



E-Bulletin - March 2009

Welcome to March's E-Bulletin. Spring is nearly here! The evenings will soon be getting lighter. There is, as usual, lots going on in Tameside! March sees the big launch of the Local Involvement Network (LINK) at Hyde Town Hall (Dates for your diary). This issue also includes help on the credit crunch (Useful new guides and information page) and an opportunity to get your story on Tameside Radio (News page).



To view the E-Bulletin online and easily flick through the pages go to:

www.t3sc.org/March09E-Bulletin-contents.htm

We have the latest **Funding Bulletin** and T3SC's **free training**, plus useful **guidance and legal information** for groups.

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If you would like an article to be included in the T3SC E-Bulletin the **next deadline is 24 March** and it will be sent out at the beginning of April. Please send any items to Hannah Powell.



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Jobs in the local voluntary and community sector!

The jobs page www.t3sc.org/jobs2.htm currently has some great opportunities. Age Concern Tameside are looking for a new Chief Executive and St Peter's Partnership have a new position of a Community Development Support Worker.

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



Tameside Radio wants your input

- Do you want to broadcast your own community messages to listeners?
- Do you want to have your own volunteer reporter for your community group?
- Do you want to broadcast messages directly to the public?
- Record your own interviews?
- How about being trained in script writing and editing?
- Do you want to be in at the start of Tameside Radio's exciting second year?

Want to know more? Contact Maria Bailey (Community Engagement Officer)
Tel: 0161 343 8446, email: maria@tamesideradio.com

Speaking up for the rights of learning disabled people in Tameside

People First Tameside are a user led organisation speaking up for the rights of learning disabled people in Tameside.

Hello! My name is Ali Gelder. I am the User Involvement Worker at People First Tameside.

What can I do for you?

I advocate and support people to speak up for themselves. This can be with groups of people or on your own.

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy deals with an issue or situation. The advocate listens, provides information and speaks up for a person at a time when important decisions have to be made.



If you want an advocate Tel: 0161 308 3699/3683, email: ali.gelder@pftameside.org

Children and young people have their say in launching new Health Mentor Programme

Local children and young people have been having their say in the design of a new health mentor programme designed to promote healthy lifestyles for children, young people and their families in the area. The young people's input was acknowledged and they were awarded with certificates by Melanie Sirotkin, Director of Public Health, Tameside and Glossop NHS, at a special assembly at St Damian's RC Science College in Ashton-under-Lyne on 13 February.



Kim Wood and Ruhel Ahmed from Action for Children, Tameside Participation Project, worked with the children from the school, training them in numerous skills to prepare them for the presentations. The training covered aspects such as questioning skills, scoring and evaluating services, quality and diversity, and the commissioning process. The young people gained valuable skills from the sessions which will come in useful in other areas of life.

Health Mentors will work in partnership with local children and young people, offering early intervention to establish good healthy habits, and offering them personal one to one support on issues from bullying to peer pressure, sexual health, to smoking and drinking.

The young people said they really enjoyed being involved in the process, they felt very empowered and were happy to be making decisions with a group of adults.

For more information contact Ruhel Ahmed, email: Ruhel.Ahmed@actionforchildren.org.uk

MP heaps praise on local organisation

'St Peter's Partnerships are providing a range of valuable services that are helping to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses in their local area and beyond,' said MP David Heyes, following a very productive Strategic Planning Day, held by the organisation on 30 January 2009 at Ashton-under-Lyne Masonic Hall.



The aim of the day was to bring together a range of key personnel involved with St Peter's Partnerships, from Board members and trustees to staff and volunteers, to share ideas for the future development of the organisation.

St. Peter's Partnerships has grown from modest beginnings and now comprises of six separate business areas: Community Development, Greenscape, St Peter's People, Safeguard It, SPY (St. Peter's Youth), and Charity Core Services. The managers of each highlighted the main achievements of the past year for their service whilst highlighting the main challenges for the future.

The Day was also used to launch the new website where there is information about all six business areas as well as a regularly updated news page and a photo gallery illustrating the work that is going on locally. www.stpeterspartnership.com

For more information, please contact Karen Butigan, Chief Executive, St.Peter's Partnerships, Tel: 0161 214 8300

Useful new guides and information

- **More of the Charities Act 2006 in force**
- **Economic Downturn**
- **New Procurement Helpdesk**
- **Updated Children and Young People's Plan Guidance**
- **Higher penalties for late filing of company accounts**
- **Payments to Committee Members**
- **Boom in loans from social lender**

More of the Charities Act 2006 in force

Some relatively minor provisions (for England and Wales) of the Charities Act 2006 were brought in on 31 January with the fifth commencement order. Currently excepted charities will need to register with the Charity Commission if their gross income exceeds £100,000.

The Church Urban Fund has issued a reminder that all churches that had previously been excepted with an income over £100,000 should be registered by October 2009.

More at:

www.cufx.org.uk/page2501950.aspx



Economic Downturn

The Government has published Real Help for Communities, its action plan to help the third sector during the economic downturn. Measures announced include:

- Up to £10m investment in volunteer brokerage schemes for unemployed people.
- A £15.5m Community Resilience Fund to provide grant funding to small and medium providers in our most deprived communities.
- A £16.5m modernisation fund to help with the cost of mergers, partnerships and moves to more efficient sharing of back office functions for at least 3000 third sector organisations. www.navca.org.uk/news/realhelp.htm

In addition, **Capacitybuilders has confirmed details of £1m of investment** that will be distributed to local support organisations as an immediate response to address the impact of the recession. £300k has also been allocated to additional national projects put forward by the national support service workstreams, and Capacitybuilders is asking all of its grant holders to review their future work plans in light of the changing needs of the sector and communities. <http://digbig.com/4vgcd> or <http://capacitybuilders.org.uk>



Improving support
for a stronger third sector

How is the credit crunch affecting voluntary and community organisations locally?

- Are you seeing an increased demand for your services because of the credit crunch?
- Are you seeing a fall in income or donations?
- Have you received increased funding to enable you to respond to the current economic conditions?
- What additional things could T3SC and other partners be doing to help organisations cope in the current economic conditions?



Tony Okotie, Director at T3SC, is keen to hear how the credit crunch is affecting voluntary and community organisations working in Tameside. It will help us to ensure that we can tailor our services appropriately, and to help us build a picture to inform strategic partners and to advocate for increased resources for the sector.

If you have any specific examples, thoughts or comments, please let Tony know, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email: tony.okotie@t3sc.org

Charities Aid Foundation has opened a confidential Financial Crisis Helpline. Charity leaders worried about their organisation's financial viability can request a one-off confidential discussion with experienced managers who will listen to concerns and suggest steps for survival. Tel: 0800 980 2000
www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=17031

Charity Finance Directors' group has started a 'Recession Watch' webpage at:
www.cfdg.org.uk/cfdg/influencing_recession_watch.asp

New Procurement Helpdesk

A new procurement helpdesk is now available from NHS Primary Care Contracting. Both providers and commissioners will be able to use the helpdesk to email questions and seek advice on procurement issues, particularly around the PCT Procurement Guide.

The helpdesk is available at: www.pcc.nhs.uk/procurement-helpdesk



Updated Children and Young People's Plan Guidance

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has published new non-statutory guidance for local authorities, replacing previous guidance on the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) issued in 2005 and 2007. It brings together the 2005 and 2007 CYPP regulations in one place, reflects new performance management arrangements including Local Area Agreements, and sets out proposed legislative changes for 2011. This new guidance follows a consultation exercise that saw 143 responses including 24 from third sector providers.

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/planningandcommissioning/cypp

For more information on T3SC's work with children, young people and families:
www.t3sc.org/tcunetwork.htm

Higher penalties for late filing of company accounts

Companies House has brought in, from 1 February, a new set of penalties for late

filing of annual accounts, with much higher rates for really late submission. Voluntary organisations with limited status please take note!

www.companieshouse.gov.uk/companiesAct/ca_lateFilingPenalties.shtml



Payments to Committee Members

Governance pages has new answers on their FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) pages addressing the confusing topic of payments to trustees/management committee members. The topic is a mine field, though new legislation has helped clarify the issues. Payments can be made in many circumstances, and you can even have staff as trustees of a registered charity - but you must get every step of the process right and even then you must make sure stakeholders and potential funders understand the situation. www.governancepages.org.uk/faq/faq1.html#payments

Boom in loans from social lender

Triodos Bank reports sharp increase in loans to third sector organisations. Social lender Triodos Bank increased its lending to charities and social enterprises by more than 25 per cent in 2008. The bank, which announced last week that its lending to third sector organisations had risen to £93m from £73m in 2007, also increased its total lending for the year to more than £200m for the first time. Triodos said lending requests from the third sector had continued to be exceptionally high in early 2009. www.triodos.co.uk/

The above news was resourced from:

VolResource newsletter www.voluntarynews.org.uk

Third Sector www.thirdsector.co.uk/ and

NAVCA LINX www.navca.org.uk/publications/linx/

Funding

- **Funding Bulletin**
 - **Your chance to meet the funder**
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Funding Bulletin

Our latest compiled **Funding Bulletin** for March 09 is now available at:
www.t3sc.org/March09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm

To look through archived funding bulletins go to our funding page:
www.t3sc.org/funding2.htm. It also contains factsheets on completing applications and themed funding guides for children and young people, older people and buildings amongst others.

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder and GRANTFinder 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, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email: hannah.powell@t3sc.org

Your chance to meet the funder 1 April, 10am-12pm at T3SC

T3SC will be arranging a meet the funder event on 1 April. This is your opportunity to meet potential funders and get tips on your application. Don't miss out on finding out more about funding that could help your group.

For more details check our website nearer the time or contact Naomi Creed, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email: naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Local community groups and networks

- **Tameside's Retired Teachers**
 - **Beavers**
 - **The songsters**
 - **SPECTRUM - Don't leave us in the dark**
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Tameside's Retired Teachers

Tameside Retired Teachers set up to enable retired teachers to meet other like-minded people in a sociable and friendly group and have intelligent conversation.

Meeting with other retired people enables us to widen our horizons and hear what other retired people get up to.

Our visiting speakers, excursions and lunches add to the horizon widening and we

are brought up-to-date with things that are happening locally, regionally and nationally.

Tameside Retired Teachers meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Dukinfield Civic Hall, 2pm to 4pm. An excursion is run in June and lunches in July and December (the December lunch being on the 2nd Thursday).

The excursion this year is to Harrogate and Ripley Castle, leaving from the Harvester, Ashton Moss at 9am.

We welcome ALL Retired Teachers and Friends.

For more information see their new website at: www.trt77.org.uk

Beavers

A Beaver Scout is a little boy or girl 6 to 8 years old. It meets up with its mates in a colony at a Scout headquarters so they can have fun. They work together in groups called lodges with their motto 'Fun and Friends'.

In Tameside there are over 250 Beaver Scouts.

If you would like to join the Beavers then contact:
Alan Fish on the Scout help line 01613300305

alan.fish@dsl.pipex.com

www.scouts.org/join



If you are over 8 years old and would like to join Scouts in many of the other sections then contact Alan Fish.

The songsters

We are a singing group under the umbrella of the Time of your Life Club.

Every Tuesday at 12.30pm - 1.30pm we practice our singing at Age Concern, Bentinck Street, Ashton.

The singing group go to care homes, sheltered accommodation, community centres and Town Halls in Tameside to perform and give enjoyment to the many pensioners in the borough.

Our singing group are also pensioners or near pensionable age. We have our own pianist.

If you would like to join us you would be very welcome, contact Cynthia Tel: 0161 330 6070

SPECTRUM - Don't leave us in the dark

SPECTRUM are campaigning to stop the banning of incandescent bulbs. On 8 December 2008 the experts from each EU country voted to ban incandescent bulbs. The next vote is to be taken by MEPs followed by Government Ministers.

SPECTRUM represent various charities and are campaigning on behalf of people with light sensitivity who have problems when they come into contact with fluorescent tubes and low energy bulbs. People with the following illnesses can be affected: Lupus, Psoriasis, Porphyria, Rosacea, Solar Urticaria, Vitiligo, Photoallergic Eczema, Xeroderma Pigmentosum, Polymorphous Light Eruption, Migraines, Epilepsy, Autism/Asperger Syndrome and ME.



Problems arising can range from rashes to memory loss and genetic damage. Unfortunately currently there is no alternative light which is safe and energy efficient. Greenpeace have suggested obtaining the bulbs by prescription but this would cost £6 per item. If no alternative is found sufferers will be living with no lighting and will not be able to visit their friends and relatives so will be confined to their homes.

If you would like more details, contact: David Price, Tel: 0161 320 9484, email: david.price23@ntlworld.com, Website: www.spectrumalliance.org.uk

Training

- **T3SC's March Training**
- **Volunteer Centre Training**

T3SC March Training

March

Raising your profile (Droylsden)

4 March, 10am–3pm at Medlock Sports Centre, Droylsden

Training course on marketing and publicity – learn how to get your



group noticed, attract new members and supporters.

We cover:

Why marketing is important

Writing press releases—what have you got to say?

Local contacts—what channel can you use to get your story heard

Tips for radio interviews

Websites—the benefits and how to get a quick easy web presence

Leaflets—putting together a snappy leaflet

Money Management—end of year accounts

12 March, 10am–2.30pm at T3SC

A really useful session to help you prepare the end of your financial year (paperwork, auditing, SORP requirements) plus tips on how to plan your finances and manage them for the next year. Delivered by Community Accountancy Services (CAS).

Events—make them a success!

25 March, 10am-1pm

Organising an event? What will work? What doesn't work? Red tape? Bouncy castles? Does it all seem too much? Getting a headache just thinking about it? We can help.

Where?

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

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

Volunteer Centre Training - Recruiting Volunteers

5 March at the Volunteer Centre Tameside, 95-97 Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne

The training is free to all voluntary and community sector groups.



To book on the above course, or for more information on this or any other training requirements your organisation may have contact David or Riona on 0161 339 2345.

Dates for your diary

- **Network meeting dates**
- **The LINK's exciting launch event**
- **TASCA Autism Awareness Day**
- **Topaz@Mind Well Being Centre Customer focus day**

- **Football and skateboarding Competition Day**
 - **Tame Valley Scout Council Present Rail Road 2009**
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Network meeting dates

March

10 – Tameside Community Union Representatives meeting, 10am-1pm at T3SC

Contact: veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

11 – Health and Social Care Network meeting, 12pm-2pm at T3SC

Contact: anna.hynes@t3sc.org

12 – LINK launch event, 10am-2pm at Hyde Town Hall

Contact: tamesidelink@t3sc.org

The **LINK's** exciting launch event

The LINK will be holding its launch event at Hyde Town Hall on Thursday 12 March. There will be a number of workshops, plus stalls giving health and social care information and advice, and free health checks! There will also be a Health Question Time with local health and social care professionals taking your questions.



The LINK has real powers which will make it a strong and effective voice for the local community and the people who run your local services have to listen to what it says, meaning you really CAN make a difference.

To find out more, to get involved or to register for the launch event, call 0161 339 4985 or email tamesidelink@t3sc.org website: www.t3sc.org/LINK.htm

Tameside Action for Social Communication & Autism support group

Promotes



**World Autism
Awareness Day**

TASCA Autism Awareness Day

TASCA (Tameside Action for Social Communication and Autism support group) is holding an autism awareness open day on Thursday 2 April 9:30am - 4pm at Dukinfield Town Hall in the Jubilee room.

This open day is to promote the services and support on autism available to parents and carers alike. This would also be a great opportunity for professionals to find out more on autism to help and support children living within Tameside.

For more information on this event contact Valerie Bayley on 07931466417.

Topaz@Mind Well Being Centre Customer focus day Wednesday 1 April 2009, 5pm - 7pm at 216-218 Katherine Street, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 7AS



So what do you think of us? Here is an opportunity to let us know in a variety of ways what we do well and where we could do better. Topaz@Mind the Well Being Centre opened just under a year ago. The aim of the new centre was to be as attractive as possible to the people of Tameside and Glossop and to dispel the myth that Mind is only for people with serious mental illnesses. We reckoned that if at the minimum 1 in 4 people are likely to experience mental health problems then we need to be available to anyone and everyone. So we now provide a range of things that are proven to be beneficial to reduce stress, anxiety and depression and improve our self esteem, confidence and well being. These include a vegetarian cafe, internet access, dance and movement studio, art studio, training rooms and a dedicated 1-2-1 and counselling suite.

For better
mental health



If we are going to improve and continue to offer stuff that really makes a difference to improving peoples lives then we need to know from you what you think.

So on Wednesday the 1 April (yeah, we know, April Fool's Day) between 5pm - 7pm we will be opening our doors so we can learn from you. Pop in whenever you want. Our award winning cafe will be providing a free buffet with a range of delicious savouries and tempting homemade cakes.

You can then choose to just settle into the cafe for an informal chat; tell us your views creatively in the art and dance studios, attend a more formal discussion chaired by the member of the Executive Committee or meet the Director in a private room.

Whether you have used us once, every day or never heard of us, we really want to know your opinions. Free chocolate cake...

For further information Tel: 0161 330 9223, email: office@tgmind.co.uk

Football and skateboarding Competition Day **28 March, Mossley Park, Mossley**

Tameside Children and Young Peoples Services are working with partners in top Mossley Park and Mossley Library on a project to try to help young people whom are causing anti-social behaviour, engaging them in positive activities.

There are a number of activities now available:

We have setup a programme on Wednesday evenings (4.30pm – 6.30pm) doing street art. There is also street art in the library on Thursday evenings (5pm – 7pm), While on Thursday's in the park we have Sports Development - teaching young people football skills. Saturday lunch (11am – 1pm) young people are being taught to skateboard.

For more information contact Maurice Chadwick, Children and Young Peoples Services Locality Manager (Youth Service) Tel: 01457 834 828.

Tame Valley Scout Council Present Rail Road 2009

Come along to the model railway and transport show at Astley Sports College, Yew Tree Lane Dukinfield, Saturday 18 April, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 19 April, 10am - 4pm



There will be model railway's, Thomas the Tank Engine, transport displays in all scales, vintage vehicles, military vehicles, motor cycles, trade stands, items for sale and demonstrations.

Refreshments are also available. There is ample free car parking and the site has full disabled access. There will be lots to see for all the family.

Adults £3 Children £1.50 Family - 2 Adults & 2 Children - £7
In aid of the Scouts

For further information contact Tom Lowther, Tel:0161 338 5097, mob: 07719259638, email: superscout@tiscali.co.uk

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