



## The Event

The largest single participatory sporting event in Northern Ireland is set for a massive year of change with a brand new, flatter and faster route for marathon participants, a new marathon start location on the grounds of the iconic Stormont Estate and history will be made by moving the event to a Sunday for the first time ever.

Taking place on Sunday 5th May 2019, the [38<sup>th</sup> Deep RiverRock Belfast City Marathon](#) returns in 2019 with a full line up of events to suit all levels of fitness including the Marathon and Wheelchair Race, the Team Relay, 8 Mile Walk and Fun Run, all with brand new improved routes. This year's event is hoping to attract more international runners and up to 20,000 participants.

## The Role

The event relies heavily upon volunteers to help the race run smoothly and we're looking for people to assist with a range of tasks which include;

- Managing a water station or energy station
- Act as a route steward to direct participants
- Work as part of a team at the Start and Finish areas to distribute packs and medals
- Support the transport team along the route

## Training and support

All our volunteers receive event training prior to Race Day. Training will take place two weeks before Race day and volunteers must attend one of these sessions (dates to be confirmed but likely to take place on a Sunday morning and a Monday evening). Both sessions will take place at Volunteer Now head office in Belfast, 34 Shaftesbury Square, BT2 7DB.

During the event, you will receive an official rain jacket, a lanyard with key information and bam bam sticks (for cheering the runners along) and refreshments will be provided at Ormeau Park for you to join at the end of your shift. Packed lunches may be available to volunteers supporting water and energy stations.

After the event all volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt for their services.



Volunteers must be 16+ and you can volunteer as an individual, a family or as part of a group. If you're between 16 and 25 years of age you can count your volunteer hours towards the [Millennium Volunteer Recognition Programme](#).

Here's more detailed information about each role;

### **Route Stewards**

Route Marshals are the first point of contact and support mechanism for participants, so this role involves assisting runners along the route and direct participants and general public. It's a vital role and ensures that the race runs smoothly and is a positive experience for all involved.

Length of shift may vary between 1h and 6h depending on location. This will be agreed with volunteers in advance.

### **Start Volunteers**

Volunteers at the Start Area will be involved in one or more of the following;

- Set up and set down of start area,
- Provide information to runners and general public,
- Assist the Disability bus,
- Help out at the VIP area.

Length of volunteer shift is about 8h.

### **Finish Volunteers**

Volunteers at the Finish Area will be involved in one or more of the following;

- Set up and set down of Finish Area,
- Give out participants packs,
- Assist with medals,



- Act as a runner,
- Act as an information point for patrons,
- Assist the transport manager.

Length of volunteer shift is around 8h.

### **Transport Support Volunteers**

Volunteers within the Transport Support Team will be involved in one or more of the following;

- Assist/lift runners along the route,
- Provide resources to water and energy stations,
- Direct participants and guests to shuttle buses.

Length of shift should be around 6h.

Please note that this role may involve lifting and some level of physical activity, so volunteers must be in good health and able to assist with the required task(s).

### **Water and Energy Stations Volunteers**

Volunteers at the Water and Energy Stations will assist with set up and set down and provide participants with refreshments and energy gels.

This volunteer shift may be up to 6h.