



E-Bulletin - May 2008

Welcome to May's E-Bulletin. The T3SC E-Bulletin is now monthly! This month articles include our latest funding bulletin, a list of events, training, news, a T3SC job and volunteering opportunities.

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Goodbye's from T3SC

As you probably know Jane Friend, our Community Networker in the Health and Social Care Team, left T3SC at the end of March to work as the Network Co-ordinator for Groundwork.

This month Susan Roberts, the Droylsden Development Worker, also ended her secondment and has returned to her full time role at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council as the Environment Officer.



(Veronica and Jane)



Ruth Madden will be taking over Sue's role as the Droylsden Development Worker from 1 May.

Both Jane and Susan did some great work and are already missed. It was a pleasure working with them both and we wish them well for the future.

(Support and Development Team - Susan third from left)



Community Networker – Health & Social Care (FT)

Based in Ashton under Lyne, Tameside

36 hours per week, £23,749 - £25,320

Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition (T3SC) is working to build a strong, diverse and influential voluntary and community sector for Tameside.

Working as part of our Health and Social Care Team, this exciting post will focus on strengthening voluntary and community sector engagement in the Health agenda. The post holder will lead on the continued growth and development of the Tameside Health Network and provide support to health groups to raise their profile, and increase their capacity to influence service delivery locally.

The successful applicant will have the skills to reach out and work creatively with

individuals, groups and local communities to increase levels of involvement; excellent organisation and communication skills; a solid knowledge of health structures and will be committed to quality and equality in practice.

For more information call T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email Helen.Tallents@t3sc.org. The Application form, Person Specification, Job Description and guidance are all available online at: www.t3sc.org/jobs.htm. Please note that CV's will not be accepted.

Closing date: Friday 23 May, 12 noon

Shortlisting: 27/28 May

Interviews: Wednesday, 4 June



**Tameside
Children and Young People
Strategic Partnership**

Children and youth workers in the spotlight

Staff and volunteers working with children and young people will have an opportunity to showcase how they make a difference to families living Tameside. Government inspectors are to carry out a Joint Area Review (JAR) of the borough in June and July to look at what it is like for youngsters growing up here.



The JAR will focus on the five Every Child Matters outcomes: being healthy; staying safe; enjoying and achieving; making a positive contribution and; achieving economic wellbeing.

Inspectors will take particular note of outcomes for more vulnerable children, such as looked after children, children on the child protection register and children with disabilities. Everyone linked to organisations that are part of Tameside's Children and Young People Strategic Partnership will be involved in the JAR process in some way. The JAR team will want to talk to all levels of staff in the different services areas.

Cllr Allison Gwynne, chair of the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership, said: 'We have come a long way in our partnership working and have a lot to be proud of in the services we provide for children, young people and their families. The JAR will give plenty of opportunities for staff, young people and parents to show inspectors what it's like to live in Tameside and provide evidence about the quality of services and outcomes achieved here.'

More information: Veronica Hyde at veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

Topaz Well Being Centre Open days

6, 7 and 8 May, 10am - 5pm

Topaz the Well Being Centre opens at Tameside and Glossop Mind on



**For better
mental health**

12 May.

Topaz has a vegetarian café where you can get a meal or a snack, meet friends or just relax. There will be a wide variety of courses on offer. Whether you want to sing, dance, exercise or pursue areas of personal development we will have a course to suit you: many of the courses will be delivered in the specially designed art and dance studios. Counselling is also offered in a dedicated suite.

Drop in to one of Topaz's open days to check out what's on offer. Musicians will be playing, there will be taster sessions of some of the many courses and our chef, Kevin, will be offering samples of the delicious food that will be on the café's menu. Homemade dips and crudités, Indian food and his speciality roulade are just some of the appetising foods you will be able to try.

The open days take place on the 6, 7 and 8 May between 10am and 5pm. Visit and you might meet the famous footballer who will be dropping in to one of the sessions. Most importantly take a moment to meet the staff.

Find us at 216-218 Katherine Street, Ashton under Lyne, OL67AS

More information: Website www.topaz-ashton.org , Tel: 0161 330 9223, email valerie@tgmind.co.uk



Social enterprise and the voluntary sector - conference

Tuesday 3 June 2008, 10am – 3pm, St Thomas Centre, Manchester M12

A conference to examine the potential and pitfalls of social enterprise for the voluntary and community sector. Social enterprises are businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are mainly re-invested for community benefit, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for the shareholders and directors. With social enterprise currently high on the policy agenda and Government keen to increase its take-up amongst third sector organisations, just how relevant is this business model for VCS organisations seeking to achieve more effective social outcomes and organisational sustainability? This conference will debate the pros and cons of social enterprise for the sector.

Presenters include:

- Simon Thorrington – NW Regional Manager, Charity Bank
- Duncan Scott – Co-author of Social Enterprise in Practice
- Keith Smithies – Assistant Director North, Development Trusts Association
- Andy Wynne – Network Co-ordinator, Together Works
- Linda Banks – Legal Services Officer, Co-operatives UK

Workshops:

- Support for social enterprise development
- Warning signs for social enterprises
- Choosing a suitable legal structure

Workshops will be repeated, enabling delegates to attend two of the three sessions.

Target audience: VCS managers, development and policy staff; social enterprises; social enterprise umbrella bodies, regeneration officers; LA and PCT commissioners; LSPs....

Cost: GMCVO members £45; Voluntary sector £55; Statutory sector £75;

The cost includes lunch, refreshments, delegate pack and copy of 'Social Enterprise in Practice' (normal price £8).

Bookings: sue.barrett@gmcvo.org.uk or Tel: 0161 277 1001

Details: david.sutcliffe@gmcvo.org.uk or Tel: 0161 277 1011

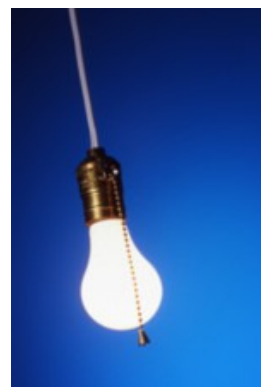
News, training and jobs on T3SC's website

Our website www.t3sc.org is being regularly updated with Third Sector jobs, free training and events and the latest Tameside Third Sector news.

Don't forget to check the pages regularly and if you want to include any items please contact [Hannah Powell](#)

Don't leave us in the dark

SPECTRUM are campaigning to stop the banning of incandescent bulbs. The government plan to ban incandescent bulbs in favour of low energy and fluorescent tubes from 2011. 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. 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

- **Child Protection Training dates at T3SC**
 - **Getting to grips with commissioning**
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Child Protection Training dates at T3SC

14 May 2008 - 6pm-9pm



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.

More information: Contact [Veronica Hyde](#) at T3SC.

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.

www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/elearning

Getting to grips with commissioning

- **Getting through the pre-tender stage**
Thurs 24 April (gone) and 8 May (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 and put together a pack for your organisation that will help you when you next fill in a pre qualification questionnaire / organisational questionnaire.
- **Tendering tips**
Wed 21 May (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 and technical questions**
Thurs 29 May (facilitated to be confirmed)
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?
What are standing orders, implications on tendering limits?
Health and safety / insurance questions.

Not ready for tendering yet?

We are hosting a chairs/chief officer/trustee taster session to find out about how your organisation could become more enterprising. Come along, meet like-minded people and share your thoughts and fears about becoming more enterprising. It may just be the gentle lead-in you have been looking for.

Want to know more or book? Ring Liz on 0161 339 4985 or liz.welsh@t3sc.org

(Venues and times to be confirmed, refreshments will be provided)

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 skills audit for you to help you highlight your strengths and gaps where you could benefit from training! For more information, contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985 or e-mail naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Funding news

- **Meet the funder event – Children and Young People's Funding**
 - **Funding Bulletin and advice from T3SC**
 - **Health is for Life Grant Deadline**
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Meet the funder event – Children and Young People's Funding

Thursday 22 May 2008, 5.30pm – 7pm at T3SC (Meeting Room 1)

Does your group work with or support children and young people? If so, then come along to find out what funding opportunities are available to you!



They'll be information and presentations about local grant schemes including Youth Opportunities Fund grants and Youth Action Grants. In addition we'll be launching our new Children and Young People's Funding Guide and giving you an overview of other sources of funding (large and small) for children and young people's activities and project.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to find out more about funding!

More information: Contact Naomi at T3SC on 0161 339 4985, email naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Funding Bulletin and advice from T3SC

Our latest compiled Funding Bulletin is now available as a PDF online – www.t3sc.org/ebulletin3-funding.htm

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

Health is for life Grant - deadline 30 May

The Health is for Life Community Grant is for community/voluntary organisations, children's centres, schools or nurseries to develop new projects with a health focus. The Scheme is keen to fund innovative projects and welcomes applications that involve imaginative ways of promoting health in local communities.



Grants of to £5,000 are available for projects, which have a clear outcome of improving people's health.

Application forms are available from T3SC, contact Naomi or Stuart on 0161 339 4985 or email stuart.vaughan@t3sc.org. The forms are available electronically and can be downloaded from the Primary Care Trust's website www.tamesideandglossop.nhs.net. T3SC can also help you with your application form.

Volunteering

- **Volunteer Awards Celebration**
 - **Volunteers required! - arts project**
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Volunteer Awards Celebration 5 June 2008

Volunteers' Week 1-7 June 2008 will see a celebration at Ashton Town Hall in recognition of the contribution of local volunteers.



2008 is the first year the Volunteer Award scheme has been organised in partnership with Volunteer Centre Tameside, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition in order to recognise the commitment and achievements of local volunteers.

Andy Hoyle from Tameside Radio will provide music and also be Master of Ceremony for the evening. Volunteer led groups that reflect the diverse talents of our local communities will provide entertainment.

Bronze (100 hours), silver (200 hours) and gold certificates (500 hours) will be awarded to volunteers in recognition of their work with an organisation and certificates will also be awarded for outstanding or extraordinary achievements.

Visit www.tamesidevb.org.uk/recognition to register your organisation online. We'll send you time sheets for your volunteers to fill in and you simply need to send those to us when an award level is reached and we'll do the rest.

Do any of your volunteers have hidden talents? If so, there may be the opportunity to showcase them. They don't need to be stars of the screen or stage but they do need to be currently volunteering and confident about performing in public. We are also looking for volunteer led groups who may also be able to provide entertainment on the evening. We would like the entertainment to reflect the diversity of Tameside Communities so if you know of anyone, please get in touch with us.

More information: contact Volunteer Centre Tameside, Tel: 0161 339 2345 or email vashti@tamesidevb.org.uk

Volunteers required!



This volunteering post is not for the faint hearted!
We are looking for eager individuals who...

- have a passion for the arts/enjoy attending arts venues and events.
- possess empathy and understanding of issues relating to individuals who feel they cannot attend the arts...
- and would be interested in playing a part in supporting such individuals.

Volunteers must be prepared to...undergo Open City training and to attend meetings at Arts About Manchester (AAM). www.aam.org.uk

- must commit to a community group for six months and be expected to meet with them and attend an arts venue between four and six times.

If you are interested in becoming an Open City volunteer, contact:
Emma Walker emma@aam.org.uk / 0161 234 2961

Dates for your diary

- **T3SC Network meeting dates**
 - **International Day Against Homophobia**
 - **Next T3SC Newsletter deadlines - Get your article published!**
 - **People First Tameside - Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMDL) Big meeting**
 - **The unmet needs of African families seminar**
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Network meeting dates

May

- **FaithsUnited - Business plan meeting**
6 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm at T3SC (meeting room 1)
To draw up the network's plan of action for the next three years
Contact Mohamed Seedat at mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org
- **FaithsUnited - Annual General meeting**
19 May, 5.30pm - 8pm at Hyde Town Hall (Hot buffet)
Contact Mohamed Seedat at mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org
- **BME Women's Network meeting**
7 May, 10am - 12pm at T3SC (meeting room 1)
Contact Mohamed Seedat at mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org
- **BME Network meeting**
29 May, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at T3SC (meeting room 1)
Contact Mohamed Seedat at mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org
- **Health Network meeting**
20 May, 6pm - 8pm at T3SC
Contact Hameed Khan at hameed.khan@t3sc.org
- **Core Network Tameside Community Union**
21 May, 10am - 1pm at Rathbones
Contact Veronica Hyde at veronica.hyde@t3sc.org
- **TOPAG**
1 May, 10am - 12pm at T3SC
Contact Colin Kirby at colin.kirby@t3sc.org
- **Community Development Workers Lunch**
20 May, 11.30am at T3SC
Contact Colin Kirby at colin.kirby@t3sc.org
- **Crime and Disorder Network meeting**
18 June, 2pm - 4pm at T3SC
Contact Colin Kirby at colin.kirby@t3sc.org

The Crime and Disorder network have moved their meeting forward to Wednesday 18 June 2008 to allow the Network sufficient time to agenda any issues for discussion onto the Crime and Disorder Partnership. They need two or three weeks notice for items to be included on their agenda. The Network hopes this will not inconvenience any members but if you have any comments please pass them on to Colin who will forward them to the Chair, Geoff Roebuck for response. For Information Bill Ormsby has been selected to represent the Crime and Disorder Network on the newly created Acquisitive Crime Group. This group is a merger between the Burglary Theme Group and the Vehicle Crime Group and it will devote its attention to issues relating to burglary, vehicle crime and robbery.

International Day Against Homophobia

16 May, 9.30am - 2pm, Dukinfield Town Hall



The Event will be held at Dukinfield Town Hall | King Street | SK16 4LA
Friday 16 May 2008 | 9.30am-2pm

WORKING TOGETHER TO END HOMOPHOBIA IN TAMESIDE!

The event will have:

Key Speakers

Workshops:

- **Lesbian and Gay Foundation's (LGF) Services**

A look at the different services available from the LGF.

- **Five ways of ending homophobia**

A session around ending homophobia and how individuals can play their part.

- **Developing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-gendered (LGBT) community engagement in Tameside (run by T3SC)**

A look at strengthening links between the local infrastructure organisation and the LGBT community through networks and community engagement.

Social networking

Free delicious food

Entertainment



Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition

Suite 3 | St Michael's Court | Stamford Street

Ashton-under-Lyne | OL6 6XN



Telephone: 0161 339 4985 | email: Hameed.Khan@t3sc.org

IDAHO booking form is available at www.t3sc.org/ebulletin3-dates.htm - return to Hameed.Khan@t3sc.org

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
June Monthly E-Bulletin	22 May 2008	4 June 2008
T3SC Quarterly Newsletter	8 May 2008	4 June 2008

Please email [Hannah Powell](mailto: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/news.htm#newsletter



People First Tameside - Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMDL) Big meeting

15 May, 10am - 2.30pm, Hyde Town Hall

People First are a user led organisation speaking up for the rights of learning disabled people in Tameside. Come to our big meeting! Getting to know you! Theme of Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities.

A fun day

- to learn and talk about ideas
- to make things better
- for people with lots of needs

Phone People First Tameside on 0161 308 3699 or email members@pftameside.org

A plan of the day, fact sheet and booking form can all be found on www.t3sc.org/ebulletin3-dates.htm

The unmet needs of African families seminar

by TAFWA (Tameside African Families Welfare Association) - 29 May 2008, 10.30a.m. – 4p.m at Dukinfield Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield

African saying: 'It is hard for mountain to reach families so families are climbing the mountain to have a summit'

This is a ground-breaking seminar, pulling together mainstream bodies in the voluntary, statutory and private sectors to establish an on-going dialogue with African communities and families. This is the first time any African group will create an avenue that helps mainstream bodies demonstrate their intentions and good practice by having a direct dialogue with hard to reach community.

Themes:

- Challenges facing policy makers and mainstream bodies: the growing population of unreachable African communities and families in Tameside?
- Investment in African community knowledge and experience as a vital resource that can provide added value to the social, cultural and economic life of Tameside.
- Reinforcing recognition of interdependency in the local authority departments: The integration and inclusion of minority ethnic people into the workforce i.e. education, cultural heritage and businesses



Audiences:

Professionals and representatives of Tameside Mainstream bodies in the Voluntary, Public and Private sectors, Police and Economic development agencies - Groups and individuals of African and other communities.

Early booking is essential – It is a first come basis a booking form is available on www.t3sc.org/ebulletin3-dates.htm

Cost: Statutory, Voluntary and Private Sectors: £50.00, Individual professional : £35.00, Concession: Student / Unemployed £15.00

Lunch provided - Africa Buffet (vegetarian and non-vegetarian), Coffee or Tea)

More information: Contact: Yinka or Bolanle (Seminar Co-ordinators), Tel: 07817314941 / 07915297606 /07733443967, email: ta_familieswelfareassociation@yahoo.com

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