

FREE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Where?

Manchester Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Find your local library at

www.manchester.gov.uk/directory/14/libraries

What?

FREE Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Sign up at your local library. Read 6 books– collect stickers and rewards along the way.



Open Access Playschemes

Playschemes will be listed at

www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200016/children_and_childcare/3686/play_services

Telephone 0161 245 7171

Supervised play activities for school aged children (usually free). Open to all children in the local community on a first come first served basis.

Park Lives

www.parklives.com



A programme of free family activities from 10.00 to 18.00 every day. Activities include:

- Den building
- Donkey grooming
- Roaming Rangers
- Family rounders
- Skateboarding

At Wythenshawe Park, Platt Fields, Alexandra park, Boggart Hole Clough and Debdale & Chorlton Water Parks. Activities are sometimes added at short notice.

Free Swimming

www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200087/sport_activities_and_fitness/5256/swimming_in_manchester

FREE swimming for children 16 and under (and over 60s) at nine swimming pools across the city.

You must register online at this website beforehand.



Manchester Holiday Activities and Events Calendar

www.manchester.gov.uk/allsortstodo

Free and low cost holiday activities, sports, crafts, exhibitions and events in local parks, galleries, swimming pools etc. will be published 7 days before holidays begin. Various locations throughout Manchester.

FREE LOCAL MUSEUMS

Where?

Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)

www.mosi.org.uk

Liverpool Road

Manchester

M3 4FP

Tel: 0161 832 2244

What?

Imagine it, Make it, Move it (22 July – 4 Sep) is this summer's holiday programme of special hands-on workshops, shows and demonstrations to last the whole holiday. Age restrictions and charges may apply. Free.

MakeFest 2017 (19 – 20 Aug) is a celebration of hands-on, do-it-yourself making from artists, makers, crafters and coders. Come along and have a go at making something! For ages 6+. Free

Power Up! (11 – 28 Aug) Get your game face on and play some of the most popular video games from the past 40 years, from Pong and Pacman to Minecraft and Mario. Charges from £5.



Whitworth Art Gallery

www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/learn/family/

The University of Manchester,
Oxford Road,
Manchester
M15 6ER
Tel: 0161 275 7450

Family events, welly walks, art hampers, activities for babies and toddlers and artist Sundays. Most events free.

Summer Studio is a programme of free drop-in family events from 11am-4pm from 22 July - 3 September. A creative, drop-in laboratory for trying out ideas and playing with materials.

National Football Museum

Urbis Building
Cathedral Gardens
Manchester
M4 3BG
Tel: 0161 605 8200
www.nationalfootballmuseum.com



FREE entry. Interactive objects, games and displays throughout the museum that will appeal to a wide range of ages. Discovery Zone is designed especially for ages 5 and under.

Guided tours can be booked for a small charge via Eventbrite (see below).

The Manchester Museum

M13 9PL
Tel: 0161 275 2648
Booking and information line 0161 275 2648
www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/events/



Regular family events and activities. Due to popularity, some events may need booking beforehand even if there is no cost. **Big Saturdays and Holiday events** include making your own treasures; performances and films; having objects brought to life through storymaking and tours

Z Arts

335 Stretford Rd
Hulme
Manchester
M15 5ZA
Tel: 0161 232 6089
www.z-arts.org

**Bright Sparks**

A wide programme of free and low cost activities for children of all ages such as dance and art.

The Welcoming Party HQ is a series of creative days where you can join in making fun art and crafts to welcome new arrivals in Hulme. 11am on 5, 12, 19, and 26 Aug. Free and for all ages.

Police Museum

57a Newton Street
Manchester
M1 1ET
Tel: 0161 856 4500
www.gmpmuseum.co.uk

Free admission to Summer Open days on for families on Tuesdays throughout the Summer. Autism friendly guide.



GENERAL INFORMATION WEBSITES

www.visitmanchester.com



Find out what's on in Manchester

www.netmums.com/manchester/places-to-go/local-activities

Plenty of ideas to fill the holidays plus a comprehensive database of activity providers.

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk

Easy-to-use website for finding great things to do.

www.kidsguide.co.uk



Events, activities, days out and services across the Northwest and North Wales

www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids/

Updated regularly with details of family events.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/england--manchester/family-and-education--events/

Information about a range of FREE and low cost family events across the city
