on the Sunday morning and expects to attract 10,000 runners. For many, crossing the finish line will be a lifetime achievement with a large percentage of runners raising money for their chosen charities.

In addition there is also the **Run Hackney Schools' Challenge** event which will begin at 9:20am, once the half marathon runners have set off, with over 1000 school children running a mile.

Why Volunteer?

EXPERIENCE	Volunteering is a great chance to get involved with this exciting, brand new event that will quickly establish itself as a leading running race in the UK. Volunteers also tend to get involved to feel part of the community and to support family and friends who are running. Volunteering is also a great addition to your Curriculum Vitae.
FREE RACE ENTRY	All our volunteers are offered a free entry to one of our other events as a thank you. You can choose from: - Cheltenham's Half Marathon 2014 - Exeter's Great West Run 2014 - Plymouth 10K 2014 - Coventry's Half Marathon 2015 - Plymouth's Half Marathon 2015 You're welcome to use the place yourself, pass onto a family member/friend to enjoy or raffle off for charity.
REFRESHMENTS	Breakfast will be provided on arrival for those signing in at the event village, with further refreshments available throughout the morning. Those who don't need to come to the volunteer reception will receive a packed lunch.

T-SHIRT	All volunteers will receive a T-shirt to wear on race day. This will make sure you are clearly identifiable as a volunteer. We hope you'll keep the T-shirt as a memento of the day.
RACE DAY ROLE (Sunday 22nd June)	**Course Marshals:** We are looking to fill our course marshal positions with individuals who have either running or previous marshalling experience. The course marshals will be located around the course at regular intervals. The main duties will be: - Directing runners around the course and keeping them on one side where required - Being a point of contact for any runners in difficulty on course - Directing spectators to ensure the roads are clear for runners - Directing any remaining runners to move and continue on the pavement once the cut-off time has been reached. They will be asked to do so by Event Control - Course Marshals are not expected to direct traffic; there are Traffic Management Operatives in place to do this. **Lead / Sweep Bikes:** We are looking for four cyclists to fill our lead/ sweep bike roles. The positions we are looking to fill are: - Four sweep bikes for the Half Marathon to follow the back of the field - One lead bike for the Schools Challenge - One sweep bike for the Schools Challenge **Other roles:** We have other roles available in the event village, if you would like further information please do ask.
BRIEFING EVENINGS	We ask all volunteers to join us at one of our briefing evenings in the lead up to the event so that we can ensure everyone is happy with their positions and roles for event day. The Course Marshal briefings will be held on: - Wednesday 28th May 2014 - Tuesday 3rd June 2014 Briefings will run from 6.30pm-7.30pm and 7.30pm-8.30pm each evening, we will confirm which session to attend at the beginning of May.
CONTACT	If you would like to sign up to volunteer or if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch at runhackney@go2events.org.uk or call us on 0845 304 5443.