

FREE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Where?

What?

Manchester Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Find your local library at www.manchester.gov.uk



FREE Summer Reading Challenge 2016

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

telephone 0161 219 2721

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

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.

Dig the City

www.digthecity.co.uk

www.runwildchild.co.uk



Manchester's Summer Garden Festival 31st July to 6th August. Masses to do and heaps of free event **including** Manchester Arndale interactive paint garden, Wild Rumpus – Run Wild Child, a treasure hunt of codes, dressing up and mass water fight. Collect a secret map from the information point on Exchange Street from 10am on 6th Aug that will guide you across wild Manchester.

Free Swimming

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

FREE swimming for children 16 and under

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

What?

Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)

www.mosi.org.uk

M3 4FP

Tel: 0161 832 2244

Where?

FREE entry.

Lots of experiments, show about inventors, hands on free activities, workshop on microscopes, and lots more!

Whitworth Art Gallery

www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/learn/family/
M15 6ER
Tel: 0161 275 7450

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

National Football Museum

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 available for £3.50 pp – please book at museum or at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-football-museum-tours-tickets-18631249569

The Manchester Museum

M13 9PL
Tel: 0161 275 2648
Booking and information line 0161 275 2648
www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson/families/



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 226 1912
www.z-arts.org

**Bright Sparks**

Programme of Children in Need funded activities for children such as dance and art.

Summer Fun: Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Bad Things –free for Bright Sparks members. 10 – 4.30, 1st –5th August. Explore Michael Rosen's fabulous books. For ages 6-10. Booking required.
Sponge – workshops for children under 4 15th-18th Aug, 10am

Police Museum

M1 1ET
Tel: 0161 856 4500
www.gmpmuseum.co.uk

You can book a free private tour for between 5 – 25 people on Mon, Wed or Thurs.



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

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