



Ping! Chelmsford Volunteer Opportunity

Ping! is coming to Chelmsford this summer.

Ping! is a street table tennis project which sees ping pong tables installed in surprising locations across a town or city; from galleries to estates, shopping centres to parks, train stations to public squares and even airports. Marked 'Stop and Play', the tables, bats and balls are there for all to use and enjoy for FREE! To join the fun, simply grab a bat from the side of the table and get playing.

The project has been developed through a unique partnership between Sing London – a participatory arts organisation - and Table Tennis England and is funded through Sport England's Innovation Fund.

What help we need:

Delivering a great Ping!:

To provide Chelmsford with an incredible experience we really will need the time, effort and amazing support of volunteers to bring Ping! to life and table tennis to the people.

We'll provide you with the bats and balls, briefing sessions and Ping! resources. There are a number different ways you could get involved:

Ping! Helpers (you don't need any Table Tennis experience, just the enthusiasm to get involved and make Ping! Chelmsford a great event:-

- Ping! Event Helpers to support events throughout the festival
- Ping! Photographers and Videographers to capture the festival as it happens
- Ping! Bloggers and Tweeters to help share the best bits online
- Ping! Monitors and Researchers to count participants and help gather information for case studies

Ping! Coaches to help with coaching sessions

Ping! Activators to help get as many people playing as possible

Ping! Pioneers to help build ping pong communities

Volunteer Training

A training event is planned just prior to the event start:-

Wednesday 24th June.

Time 7pm – 9pm, at

Chelmsford Sport & Athletics Centre, Chelmsford, CM1 2EH.

What will volunteers get in return?

Training from Table Tennis England

A Ping! kit (t-shirt, bats and balls)

A feedback session and a wrap up party

If you would like to get involved, please register your interest by sending an email to Antony Bensley at Chelmsford City Council, Antony.Bensley@chelmsford.gov.uk. You will receive further communication and detail on the volunteer training event week commencing 22nd June.



Read on to find out more about the Ping! Project:-

We've had a great time Since Ping! launched in London in 2010, it has been an epic success. It has reached over 300,000 participants to date as well as receiving international media coverage, from the Sunday Times to the New York Times, BBC to CNN, Der Spiegel to French Elle.

From the launch in the fantastic and beautiful St Pancras International Station...



...to the impromptu play and events taking place all across the city..



...right through to the city wide 'King Ping!' tournament finals...





What's happening this year?

In summer 2015, Ping! is coming to Chelmsford. Ping! has become a national movement for social table tennis – with Ping! 2015 also taking place in London, Croydon, Exeter, Leeds, Nottingham, Cambridge, Cornwall, Middleborough, Oxford, Plymouth, Birmingham, Brighton & Hove, Bristol, Leicester, Liverpool and Sheffield.

Across all of the cities, we will fill the streets with free-to-use-ping pong tables from mid-June through to the end of August. Whilst impromptu play will be strongly encouraged, we'll engage the public's love for the game through lots of events including master-classes, competitions, tournaments and social events.

The tables will be looked after by the host sites, whilst the bats and balls (also provided for free) will be administered by local custodians and shop keepers.

When

Ping! Chelmsford is due to launch on the 28th June and will last for some 8 weeks.

Ping! Events:

From master-classes and competitions to tournaments and social nights, we want this summer to be truly buzzing and bustling with ping pong events for the whole month. Here are just some ideas for events for this summer

- Launch & Finale event
- Fancy dress competitions
- Frying pan competition
- Regular coaching sessions
- Women's taster sessions