Introducing Our Patron!

Patron of EnV I am delighted to continue to give my support to the Coventry Ambassador volunteer programme.”
Thank you, Dave! We hope to see you again soon. Volunteer experiences are only set to become more exciting in Coventry as European City of Sport 2019 and UK City of Culture 2021.

Events Roundup
What a summer we are having!
Here’s a snapshot [literally] of what we Ambassadors have been up to and some comments.

Primary School Games
This was the first event for the Young Ambassadors [more in this newsletter]. A very hot day, where they enjoyed welcoming about 1000 youngsters from Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull to this annual event.
“you were absolutely wonderful. Thanks for all your help. Same time next year at #CovWelcomes?!”
Well done everyone!

MotoFest
A noisy, hot weekend but lots of fun helping people enjoy this major Coventry event

Coventry Pride
Perhaps the most colourful event we support! (Editor – who said Colour Blast Dash!?)

Before I go and catch up on some sleep I want to thank my amazing organising team and volunteers from @PrideCov and the team from @EnV_Coventry without them we would not have Coventry Pride. I managed to get a group picture Sunday before the event started”
Paul Desson-Baxter, Chair, Coventry Pride

Walkathon
A fundraising event for us and the Music Museum held at War Memorial Park.

Events
What’s coming up?

Sports Week
For 5 days in summer EnV and the Ambassadors take over Broadgate supporting a great variety of sports organisations and groups.
Councillor Kamran Khan said, ‘It’s really important we introduce every young person in the city to the joys of sport and physical activity for the long term physical and mental benefits that being active bring.’
From 14th to the 18th August we expect several thousand to come and ‘have a go’.

August will also have seen Let’s Ride when we support cyclists from all over the Midlands enjoying a safer ring road and having fun. A great family event.

Godiva Festival makes a welcome return for us over August Bank holiday and another brilliant events for us are Meet Me In The Ruins; Heritage Open Days & Rising Global Peace Forum in September.

All the above shows the variety of events and activities we are involved in, showing we can be there for Coventry City of Culture events and City of Sport 2019!

Viewpoint from a…Coventry Ambassador Co-ordinator

Being a Co-ordinator is interesting from lots of angles. It gives you the insight to the ‘other side’ of the event and how much work is involved to secure a safe, enjoyable and successful event. It can also be a challenge sometimes. Expectations can often change and it is then our responsibility to ensure we act upon the changes, ensuring that the event is well supported by us, but that the volunteers still have a good experience.

Despite this, the role is fun, challenging and above all a real honour to be able to represent Env and all that it promotes/provides the community.

Lisa Barrett
Co-ordinators are the link between event organisers and Ambassadors, vital to our success and reputation. Always a shared understanding of what both want and need is paramount.
Could you be a potential co-ordinator? Or perhaps a team leader?

Colour Blast Dash
It did what it said on the tin. Great messy fun for all, including us!
Ambassador Personal Development

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we plan to have annual sessions for all that focus on challenges and skills. We will be asking all team leaders and co-ordinators to a pilot session in October. It will be informative and fun. Wait for the email!

Volunteer Recruitment

We are pleased to welcome along 10 new recruits following the latest induction session in June. In 2018 we have inducted 40 new recruits so far and the final induction session of 2018 will take place in November with applications open now on through the EnV website www.env.uk.com/coventry-ambassadors

Feedback from the last induction session includes:

“Honest and informative”
“Very good induction”
“Everyone was very friendly and enthusiastic”

“Being at the training was a good experience, I get to meet New People and learn about ENV thanks for the experience.”

Social Impact

Did you know?
Since 2012 Coventry Ambassadors have delivered over 30,000 volunteer hours?
Since 2012 we have supported over 130 events (up until 2017!)

Our recent research has shown that while volunteering with us:
96% of volunteers have developed their social skills
92% find purpose and fulfilment though helping the local community
84% have developed new self-confidence
72% have a new appreciation for Coventry Culture through being involved in ENV unique community events
AND our volunteer programme is being used as a ‘best practice’ model for Tokyo2020.

Coventry Young Ambassadors

It has been such a pleasure to support and begin to steer the Coventry Young Ambassador programme involving over 30 Coventry Primary Schools so far. A fantastic amount of work has been put in by the lead schools and in particular the members of the lead steering group for the project that is part of a wider Tokyo2020 Arts Festival programme.

Working with the schools we have been able to forge links with other areas and other schools in Japan and the Young Ambassadors have been involved in various internal assemblies and open days. EnV are working with the lead group to produce a training resource for teachers to enable them to deliver Young Ambassador training across the city and we are currently looking for funding opportunities that will enable us to do so. The future generation of Coventry Ambassadors is looking bright…purple!

Engage with us!
EnV is a Community Interest Company that manages and delivers a range of events, training & volunteer programmes in Coventry and the surrounding area. Winners of the SME Coventry & Warwickshire Award for Community Business of the Year 2017. EnV manage and sustain the award winning Coventry Ambassador volunteer programme.

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