

# E-Bulletin - April 2008



The T3SC E-Bulletin is now monthly! This month articles include our latest funding bulletin, a list of events, training, news, volunteering opportunities and groups looking for new members.

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## News, training and jobs on T3SC's website

Our website is being regularly updated with Third Sector jobs, free training and events and the latest Tameside news.

Don't forget to check the pages regularly and if you want to include any items please contact [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org).

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## Tameside Independence Day brings out 'New Age Pensioners'



Independence Day 12 March at Ashton Town Hall saw 350 people battle the wind and rain on one of the wildest mornings imaginable, to prove that age is no barrier to Tameside's over 50's wanting to know about what's on in Tameside.

Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition (T3SC) as joint organisers with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) Adult Services worked alongside Volunteer Centre Tameside, Friends of Gorse Hall, Tameside Allotment Society, the Cranberries, Ksush Ahmdid,

Hyde Festival Orchestra, Stalybridge Flower Club and many more including the 'Action for Blind' bus which was in the Market Square.

Community Radio provided the music and there was lots of networking and community spirit generated. Thank you to everyone who made the event so successful.

The updated Lust for Life containing listings of many of the clubs, groups and activities on offer in Tameside is now available from local libraries, Council offices, Ashton Tourist

Information Centre and from T3SC. Contact [eden.carruthers@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:eden.carruthers@tameside.gov.uk) at TMBC or [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org) at T3SC.

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## Race for Life - taking place near you!

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life events will be taking place at Woodbank Park in Stockport on 13 July and Alexandra Park, Oldham on 15 June. Race for Life is a 5k walk, jog or run for women to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Nationally we hope that 750,000 women will come together to help raise a fantastic £50million for Cancer Research UK's vital research into the prevention, treatment and cure of all kinds of cancer.

Sign up to take part or volunteer at [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) or by calling 0871 641 2282.



For more information contact [Imogen.Johnson@cancer.org.uk](mailto:Imogen.Johnson@cancer.org.uk) , Cancer Research UK

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## Take part in a French exchange



For four years, a Tameside group of people with learning disabilities and their carers exchanged visits with a similar group from Stalybridge's twin town of Armentières in north east France. One year the French group came here, and the following year the Tameside group went to France. The visits were very successful indeed, and enjoyed by all who took part. The group from Armentières was a dancing group called 'Les Papillons Blancs' (The White Butterflies), and every year they provided an evening's entertainment.

Stalybridge Voluntary Twinning Association would like to re-establish an exchange with the Papillons Blancs, and we are looking for another Tameside group that would like to take part, hopefully starting in 2009.

If you represent a group that is interested, please email [svta2005@firenet.uk.net](mailto:svta2005@firenet.uk.net) or ring 0161 303 2026 or 0779 2325 877.

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## **'Opening Doors for Older People' Project**

We don't just point you to services anymore we will help you get to them!

The 'Opening Doors for Older People' project is a two year, government funded project that aims to help older people remain independent, active and well at home. It is aimed at people who do not currently receive formal social care services from the Council. The project offers older people a free, confidential CORA (Community Options for Remaining Active) Check and Support home visit to help determine what services are available to them in the local community.



Following the CORA Check and Support visit, people are given a Personalised Information Pack that currently signposts them to a range of services that can help them remain independent, healthy and active at home. However, people have told us that they would prefer us to help put them in touch with services, rather than just leave the information with them. Therefore, as part of our continual improvements to the CORA Check and Support service, we offer users the option of our CORA Co-ordinators at Age Concern Tameside making referrals on behalf of the older person. This means that more older people will be engaged with supportive services and agencies within the community.

If you would like to request a CORA Check and Support visit for yourself or someone you know, please contact the CORA Coordinator on 0161 308 5007 or email [cora@ageconcerntameside.com](mailto:cora@ageconcerntameside.com)



## **Talking News now available online**

For the last two years Hattersley Mottram Community Media (HMCM) have been producing the Talking Community News, an audio version of the newspaper, on tape and CD. Visually impaired members of the community and people who for other reasons aren't able to fully enjoy the printed publication can get to find out what's in the Community News. The Talking News is now available as a podcast on HMCM's website. If you want to hear Talking News, read the Community News or find out more visit [www.hmcm.org.uk](http://www.hmcm.org.uk).

If you're interested developing this area of your work call HMCM on 0161 368 5171, email [muriel.stretton@hmcm.org.uk](mailto:muriel.stretton@hmcm.org.uk).

You can also watch the first broadcast of '[On Hattersley](#)' a local news show brought to you by volunteers involved with Hattersley and Mottram Community Media.

## **Branching Out - Interactive Drug Box for hire**

Branching Out have an electronic drug box which is available for local agencies to borrow free of charge. With a touch screen and up-to-date information about drugs and alcohol as well as local services it is suitable for use in one-to-one sessions, group work or for people to simply explore within a youth or community setting. To arrange a booking for the

resource please contact [Emma Hawley](#).

Branching Out provides confidential support, advice and information on drugs and alcohol for young people under 19 in Tameside and Glossop.

**Change of address and contact details:**

Emma Hawley, Manager Branching Out  
Number 31, Clarence Arcade, Stamford Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne  
Tameside, OL6 7PT, Tel: 0161 342 7605

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**Tameside Radio can help you**

Are you a non-profit community organisation? Tameside Radio can help you to publicise your community event. Complete the form on T3SC's website:

<http://www.t3sc.myzen.co.uk/ebulletin2-news.htm#radio> and return it by [email](#) or to the address below. Tameside Radio will tell the 103.6FM Tameside Radio listeners about the event on the 103.6 FM Tameside Radio Community Notice Board, which is broadcast daily, every week day.

Maria Bailey, Community Engagement Director, 103.6fm Tameside Radio, Cavendish House, 85 Cavendish St, Ashton-Under-Lyne. OL6 7QL.  
0161 343 8446. [events@tamesideradio.com](mailto:events@tamesideradio.com)

(Please give as much notice as possible - at least 10 days notice)

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**New Business Family website**



Business Family is part of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council. It aims to increase and support existing and new entrepreneurial activity in Tameside. The new [Business Family website](#) contains useful information including training opportunities and useful contacts and links.

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**Are you looking for cheaper software?**

The [CTX Programme](#) from the Charity Technology Trust (CTT) in partnership with TechSoup enables eligible charities to gain access to donated technology products. Choose from over 140 products from companies such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco for a small administrative



fee. Charities make savings of between 92-96% on typical retail prices.  
Email: [customerservice@ctxchange.org](mailto:customerservice@ctxchange.org), Tel: 020 7785 6415.

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## Training

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### T3SC Lunch and Learn – Bright Ideas!

**15 April 2008, 12 noon – 2pm**, at T3SC Training room

Are you afraid of running out of funding?  
Interested in looking at other ways to make money apart from grants?  
Then this session is for you! Come along to pick up new ideas to help keep your group keep going and learn from each other!

Free lunch and refreshments provided!

For more information and to book a place contact [Naomi Creed](#), Tel. 0161 339 4985

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### Working with Asylum and Refugee Children and Families

**25 April 2008, 9am - 4pm**

'We came because we had to'.

A briefing session to promote awareness and good practice when working with Asylum and Refugee children and families.



### Working with Traveller Children and Families

**24 April 2008, 9am - 12.30pm**

The travelling community is made up of people from diverse cultures and lifestyles. This briefing session aims to promote awareness and good practice when working with traveller children and families.

**Venue for both briefing sessions:** Denton Festival Hall, Peel

Street, Denton, M34 3JY

If you wish to apply for a place please send an application form to [Glynis Hughes](#) or [Alex Hart](#), Tel: 0161 337 0246

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## De-mystifying Commissioning and Procurement

T3SC are organising a series of learning sessions for the voluntary and community sector of Tameside to increase the sector's chances of winning public service delivery tenders. These sessions are free but places are limited.

We are being supported in running these events by Tameside's Joint Commissioning team, so take advantage of this golden opportunity to get to know the Commissioners and hear directly what makes a good tender.



Hopefully you'll find a level of course that suits you or you may want to come along to them all. Find out more or book a place by talking to Liz on 0161 339 4985 [liz.welsh@t3sc.org](mailto:liz.welsh@t3sc.org) (Venues to be confirmed, refreshments will be provided).

### Getting to grips with the basics

**10 April 2008**, facilitated by T3SC

- Learn what the terms commissioning and procurement mean
- Where to find tender opportunities
- What you'll need to think about as an organisation
- How to get started

### Getting through the pre-tender stage

**24 April and 8 May 2008**, facilitated by Tameside Commissioners

- Learn what you will need to have in place to get through
- Understand what the question are asking for
- Work through a checklist to make sure you've got everything you will need
- Put together a pack for your organisation that will help you when you next fill in a pre qualification questionnaire / organisational questionnaire

### Tendering tips

**21 May 2008**, facilitated by Tameside Commissioners and T3SC

- Understand what makes a good answer to a question
- Learn some tips of the trade
- Understand the common pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Get to know the process of tendering in detail and what is expected

### Legal questions and answers

**29 May 2008**, facilitated by Tameside Borough Solicitor / Legal expert

- What does TUPE mean? / what questions do I need to ask to understand the implications

- What can I do if I want to challenge the process or outcome of a decision?
  - Any more?
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## May Day showcase event - Health Partnerships

**1 May 2008**

This event is an opportunity to discover what current work is going on around procurement, commissioning and health from Greater Manchester's third sector and examine ways of building positive partnerships. For more information see the [GMVCO website](#)

Delegate fees for the event are £20 per person. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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## Coming soon... Becoming more enterprising!

**30 April 2008**, venue to be confirmed

One day course for groups looking to develop your business ideas. Identifying and exploring potential business opportunities.

The session will look at:

- What is sellable? (Get new ideas!)
- Step-by-step guide to what you need to think about
  - Managing change and risks
  - Developing Business plans
  - Where to go for further support

If you're interested in attending this course – please contact Naomi at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email [naomi.creed@t3sc.org](mailto:naomi.creed@t3sc.org) by the 14 April 2008.

For all T3SC training see our [training page](#)

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## Child Protection Training dates at T3SC

**14 May 2008** - 6pm-9pm

**25 September 2008** - 1pm-4pm

**11 December 2008** - 10am-1pm

This is a basic awareness raising session in promoting welfare and safeguarding children. Its aim is to enable participants to recognise concerns about children and respond appropriately.

By the end of the course you will:

- Be aware of what is meant by child abuse and neglect
- Be aware of your role in keeping children safe.
- Be able to take the right steps to protect children.
- Be able to provide a safe environment for the children you work with.



- The session involves some Power Point presentation, group work, flip chart work and exploring scenarios.

Contact [Veronica Hyde](#) at T3SC for more information.

If you can't make these dates in order that you can access it anytime the Local Safeguarding Children's Board invested £5000 in an [e-learning package](#).

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## **SAGE - 2 Day Introductory and Processing for Instant Accounts and Line 50 course**

**2 and 3 April 2008**

- Installation and setting up the Sage accounts programme
- An overview of how Sage software operates
- Shortcut keys
- Customisable navigation
- Setting up departments
- Setting up new tax codes
- Value Added Tax
- Clearing down your VAT
- Customising your Nominal Ledger
- Creating Bank Accounts/Petty Cash Accounts/Credit Card Accounts
- Bank Transfers
- Recurring Entries
- Financial Reporting - Profit Loss etc
- Creating customer and supplier records
- How to create customer invoices and credit notes
- Supplier batch invoice posting
- Customer batch invoice posting
- How to post Petty Cash/ Credit card payments
- How to pay your suppliers and post accordingly
- How to post your customer receipts
- Printing Sales invoices and sending them to email
- Checking and correcting errors
- Customer letters and statements
- How to use your bank payments and receipts option
- Bank reconciliation
- Backup of data

Contact [Jonathan Lord](#) at St Peter's Partnership for more information, Tel. 0161 214 8300.

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## **Developing your groups funding strategy**


**17 April 2008**, 7pm-9pm, Mossley Youth Base, The Rowans, Micklehurst, Mossley

Do you have a funding strategy? Do you know what funding you'll need for the next 12 months. Come and find out how to develop your groups funding strategy.

For more information contact [Stuart Vaughan](#), Tel: 0161 339 4985

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## Funding news

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### Funding Bulletin

Our latest funding bulletin is available at <http://www.t3sc.myzen.co.uk/ebulletin2-funding.htm>

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### Health is for Life Community Grant Scheme - T3SC Meet the Funder Event

From April 2008 the PCT will be introducing a new scheme 'Health is for Life Community Grants' that will fund new projects that have a health focus in Tameside and Glossop. Grants up to £5,000 are available for a range of activities that have a clear link to health.



If you want to find out more about the grant scheme come along to our: Meet the Funder event on 21 April 2008, 10am – 1pm at Dukinfield Methodist Church, Wellington Parade, Dukinfield, SK16 4LE.

For more information please contact [Naomi Creed](#) at T3SC, Tel. 0161 339 4985.  
*Be warned, this could seriously improve your fundraising success!*

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### Dormant Bank And Building Society Accounts Bill

The Dormant Bank And Building Society Accounts Bill has been introduced in the House of Lords. Conservative and Liberal Democrat Lords have put forward an amendment that some of the estimated £350m of unclaimed funds from banks and building societies should be used for a Social Investment Bank, which would fund voluntary groups, as well as the proposed funding of youth facilities. The Bill can be downloaded from the [website](#).

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### Two payroll services have recently come to light

[Able Internet Payroll](#) has a complete guided steps to help you to complete your payroll over the Internet. The cost is less than £4.20 a month. six months free trial: The company is offering six months trial and you are not obliged to pay anything and allowed to quit at anytime.

[www.Payroo.com](http://www.Payroo.com) is offering a free payroll package over the Internet for all charitable organisations that have less than 50 employees. The package is accredited by the Inland Revenue (HMRC) and all payroll processes are run over the Internet.

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## Funding advice from T3SC

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder database at T3SC which you are free to use. Or you could use our [Resource Room](#) to fill in your application form, have a cup of tea, use the excellent resources and get some support.

T3SC (Tameside Third Sector Coalition)

St Michaels Court Stamford Street Ashton OL6 6XN

Telephone 0161 339 4985, Email [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org)

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## Groups and activities

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### New Homestart Tameside Family group

**9 April 2008**, at St Rafaels, Millbrook

Homestart is a national charity which is now Tameside wide. Our role is to recruit and train volunteers, who then support families who have at least one child under five by visiting for 2-3 hours per week in the families home. All our volunteers have been parents themselves. They undertake a ten week preparation training course and are fully police checked.

At St Rafaels in Millbrook, starting on 9 April, Homestart are running their first ever group, a ten week course for families, which will run every Wednesday afternoon after Easter between 1pm - 3pm. All families in the area with a child under five are welcome to come along.



We will have guest speakers coming in to talk to our parents on subjects like positive

parenting, healthy eating, oral health, Childrens information service, the fire and police talking about personal safety and safety in the home, MINT who will talk on budgeting and benefits.... and best of all, a pampering session for mums towards the end as a treat!

Volunteers will be helping to organise different activities each week for the children. The group will be completely free, and will include light refreshments, it is hoped that families will find it a supportive environment where they can meet other parents in the area. For further information please contact, Victoria Howarth or Denise Farrow, Homestart Co-ordinator on 0161 351 9312.

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## Activities at Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre

Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre runs activities for local people from 0-90years. Our activities include: Art Group on a Mondays, Indoor Bowling (Sept through to March), Parents and Tots group on Tuesdays, Young at Heart group on Wednesdays, Line Dancing every other Wednesday, Junior Youth Club on Thursdays. These activities are run by volunteers.

There are many other activities that take place in the centre provided by various agencies such as Sure Start, Youth Service, Tameside College and Learn Direct. The centre has a beautiful community garden, which is maintained by hard working volunteers. If you would like to help out in the garden please contact Teresa at the centre. The centre is available for hire, for private parties and activities during the week and weekends. For more information ring Teresa on 0161 339 7189.

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## St Peter's group meetings

**Holy Trinity Residents Association.** meeting up on Monday 21 April (Always the 3rd Monday of the month) at 6.30 at Holy trinity church, Dean street. All welcome.

**West End Residents Association** meet up on Thursday 17 April, (Always the 3rd Thursday of the month) at 7.15 pm at West End Mrthodist church, Trafalgar square. All welcome.

**St Peters Community Committee** is open to all residents in the St Peters area and is a chance to meet new people, have your say about your local area and find out about the services and groups that are available to you. All are welcome. Please call St Peters Community Development team on 0161 285 4200 for details of the April meeting or email [sophie.coulton@stpeterspartnerships.com](mailto:sophie.coulton@stpeterspartnerships.com)

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## Why not get gardening?

St Peter's Partnerships Community Capacity worker Tina Lallement would like to invite all local residents to get involved in the Resident Gardeners group. The gardening group has just started some great work on the Church in the Middle. This is a good chance to get out and about in your community and have a brew and a biscuit! Please contact

Tina Lallement on 0161 285 4202 or email [tina.lallement@stpeterspartnership.com](mailto:tina.lallement@stpeterspartnership.com) for further info, all are welcome!

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## New members needed in the Resident Reporters group

The groups articles are now being published in the Ashton Pioneer Homes Newsletter and The Ashton Regen Newsletter. No experience is Necessary for either of the groups and all are welcome to join! Please contact Tina on [tina.lallement@stpeterspartnership.com](mailto:tina.lallement@stpeterspartnership.com) or call 0161 285 4202 for further info.

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## Volunteering

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### Rewarding Volunteer opportunity

Volunteer Centre Tameside is recruiting volunteers to join the Community Action Team. This new and exciting project is funded by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and trains volunteers to carry out Home Fire Risk Assessments in people's homes. Volunteers need to like people, be interested in fire safety and be able to communicate well. Volunteers will assess the risk by asking a series of questions and then making observations as they do an accompanied tour of the house. Car drivers are welcome but this is not essential to the role. Training, equipment, clothing and expenses are provided.



For more details contact David at the Volunteer Centre on 0161 339 2345 or visit the Volunteer Centre at 95 Penny Meadow, Ashton under Lyne.

### FREE Home Fire Risk Assessments

The Community Action Team is available now to visit your home and carry out a Home Fire Risk Assessment on behalf of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service. The team will fit smoke detectors if needed and provide other fire prevention equipment (where appropriate). Advice and information will also be offered. This service, including equipment is provided FREE to all Tameside residents.

To book an appointment ring 0161 339 2345 and ask to speak to Paul or David. Don't delay ring today!

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## Miles of Smiles

Volunteer Centre Tameside (VCT) is developing a volunteer car scheme to ensure that appointments are met and patients receive the medical attention they desperately need. Many people find it difficult to get to hospitals, dentists' surgeries, chiropodists, health centres, or even their GP's surgeries on time if they cannot use public transport easily, and yet do not qualify for the ambulance service.



The scheme involves volunteers using their own vehicles to take patients to and from various health related appointments.

An important part of the scheme is the befriending element which many of our older passengers really appreciate, so if you have a few hours to spare and would like to make a huge difference to the life of an older person, volunteer now to become a volunteer driver. In return for your time you will receive full training and volunteer expenses of 40p per mile.

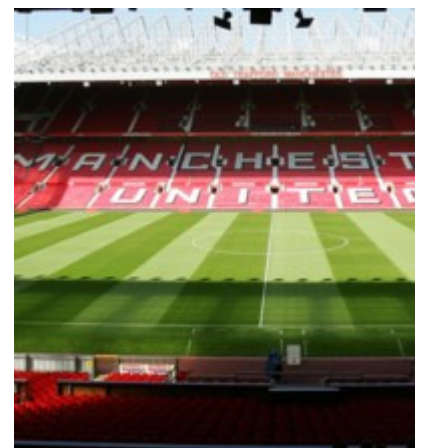
If you have your own vehicle and would like to get involved or for more information, contact Sue Vickers or Julliette Atkinson at Volunteer Centre Tameside on 0161 339 2345, email [office@tamesidevb.org.uk](mailto:office@tamesidevb.org.uk), or visit: [www.tamesidevb.org.uk](http://www.tamesidevb.org.uk)

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## Volunteer at Old Trafford Stadium

**Sunday 13 April 2008** between 12.00 and 5.00pm - Old Trafford Stadium (exterior), Sir Matt Busby Way, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0RA

Sign up and volunteer as a 'Match-day Ground Collector'. As part of the three-year United for Childhood partnership with The Children's Society we need 100 volunteers for our one-day event at Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium. All volunteers will be entered into a draw to win a football signed by the Manchester United first team. You will also receive an on-site briefing and gain some valuable skills.



Apply online at [www.playyourpart.co.uk/volunteering](http://www.playyourpart.co.uk/volunteering) under 'Manchester United Ground Collection'.

**Deadline for applications: 7 April 2008**

For more information, contact: [Ms Shafiya Dawoodkhan](mailto:Ms Shafiya Dawoodkhan)  
[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

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## Arts About Manchester - Open city Volunteers Required

Are you someone who has a passion for the arts and who enjoys attending a particular venue or art form? Do you have an interest in people and the world around you? Do you have empathy and understanding of issues relating to individuals who feel they can not attend the arts because of various barriers, who are therefore unable to benefit from what the arts can offer? Would you be interested in playing a part in supporting such individuals to be able to encourage them into the arts and to enjoy this social activity that you find so valuable? If so, you may be interested in contacting Arts About Manchester (AAM) the audience development consortium for Greater Manchester.

AAM are currently looking for eager people who are interested in becoming trained volunteers for a project called *Open City*. This project requires volunteers who are willing and able to undergo one bi-monthly training session and to attend meetings at AAM with colleagues. Volunteers must commit to a community group (which will be suitably paired with them and their interests) consisting of at least five people, for anything longer than six months. During this time volunteers are expected to meet with their group and attend an arts venue between four and six times.

This volunteering project is not for the faint hearted. The role will most likely present many challenges and may be emotionally demanding; however it should also be enjoyable and rewarding.

If you are interested please contact either:

[Emma Walker](#) (*Open City* project manager), Tel: 0161234 2961

[Emily Brogden](#) (*Open City* recruitment co-ordinator), Tel: 07817 420877

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## Policy and consultation

- [Unlocking the talent of our communities](#)
- [Charity Commission draft guidance](#)

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### Unlocking the talent of our communities

The Empowerment White Paper, to be published in the summer, will set out how the untapped talent of communities can be unleashed to ensure everyone has a greater say in improvements to public services, local accountability and opportunities for enterprise. The Government has published a [consultation document](#) which seeks views on a number of issues, including ways to: improve deprived areas; encourage active citizenship; improve local public services by involving local users; and strengthen local accountability. There is also an [online discussion forum](#) (open until 10 April).

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## Charity Commission draft guidance

The Charity Commission is consulting on draft supplementary guidance on charities and public benefit. The closing dates are 30 June for the guidance on public benefit and prevention or relief of poverty, public benefit and the advancement of religion; and 11 July for guidance on public benefit and advancement of education, public benefit and fee-charging.

[www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publicbenefit](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publicbenefit)



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## Dates for your diary

- [T3SC Network meeting dates](#)
- [Church and Community Conference - 5 April](#)
- [North Tameside Scouts April Events](#)
- [Fun Dog Show - 27 April](#)
- [Watch Out, DA's About! - Domestic Abuse Conference - 30 April](#)
- [May day showcase events - health partnership - 1 May](#)
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## Network meeting dates

### April

- **Core Network Tameside Community Union** (working with families and young people)  
**16 April**, 10-1pm, venue to be confirmed.  
Contact Veronica Hyde at [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)
  - **VOLCON - Voluntary Chief Officers Group**  
**16 April**, 12pm-2pm, at T3SC  
Contact Tony Okotie at [tony.okotie@t3sc.org](mailto:tony.okotie@t3sc.org)
  - **Crime & Disorder Network meeting**  
**23 April**, 2-4pm at T3SC.  
Contact Colin Kirby at [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)
  - **Network meeting FaithsUnited**  
**24 April**, 6-9pm, venue to be confirmed  
Contact Mohamed Seedat at [mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org](mailto:mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org)
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## Church and Community Conference

**Saturday 5 April**, 9.30am - 3.15pm at St Johns Church hall, Vicarage Drive Dukinfield.

Explore the opportunities for engagement in our community. How can we work with other agencies? Some ideas for action.

An opportunity to hear from people in health, social services, schools and the community and voluntary sector about how churches can engage with the community.

To book a place contact [Theo Knight](#), Tel. 0161 344 0269.

NB. The conference is free but please bring a packed lunch.



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## Tame Valley Scouts Model Railway and Transport Show

**Saturday 12 April**, 10am - 5pm and on **Sunday 13 April**, 10am - 4pm, at Astley Sports College on Yew Tree Lane in Dukinfield



In 1983 the Scouts in Tame Valley thought they would have a little model railway show and twenty five years later it is still happening, but it is a much larger show held over two days.

Tom Lowther the District Commissioner of Scouts said this event has got larger each year. This year's the event will be hosting model railways, model transport, kit models and this year Meccano models will be there. Some of these model railways are so

large you can't fit them in your front room and take years to build! Outside will be vintage cars and trucks. There are some model clubs you can join if you are interested in models and you can also join a local Scout Group at the show. There are some fantastic displays on at the show and are worth a look - like the real thing only smaller. There are some projects that children can take part in to build models.

Tickets can be bought on the day £3.00 adults £1.50 children and concessions and family tickets are £7.00. Money from the show will help Scouting in Tameside. If you require any further information about the model railway show or joining Scouting in Tameside then contact [Alan Fish](#) on the Scout Helpline 0161 330 0305.

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## The Scouts annual St Georges Day parade

**20 April 2008** outside the TSB Bank on Old Street, Ashton at 2.15pm

The parade is for all Scouts and ex Scouts to reaffirm their Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer, Network and Leaders



Promise's to Scouting and this is done near St Georges Day as St George is the patron Saint to Scouting. Approximately two hundred Scouts will assemble and then will march with the Arnfield Brass Band past Ashton Market and up Albion Way to Ashton Albion Church on Stamford Street for the 3.00pm service. This years service will be different as all the scouts have been learning their promises in sign language, and they will all sign their promises this year. Following the service the District commissioner Ken Marks will be presenting various awards to members for their service to Scouting including Medal of Merit, Bar to the Medal of Merit, Chief Scout good conduct medal and many long service awards.

If anyone is interested in joining as a Scout or a leader then contact [Alan Fish](#) at the Scouts Helpline 01613300305.

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## **Fun Dog Show - Tameside & Glossop Branch RSPCA**

**Sunday, 27 April 2008**

Tulip Sunday, Stamford Park,  
Stalybridge

Registration from 12 noon – 1st  
class commences 1pm



Novelty classes for pedigrees and mongrels alike include: Best condition, Veteran Class, Child's Best Friend, Appealing Eyes, Waggiest Tail, Best Biscuit, Catcher, Best Rescued Dog, Best in Show.



Entry Fee: £1.50 per class. Rosettes to 6th place. Micro-chipping available £10.

All proceeds to RSPCA Tameside and Glossop Branch (Reg Charity 232260)

[www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk](http://www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk)

Bring your dog along and have fun on the day!

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## **Watch Out, DA's About! - Domestic Abuse Conference**

**30 April 2008, 9.00am - 12.30 pm** at Jubilee Hall, Dukinfield Town Hall, Dukinfield.

The Domestic Violence Project Team at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) have successfully run a support project for young people who lived in a domestic abuse situation. This conference is to showcase the work undertaken, the outcomes for the young people, the results of anonymous questionnaires in schools and possibly a drama presentation. A programme of the session will be sent upon confirmation of attendance. For further information please contact [Karen Davies](#), Tel. 0161 342 4375  
There will be a maximum of 120 places for the conference.

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## Next T3SC Newsletter deadlines - Get your article published!

Do you want to include your event here or maybe you would like an article in the next T3SC Newsletter? Here are the deadlines for the next monthly E-Bulletin and the quarterly Newsletter.

Communication	Deadline	Sent out
May Monthly E-Bulletin	24 April 2008	1 May 2008
T3SC Quarterly Newsletter	8 May 2008	4 June 2008

Please email [Hannah Powell](#) with any articles or ideas. If you would rather not write an article I can come and interview you or help you to write one. Please also include an image or two.

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## Age Concern are holding a Trustee Information and Recruitment Event

**16 April**, 5.30pm-7.30pm at 131 Katherine Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

'Having a good impact on the Community starts where you live'.

'It's good to get involved with something positive and constructive rather than thinking there is nothing you can do.'

If you agree with any of these statements then this is the event for you. Do you want your voice heard? Various other voluntary organisations looking to recruit new members to their management committee will be present.

If interested please contact [Beverly Pickles](#), Tel: 0161 308 5000

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