

# SHOUT ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEERING



Hi I'm Robert Boardman and I gave my time as a games maker during the 2012 Olympic Games.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of helping spectators and answering their questions. When I was offered the opportunity to join Team Merton, I jumped at the chance.

Being part of the Merton Events Team has given me the chance to be involved in a number of local public events including Mitcham Carnival, the borough's annual firework displays at Morden and Wimbledon Parks, Winter Wonderland, Light-Up Morden and The Prudential RideLondon Cycle Festival.

I've also made loads of new friends and gained skills, qualifications (I am presently undertaking a level 1 course in Stewarding Public Events) and experience that have led directly to me securing paid employment.

However, although I am now employed (I had previously been unemployed for over 5 years), I will still continue to volunteer, as I enjoy the role and love being an official part of these local events.

## I Volunteer - Why Wouldn't You?