



E-Bulletin - August 2008

Welcome to August's E-Bulletin! The summer holiday's are here along with some sunshine.

This issues highlights include two family fun days, free computers and your opportunity to meet a potential funder. We also have the latest Funding Bulletin and T3SC's new training programme.

The E-Bulletin is monthly and free to subscribers, if you would like to subscribe and make sure the next issue goes straight to your inbox please email hannah.powell@t3sc.org.

If you would like an article to be included in the T3SC E-Bulletin the next deadline is **21 August** and it will be sent out at the beginning of September. Please send any items to hannah.powell@t3sc.org.



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News

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LINK - Local Involvement Network

T3SC will be the host organisation for Tameside LINK. What this means is that T3SC will support the setting up of a LINK in Tameside.

- LINK will be a network of individuals and groups
- LINK will enable the Tameside community to actively influence health and social care provision.

T3SC will be recruiting a LINK team in the near future, please see the LINK page (www.t3sc.org/LINK2.htm) or contact Susan Patterson on 0161 339 4985, email susan.patterson@t3sc.org for more information.

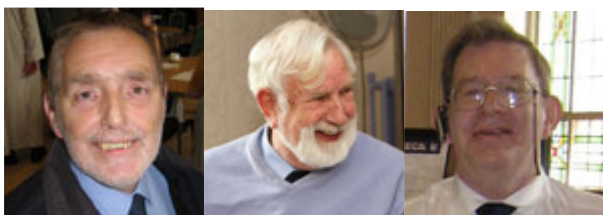
Jobs and a volunteering opportunity

As well as the three LINK jobs, the **jobs page** www.t3sc.org/jobs.htm has Hyde Community Action Managers role and positions in Stockport CVS, Barnardos and Mind. There is also a great volunteering opportunity for Children in Need who are looking for Assessors, Volunteer Committee Members and Volunteer Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs.

This page is constantly updated so keep checking. If you want to advertise a voluntary and community sector job on our jobs page please email hannah.powell@t3sc.org

TOPAG Election results!

The Tameside Older Peoples Advisory Group (TOPAG) held their elections in June/July and the results are as follows;



Stuart Eyres **Jim Pinder** **Bill Ormsby**

Elected as **Chair** with 37 votes Elected as **Vice Chair** with 27 votes Elected as **Secretary** with 22 votes

There were 41 returned ballot papers which is equal to an election turn out of 26.3%. The ballot forms are now available for scrutiny at T3SC offices. Colin Kirby, on behalf of TOPAG, would like to thank everyone who participated in this election process.

TOPAG is actively seeking new members so if you wish to have your voice heard on issues relating to the over 50's age group get in touch.

Find out the next meeting dates on our Events and Training page:

www.t3sc.org/events.htm

Free to a good home; computers

Tameside and Glossop Mind have recently upgraded their IT system and as a result have two machines available to a good home. Ashton Office Supplies have kindly taken them into their workshop to remove data and clean up the hard drives etc.

The machines are offered on a first come first served basis, and taken as seen. We do not accept any responsibility for their future usage or any loss of data that may incur. Having said that, they have served us well for about two years.



The specifications are: Hewlett Packard Intel Celeron Processor; 20GB Hard drive; 256Mb RAM; CD drive; Windows XP (no other software). If lucky they will come with a mouse and keyboard, but no monitors. Taker collects.

If interested please contact Richard on 0161 330 9223, richard@tgmind.co.uk



Summer Reading Challenge - We'd like your children to sign up for our team!

All Tameside libraries are getting set to keep young people active and keep them reading through the summer with the Summer Reading Challenge! Team Read gives children a great chance to have fun with books and to feel rewarded for reading.

The Challenge is to read six or more books during the summer, through your local library. Children get a special pack and a set of incentives to collect as they read, with a certificate, medal and a FREE SWIM ticket, provided by Tameside Sports Trust, for those that successfully complete the Challenge

Every child who completes the challenge by 1 September will be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a great prize for the family provided by New Charter Housing Trust. Free weekly 'Get Set Go!' activities will take place at all Tameside libraries during the summer holidays. Library staff and young volunteers will be on hand to act as team coaches, encouraging their local library team to reach the finishing line and that all important medal ceremony! Families are welcome to come along and support their team.

Babies and toddlers can join the fun by taking part in the Bookstart Bookcrawl and the weekly Bookstart Rhyme Times continue at all libraries throughout the holidays.

Find out more about the Challenge, 'Get Set Go!' activities, the Bookstart Bookcrawl and weekly rhyme times at www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries, in the Tameside 'What's On' or ring 0161 342 2031.

Sport England's consultation on sport funding



NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action) welcomes Sport England's announcement of a consultation on funding for community sport. This consultation looks at how Sport England distributes National Lottery money for community sport and proposes some changes.

Carrie McKenzie, NAVCA's Strategic Sports Partnership Advisor believes it presents a real opportunity for the local third sector to ensure that the system for distributing lottery funding for community sport is as appropriate and accessible as possible.



Local voluntary and community groups can use sport to make a real difference to the lives of people in their area. Sport can contribute to tackling social exclusion, improving health and improving community cohesion. Lottery funding is vital to many small projects and it is good to see Sport England consulting on how this funding is distributed.

NAVCA encourages its members and local third sector organisations to complete the questionnaire and influence how this funding is distributed. To contribute, visit the consultation on funding for community sport on Sport England's website:
www.sportengland.org/consultation

Do you have a room available to hire? - reminder

T3SC has many requests from groups and agencies looking for a venue to run their activities or hold an event. We also help community centres to promote the space they have available for people and groups to use. To help we've decided to put together a Room Hire Directory for Tameside. So, we're calling all community centre, church halls and other venues – if you've got rooms (large or small), halls or other space available for hire, we want to hear from you!



All you need to do is contact Dawn on 0161 339 4985 or email dawn.acton@t3sc.org who will collect some details from you. It's a great way to promote your group, make links with new groups and earn extra income! We hope to launch the Directory in the autumn so please get in touch by the **12 September 2008**.

Training

- **T3SC Free Training!**
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 - **T3SC Lunch and learn session – Diversity Development Work (Drugs and Alcohol Services)**
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T3SC Free Training!

NEXT: Equal Opportunities Training

11 August 2008, 10am – 3.30pm

A one day course covering the law on equal opportunities and discrimination and how to put equal opportunities into action in your organisation

Roles and Responsibilities of being a Chairperson

20 August 2008, 10am – 1pm

The new Chairs Network – The Big Cheese – are hosting a specific workshop for Chairs covering the Chairs role and responsibilities. It's a great opportunity to share each others experiences, highs and lows, swap top tips and come up with solutions to problems you have (e.g. with chairing meetings etc). We'll also demonstrate how you can do a skills audit with your committee.

Raising your profile – Marketing Training

16 September 2008, 10am – 2pm

This course gives an overview of how to publicise your group with handouts of top tips. We cover:

- Why marketing is important
- Writing press releases – what have you got to say?
- Local contacts – what channels can you use to get your story heard
- Tips for radio interviews
- Websites – the benefits and how to get a quick and easy web presence
- Leaflets – putting together a snappy leaflet

Top tips on making funding applications

24 September, 12 – 2pm

A really useful session on how to write fantastic funding bids covering the key ingredients all funders want to know!

Raising Awareness for Safeguarding Adults

8 October, 12 – 2pm

Do you work with adults, adults with a physical or learning disability or older people? Would you know what to do if you suspected they were being abused and how to spot abuse? If not, then come along to this session to learn more.

Management Committee Skills Training

Date to be confirmed, 10am – 2pm

A one-day course covering the roles and responsibilities of a committee, the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and other committee members and how to run successful meetings. A great course for anyone who is new to committees or someone who want a refresher course and pick up new skills and tips!

Outcomes training

6 November, 10am – 1pm

What are they and how to go about measuring them to prove to funders, commissioners and others the difference your organisation is making!

Where?

All session will take place at T3SC, St. Michael's Court, St. Michael's Square, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XN

To book on any of the above courses contact Dawn or another member of Support and Development Team on 0161 339 4985 or email dawn.acton@t3sc.org

Bespoke training from T3SC

Could your group or you benefit from training? If you can't find what you are looking for on our list of training activities then please get in touch and we can arrange training to suit your group's needs. Not sure what you need? Then we can do a skills audit for you to help you highlight your strengths and gaps to find out where you could benefit from training!

For more information, contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985 or email naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Next Child Protection Training date at T3SC

25 September 2008 - 1pm-4pm

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@t3sc.org for more information.

If you can't make this date in order that you can access it anytime the Local Safeguarding Children's Board invested £5000 in an e-learning package.

www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/elearning

T3SC lunch and learn session - Diversity Development Work (Drugs and Alcohol Services)

27 August 2008, 12am – 2pm, at T3SC

The work within the Diversity Development post within Tameside over the years has had some direct impact on changing the lives of the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities it has served:



- Community members that joined the work programme as volunteers or community champions have utilised the skills learnt to develop themselves personally and pursue further education for career development.
- Drug users gained the confidence to access services with additional support and share their experiences with BME groups about drugs misuse.
- Families and community members gained knowledge and understanding about substance misuse issues and how to deal with the challenging issues they face.
- Networking and partnership working has provided stronger ties and understanding of the BME Communities needs and aspirations.

T3SC are holding a lunch and learn session to disseminate 'what has worked' and share good practice. If you are interested in substance misuse issues or a service provider around substance misuse then this will be a fantastic opportunity for you to lunch, learn and network with other like minded people.

For more information: Please call Azzam Sheikh at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email azzam.sheikh@t3sc.org to see if this session is for you and confirm your place - we have a limit on places and you will need to confirm before attending.

Funding news

- **Funding Bulletin and advice from T3SC**
 - **Meet the Funder - European Social Fund / Community Grants - Project Towpath**
 - **Futurebuilders launches new Tender Fund**
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Funding Bulletin and advice from T3SC

Our latest compiled Funding Bulletin is available on www.t3sc.org/ebulletin6-funding.htm

To look through archived funding bulletins go to our Funding page (www.t3sc.org/funding.htm). It also contains factsheets on completing applications and themed funding guides for children and young people, older people and black and minority ethnic groups amongst others.

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 3rd Sector Coalition), St Michaels Court Stamford Street Ashton OL6 6XN, Telephone 0161 339 4985, email hannah.powell@t3sc.org



Meet the Funder - European Social Fund / Community Grants - Project Towpath

Thursday 18 September, 2pm – 3.30pm at T3SC

Greater Manchester Voluntary Sector Learning Consortium has been awarded the contract for the Community Grants Project 'Project Towpath'. These grants are aimed specifically at all small voluntary and community sector groups within Greater Manchester that help people return to work.



How much? Grants up to £12,000 can be used to provide support to 'hard to reach' communities and individuals, to enable them to access



employment or further learning and training.

Who for: Some examples of the type of activity that can be supported by a grant are:

- Initial help with basic skills.
- Taster work experience, including voluntary work.
- Training, advice and counselling.
- Job search assistance.
- Confidence building and personal development.
- Engagement activities that support individuals to overcome barriers to learning or employment

Further information: www.gmcvo.org.uk/?q=projecttowpath.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Naomi on 0161 339 4986 or email naomi.creed@t3sc.org

For more information on funding see our [Funding page](#).

Futurebuilders launches new Tender Fund

Futurebuilders England today launched a new interest-free loan fund for third sector organisations struggling to meet the cost of tendering for public sector contracts. The £1m Tender Fund is intended to help third sector providers win contracts where prohibitive tendering costs would otherwise make it difficult for them to bid.

Jonathan Lewis, Chief Executive of Futurebuilders England said: 'We know there are organisations with the skills to bid for and win public sector contracts who simply can't afford the costs involved in preparing competitive bids. Our conversations with the sector tell us that providers often need money to fund tendering related costs such as legal bills, financial expertise, staffing backfill and advice from procurement specialists. We are determined to get as many third sector organisations as possible winning contracts to deliver public services, and we feel this new fund is one way we can help.'

Amount: The new Tender Fund will provide interest-free three year loans of between £3,000 and £50,000. This will help organisations who simply need a smaller sum of money to get them through the tendering stage.

Further information: Call 0191 261 5200 or email info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

Closing date: There is no closing date for applications, and the Fund will be available on a first come, first served basis until the £1m runs out.

Dates for your diary

- **Network meeting dates**
- **The 'Really Important Questions' (RIQ) Annual Conference**
- **Play Day 2008 - Adventurous activities for all ages and abilities**

- **Youth groups think big**
 - **Women's Roshni Fun Day**
 - **Artists turn 'Rags into Riches' with community's help**
 - **Circuit Training - Men Only**
 - **Newsletter article deadlines**
 - **15th Annual International Bereavement and Loss Conference**
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Network meeting date

August

12 August – Health Network, 12pm–2pm at T3SC

Contact: anna.hynes@t3sc.org

For future network meeting dates see our [Events and Training page](#)

The 'Really Important Questions' (RIQ) Annual Conference

Tuesday 21 October from 9.30am to 3.30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall

Meet the people who manage social care services in Tameside.

This conference is for anyone aged 50+ interested in local social care and health services. It is an opportunity to find out about social care and health services and have a greater say about how these services should develop. Managers from a wide range of services in the Council, Health organisations and the voluntary sector will be at the conference to hear what people need.



This year the conference will focus on the Government's new vision for adult social care services. Adult social care services needs to change in a way that allows older people to have the best possible quality of life and live full and purposeful lives. What needs to be done to make this vision a reality? This is an opportunity to take part in discussion groups and say what you think needs to be done.

The conference is free of charge and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Access needs can also be arranged. The RIQ conference is very popular so early booking is essential. Please contact the conference organisers for a booking form.

Further information: Contact Sandy Parkinson or Penda Garnett on 0161 370 1179, Email: haveyoursay@tameside.gov.uk

Artists turn 'Rags into Riches' with community's help

30-31 August, Woodend mill, Mossley

Local Woodend Artists are working with Mossley's community groups to create works of art from stuff that is usually thrown away! Using the theme of 'recycle, reuse, reclaim', the Rags to Riches' exhibition at Woodend Mill on 30 and 31 August will showcase work produced by children, young people and local residents, alongside installations and artwork created by the artists and designer-makers at the mill.



The weekend event is part of an Arts Council funded six-week programme, which aims to include local groups in the creative activities at Woodend Mill in Mossley whilst also highlighting the benefits of recycling and re-using your rubbish.

Artists are working with Mossley Library, the Youth Base, after-school groups and New Charter's Dreamscheme using a variety of materials and skills to create artwork. There will be further opportunities to get involved during the event, with workshops in paper-making, drawing and painting, composting and making birdhouses available.

Further information: Contact Sam Mills on 07932 509 622 or go to www.woodendartists.co.uk

Play Day 2008 - Adventurous activities for all ages and abilities

Sunday 10 August, 11am-4pm, Stamford Park, Stalybridge

Activities will include:

- Den building
- Climbing Wall
- Arts and Crafts
- Face Painting
- Capoeira - Martial art dance



There will also be a 0-5 year old area with fun and games, competitions, prizes and giveaways and more.

Further information: Contact liz.hughes@tameside.gov.uk

Youth groups think big

17 September, 5.30pm-7pm at T3SC, Meeting Room 1

Joint session with Tameside's Youth Service and local voluntary youth groups looking at partnership working and possible joint funding opportunities in the future.

Further information: Contact veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

Women's Roshni Fun Day

16 August, 10am-4pm at St James Centre, Romney Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

Tameside Women's Roshni Group is holding a fantastic fun day. There will be a bouncy castle, clothes stalls, Mendhi (henna painting), face painting and gorgeous food amongst other attractions – come and enjoy the day!



Further information: Contact Yasmen Sadiq on 0161 344 5567 or 07932 446885

Circuit Training - Men Only

Sundays, 2pm – 3pm, Oxford Park Community Centre, Pottinger Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

August

- 3 August
- 10 August
- 17 August
- 24 August
- 31 August

Only £1.50

Further information: Contact Azara at The Healthy Living Project, Tel: 0161 343 8162



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
August Monthly E-Bulletin	24 July 2008	1 August 2008
T3SC Sept - Nov Newsletter	7 August 2008	4 September 2008



Please email hannah.powell@t3sc.org 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.

Writing guidelines are available at www.t3sc.org/WritingforT3SCNewsletter2.pdf

The Grief Centre - Manchester Area Bereavement Forum (MABF) - 15th Annual International Bereavement and Loss Conference

Thursday 11 September, Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester



MABF is a charitable organisation committed to providing effective support to individuals, voluntary and professional groups who provide services to the bereaved within the Greater Manchester area. MABF has dedicated its efforts to ensure it provides a Resource Centre for Greater Manchester. MABF holds training and development programmes and provides a valuable channel of communication across Greater Manchester for the bereaved and those involved in bereavement work, within a variety of professional and non-professional settings.

Membership is open to any organisation or individual dealing with loss and bereavement issues.

Day's Programme

The programme will focus on the integration of theory and practice with respect to skills required by those who work with individuals, couples and families within the field of thanatology. The day will provide a forum to reflect and improve existing competencies and enhance delegates skills. We feel this conference will be an ideal networking opportunity and to form partnerships with a large cross section of people within your area of work.

Cost:

MABF members	£150.00
Non-Members	£195.00
New Members	£175.00
All delegates after 21 August	£225.00

Includes lunch and refreshments.

Further information: Freepost NWW1423A, Manchester, Lancashire, England. M43 9BF
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