

## FREE LOCAL ACTIVITIES

### Where?

### What?

#### Manchester Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Find your local library at [www.manchester.gov.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.digthecity.co.uk)

[www.runwildchild.co.uk](http://www.runwildchild.co.uk)



Manchester's Summer Garden Festival 31<sup>st</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Aug that will guide you across wild Manchester.

#### Free Swimming

[www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200087/sport\\_activities\\_and\\_fitness/5256/swimming\\_in\\_manchester](http://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](http://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?

### Where?

#### Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)

[www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

M3 4FP

Tel: 0161 832 2244

**FREE** entry.

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

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**Whitworth Art Gallery**

[www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/learn/family/](http://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.

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**National Football Museum**

M4 3BG  
Tel: 0161 605 8200  
[www.nationalfootballmuseum.com](http://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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-football-museum-tours-tickets-18631249569)

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**The Manchester Museum**

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

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**Z Arts**

335 Stretford Rd  
Hulme  
Manchester  
M15 5ZA  
Tel: 0161 226 1912  
[www.z-arts.org](http://www.z-arts.org)



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**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, 1<sup>st</sup> –5<sup>th</sup> August. Explore Michael Rosen's fabulous books. For ages 6-10. Booking required.  
**Sponge** – workshops for children under 4 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Aug, 10am

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**Police Museum**

M1 1ET  
Tel: 0161 856 4500  
[www.gmpmuseum.co.uk](http://www.gmpmuseum.co.uk)

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



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## GENERAL INFORMATION WEBSITES

[www.visitmanchester.com](http://www.visitmanchester.com)

Find out what's on in Manchester

[www.netmums.com/manchester/places-to-go/local-activities](http://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](http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk)

Easy to use website for finding great things to do.

[www.kidsguide.co.uk](http://www.kidsguide.co.uk)



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

[www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids/](http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids/)

Updated regularly with details of family events.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

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