

T3SC E-Bulletin - November 2008



Welcome to November's E-Bulletin. This month we have everything from a free wheelchair to providing a short term home for a puppy. There are also a selection of local groups to join and events to attend this November.

We have the latest Funding Bulletin and T3SC's comprehensive free 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 **24 November** and it will be sent out at the beginning of December. Please send any items to Hannah Powell.

The E-Bulletin is also available online at:

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



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Welcome to two members of the new T3SC LINK Team



The LINK (Local Involvement Network) team has two new members. We welcome Kevin Peel, the LINK Co-ordinator, and Tahmena Khan, the LINK Research and Policy Officer. They will be joined shortly by Fouzia Shaikh the LINK Community Network who starts the first week of November.

Kevin and Tahmena are looking forward to meeting a range of people from across Tameside's communities.



To find out more about the LINK have a look at our LINK page www.t3sc.org/LINK.htm or call Kevin or Tahmena on 0161 339 4985, email kevin.peel@t3sc.org or tahmena.khan@t3sc.org

The T3SC AGM

T3SC held its Annual General meeting last week at Hyde Town Hall, and it proved to be a great occasion, with over 75 people present. The theme this year was 'T3SC: Action and Impact'.

The day included presentations on T3SC's work in the third sector, our achievements, our future objectives and also discussions on the future of Voice. To see the days presentations and download a copy of our new Annual Report please go to www.t3sc.org/news2.htm or call 0161 339 4985.



T3SC has won six months subscription to GRANTfinder!

T3SC were one of the lucky two to win six months subscription to GRANTfinder at this year's NAVCA conference.

GRANTfinder is an online database of UK and EU funding initiatives. It comprises of over 4,000 programmes including grants, loans and advisory schemes. You can tailor your search to find the right funds relevant to your needs. If you would like to use GRANTfinder call one of Support and Development Team on 0161 339 4985 or email info@t3sc.org

Free wheelchair to go to a good home

A wheelchair that was used temporarily and is no longer needed is free to go to a good home.

If you are interested please contact Richard Edwards at Tel: 0161 330 9223, Email: richard@tgmind.co.uk



Harvest Trust Holidays for Children 2009



Harvest Trust is a charity which provides free seaside holidays for groups of children in real need of a break. We specialise in simple, 'no pressure' holidays which particularly benefit withdrawn children with low self esteem who need space and encouragement to build self-confidence.

The holidays are for groups of twelve children between the ages of 8-11, and are based at the Trust's own holiday centre in West Wales. All of the week-long holidays take place between April and September, and are organised in partnership with schools, community groups and child care organisations.

Harvest Trust provides all accommodation, transport and admissions free of charge. Your organisation need only buy food and provide three adult workers to accompany the children.

If your organisation works with children who fit our criteria, you can apply now to be a 2009 Holiday Partner.

For more information and an application form please Tel: 01559 371 190 or visit our website at www.harvesttrust.com

Closing date: 31 January 2009.

National News

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Guidance

Checklist for computer workstations

The Health and Safety Executive has produced a VDU (Visual Display Unit-monitors) checklist for safety reps, which should be of use to anyone doing checks on computer screens and the rest of the 'human interface'. An eight page pdf can be found at

 www.hse.gov.uk/msd/campaigns/vduchecklist.pdf

Clear advice on volunteering while on benefits

Jobcentre Plus has published renewed guidance on volunteering whilst on benefits, following a government commitment to the Commission on the Future of Volunteering earlier this year. Office of Third Sector news item, or download 'Volunteering while receiving benefits': 

www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/JCP/stellent/groups/jcp/documents/webcontent/dev_015837.pdf

Consultations

Time off for community volunteering

Communities Secretary Hazel Blears has outlined plans 'to make it easier for more people, from all walks of life, to volunteer for key roles in their local community'. Magistrates, school governors and members of health bodies or police authorities already have time off entitlements but the government is seeking views on extending the right to people serving in a wider range of civic roles. Legislation is aimed for April 2009, but the consultation also considers non-regulatory ways to encourage people to take on roles in third sector organisations. 'Standing for Office: Time-Off Entitlements',

 www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/976040.pdf .

Respond by 19 December.

How green is your workplace

A new survey for Every Action Counts to see how voluntary and community organisations are shaping up in addressing the green agenda. All those replying will be in with a chance in a prize draw. Respond by 28 November,

www.groundwork-surveys.org.uk/eacgreenquestionnaire.



Review of Compact's Black and Minority Ethnic Code

Consultation by the Commission for the Compact on how equalities and race relations issues are woven into future Compact documentation is now underway, following the publication of an extensive legal analysis of the Compact's Black and Minority Ethnic Code and related legislation. A number of workshops around England in November will discuss the issues. See the Compact website www.thecompact.org.uk

Standards for sector development workers

A set of national occupational standards for development workers who support voluntary and community groups and organisations is being created. The SKiLD learning project at NAVCA has already developed a competency framework. UK-wide



consultation events start in December, with the online version live from 2 December. See Workforce Hub:

www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk/DisplayPage.asp?pageid=12836


Official sector role in reducing reoffending

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) has published 'Working with the third sector to reduce reoffending' based on the feedback from a public consultation held with voluntary organisations earlier this year.

It sets out principles for NOMS' work with the third sector to reduce reoffending and protect the public and can be downloaded:

 www.justice.gov.uk/docs/third-sector-effective-partnerships.pdf.

This supports the Ministry of Justice third sector strategy published in June:

 www.justice.gov.uk/docs/third-sector-strategy.pdf, and will also connect with Baroness Neuberger's review of volunteering across the criminal justice system.

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/volunteering/Volunteering_champion.aspx

Money

Bank deposit compensation

There's been a large amount of material published over the last week or so on the impact of the economic crisis on charities, and in particular the collapse of Icelandic banks. Although much of this is repetitive, it is difficult to boil down to a succinct piece. If you are concerned, we suggest following up the links given.



The coverage of 'retail depositors' includes incorporated charities (or other voluntary organisations) which have two or more of the following: £6.5 million or less turnover; £3.26 million or less balance sheet total; or 50 or less employees. It also includes unincorporated associations with assets of £1.4 million or less. This scheme currently guarantees £50,000 per licensed banking institution. Charity Commission's guidance:

www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/fincomp.asp

Specific notes on Icelandic banks:

www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/ice.asp.

Scottish regulator OSCR's statement:

www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=7fd3d110-7895-4c5c-a647-c25dfbf40395

Progress on funds from dormant bank accounts

The Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill is now making its way through the House of Commons (second reading 6 October, and in committee this week, 14 to 16 October). The legislation would provide the legal and

administrative framework for distributing assets from dormant cash accounts. See NCVO's comments on issues still to be addressed at: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/policy/index.asp?id=2896#dormant_bank_2nd_reading

(The above National news was resourced from VolResource newsletter www.voluntarynews.org.uk)

Funding

- **Funding Bulletin**
 - **Meet the funder – LloydsTSB Foundation**
 - **Big Lottery Fund Launches New Public Consultation Website**
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Funding Bulletin

Our latest compiled Funding Bulletin is now available at www.t3sc.org/NovemberE-Bulletin-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 buildings amongst others.

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder database and access to GRANTfinder 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 at T3SC

Thursday 20 November, 10am-12pm at T3SC

Aims: The LloydsTSB Foundation funds charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community. They are particularly interested in work that achieves this through:



- improved social and community involvement
- improved life chances
- helping people to be heard.

They will fund: salaries including sessional fees, running costs/overheads, rent, utilities, training, volunteers expenses. Please note, they will not fund capital costs.

Maximum grant is £75,000 over three years

To find out more come along to the Meet the Funder!

- Presentation about the fund from Michelle Lester from Lloyds TSB Foundation
- Find out how to apply
- Have your questions answered

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

Further information: Please contact the Support and Development Team at T3SC to book a place on 0161 339 4985 or e-mail naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Website: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund Launches New Public Consultation Website

Some of BIG's current funding programmes are nearing the end of their grant making cycle. New programmes are expected to commence during 2009. Once established, they are anticipated to provide a simpler and more straightforward system of funding than the various programmes presently



offered.

Prior to the commencement of its new funding cycle, BIG wishes to consult with people about its future funding objectives.

The new Big Thinking website will offer people the chance to submit their views and help BIG to plan for the future. Over the coming months, BIG will be seeking public opinion in order to help shape funding policies. This will guide how BIG awards funds to the projects that help make the biggest impact.

People can have their say by visiting the new website from 17 November 2008. www.big-thinking.org.uk

Volunteering and local community groups update

- Tameside new LGBT readers group!
 - Dukinfield Carers support group taster sessions
 - The Cranberries Club new IT Tuition
 - Short term volunteer animal fosterers needed
 - Tameside Elders Association is expanding
 - Don't leave us in the dark - SPECTRUM
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Tameside new LGBT readers group

11 November, 6pm - 7pm, Tameside Central Library, Old Street, Ashton

As a result of the T3SC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-gendered (LGBT) work we are starting a new readers group at Tameside Central Library, Ashton-under-Lyne. The group is open to people aged 16 and over.



- Do you enjoy reading books by LGBT authors, or novels with a LGBT theme?
- Are you at a loose end on Tuesday evenings?

Why not come along to the first meeting of this new monthly readers' group? No literary knowledge required!

For more information call the Library: Tel: 0161 342 2029

**New activities at Dukinfield Methodist Hall
13 and 20 November, 10.30am - 11.30am, Dukinfield
Methodist Church**



We are having two taster sessions of Armchair Exercises for the over 50's (carers and non-carers) which will be held at Dukinfield Methodist Church. This will be led by a fully trained instructor. Everyone is welcome.

As well as the above sessions the Dukinfield carers support Group meet at Dukinfield Methodist church, Wellington Parade, (across from the Blind Association), Dukinfield, SK16 4LE every 1st Thursday of the month from 11am-1p.m.

For more information: Contact Revd Kim Ratcliffe on kimiratcliffe@aol.com



Short term volunteer animal fosterers needed

RSPCA Tameside and Glossop Branch (Registered Charity Number 232260), has been supporting animals and addressing welfare concerns in the area for 108 years. The branch, which is run and operated entirely by volunteers, has to raise its own funds to meet ever spiralling costs. A very big thank you is due to everyone who has supported us over the years.

The Branch's priority is to rehome animals brought to us by RSPCA Inspectors, the majority of whom have been terribly mistreated or neglected by their previous owners, but if we have room we will accept animals from individuals who, for whatever reason, cannot care for their pets any longer.

At the moment we are full to overflowing with cats and kittens who are desperately seeking families to call their own. The branch is keen to recruit more families who are prepared to take in very young puppies and kittens, or injured cats and dogs until new homes are found or they are fit enough to go into boarding. Short Term Fosterers (5 days) are also needed for dogs undergoing their isolation period after their Kennel Cough vaccination after which they will



go into private boarding whilst waiting for their new families to choose them.

If you could offer a caring new home, foster a litter of kittens or puppies or nurse an injured dog or cat, help with fundraising or would like to donate to the branch, please contact us, email office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk or leave a message on our answerphone 07050 264 531.

Further information: www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk



Tameside Elders Association is expanding

Tameside Elders Association (TEA) has now branched out with an extra day at Holy Trinity Church on Dean Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TEA are a group of men who are over 55 and currently meet Mondays and Tuesday, 10am-2pm at Albion Church, Ashton, for socialising and lunch. TEA will now also provide a service to the older community in the area around Holy Trinity by holding their lunch every Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church.

TEA are hoping to attract a lot of new members who currently can't travel to the Albion Church and who they would not have space for.

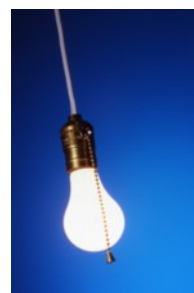
If you are interested in joining the group turn up at Holy Trinity on Wednesday's between 10am-2pm. There will be a £1 fee, refreshments and a lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Mohammed Masud on Tel: 0161 343 4681 or email darwish60_uk@yahoo.co.uk

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

- **Management Committee Skills Training**
 - **Public Speaking Training**
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November

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!

Management Committee Skills Training

11 November, 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 wants refresher course and pick up new skills and tips!

Minute taking— Lunch and learn

25 November, 12pm – 2pm

Lunch and learn – come along to find out how to take minutes at meeting, pick up new skills, techniques of recording information (what to record, and what not) and other useful handy tips!

December

Getting to grips with Monitoring and Evaluation

3 December, 10am – 12.30pm

We all have to do it so make it work for you instead of it being a chore and show everyone how well you're doing! This session will help your group get to grips with getting the right information about your activities/projects (essential for filling in end of grant forms for funders). It will also give you the tools to

help work out what you do well how to improve your services.

January

Create your own website

22 January,

Leave this session with your own website. It will show you how easy it really is to create your own site.

Where?

The sessions above (apart from Create your own website) 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

Public Speaking Training

6 November 2008, 10am-4pm at the
Volunteer Centre Tameside, 95-97
Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne



The training is free to all voluntary and community sector groups, however we do ask for a £5 contribution to cover costs.

If you are interested in attending this training please contact Riona Doidge, Tel: 0161 339 2345, Email: riona.tamesidevb@btconnect.com, Website: www.tamesidevb.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- Network meeting dates
- WinterFAIR
- Tameside Arts Network AGM
- Volunteer Reading Help is 10!
- West Side Story
- Tameside Health Walks

Network meeting dates - November

11 November – Health Network, 6pm–8pm at T3SC

Contact: anna.hynes@t3sc.org

14 November – Voice meeting, 6.30pm–8.30pm at T3SC
Contact: tony.okotie@t3sc.org



Tameside Arts Network AGM
10 November, 8pm-9pm at Stalybridge Civic Hall

The Tameside Arts Network exists to promote the work of Tameside artists and arts organisations and put people in touch with them. It now has a new logo and a website at www.tamesideartsnetwork.org.uk, which is well worth investigating. Any Tameside arts groups should send details and news of events to admin@tamesideartsnetwork.org.uk.

It would be great to see new faces at the AGM, particularly people who would like to get involved.

For more information: ring John Miles on 01457 763 701

WinterFAIR
Tuesday 2 December 2008

The Directory of Social Change (DSC) who provide Information and training for the voluntary sector are holding their first WinterFAIR in Manchester.

DSC We're very excited to Introduce the Winterfair. It will offer low cost snappy workshops covering a wide range of topics, giving you the opportunity to boost your skills and knowledge and aiming to show you that you don't have to be an expert to make an impact, whether it's in marketing, finance or fundraising.



For any queries about booking: Tel: 08450 777 707, Email: wfair@dsc.org.uk, Website: www.winterfair.org.uk

Volunteer Reading Help, Greater Manchester Branch is 10!

Friday 5 December, 10am - 12pm, Ashton Town Hall, Etherow Lounge



Volunteer Reading Help (VRH) is a national charity which recruits, trains, places and supports dedicated volunteers to provide one-to-one, personalised reading support to children who find reading a struggle in schools and care homes across the UK.

This December the Greater Manchester Branch is 10 years old! We currently work with around 90 dedicated volunteers who are supporting over 150 children across 44 schools and 10 care homes in Tameside, Manchester, Stockport and Oldham.

To celebrate the wonderful achievements of all our volunteers and the children that they have worked with, we would like to extend a warm invitation to all past volunteers and anyone who has been supported by a VRH volunteer at school in the past to come and help us celebrate at our 10 Year Celebrations. There will be a performance by Rod Dimbleby, Professional Storyteller and the children of Linden Road Primary School followed by mince pies and cake!

If you would like to attend or are interested in volunteering for Volunteer Reading Help please contact Jane Lyth, Branch Administrator, Tel: 0161 337 9016, Email: gtrmanchester@vrh.org.uk

West Side Story

West Side Story

1- 6 December, Mossley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society

West Side Story will be the first musical to be repeated by the Society. Our first production in 1987, became the most successful show in the history of the prestigious Reporter Awards, and the 21st anniversary of that show should prove that we have really come of age. The extremely strong and talented cast for this breathtaking production will be under the Direction of Martyn Preston and Michael Ward, Musical Direction by Mike Bramhall and Choreography by Gary Jones.

Make a note in your Diary and book early to avoid disappointment.

Book now: Contact Susan on Tel. 0161 633 3062

Tameside Health Walks



Tameside health walks are a series of short, guided walks aimed at promoting a healthier lifestyle for older people as well as being suitable for people of varying abilities. The weekly walks are between one and three miles long, which can be taken at your own pace and are ideal for people who are not used to taking regular exercise. Each walk is lead by a qualified walk leader.



The list below shows the days and times of each of the six guided walks which are held every week.

Hyde, Monday, 10.30am, Pensioners House, Grafton Street

Stalybridge, Monday, 4.30pm, Copley Leisure Centre

Dukinfield, Tuesday, 10am, Monument in Globe Square

Mossley, Wednesday, 2pm, Roaches Lock Pub car park

Audenshaw, Thursday, 1pm, Fairfield Railway Centre

Droylsden, Saturday, 11am, Medlock Leisure Centre

All Health Walks are free of charge.

For further information please contact Tameside Sports Development on 0161 609 1277 or visit: www.tameside.gov.uk/getactive

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