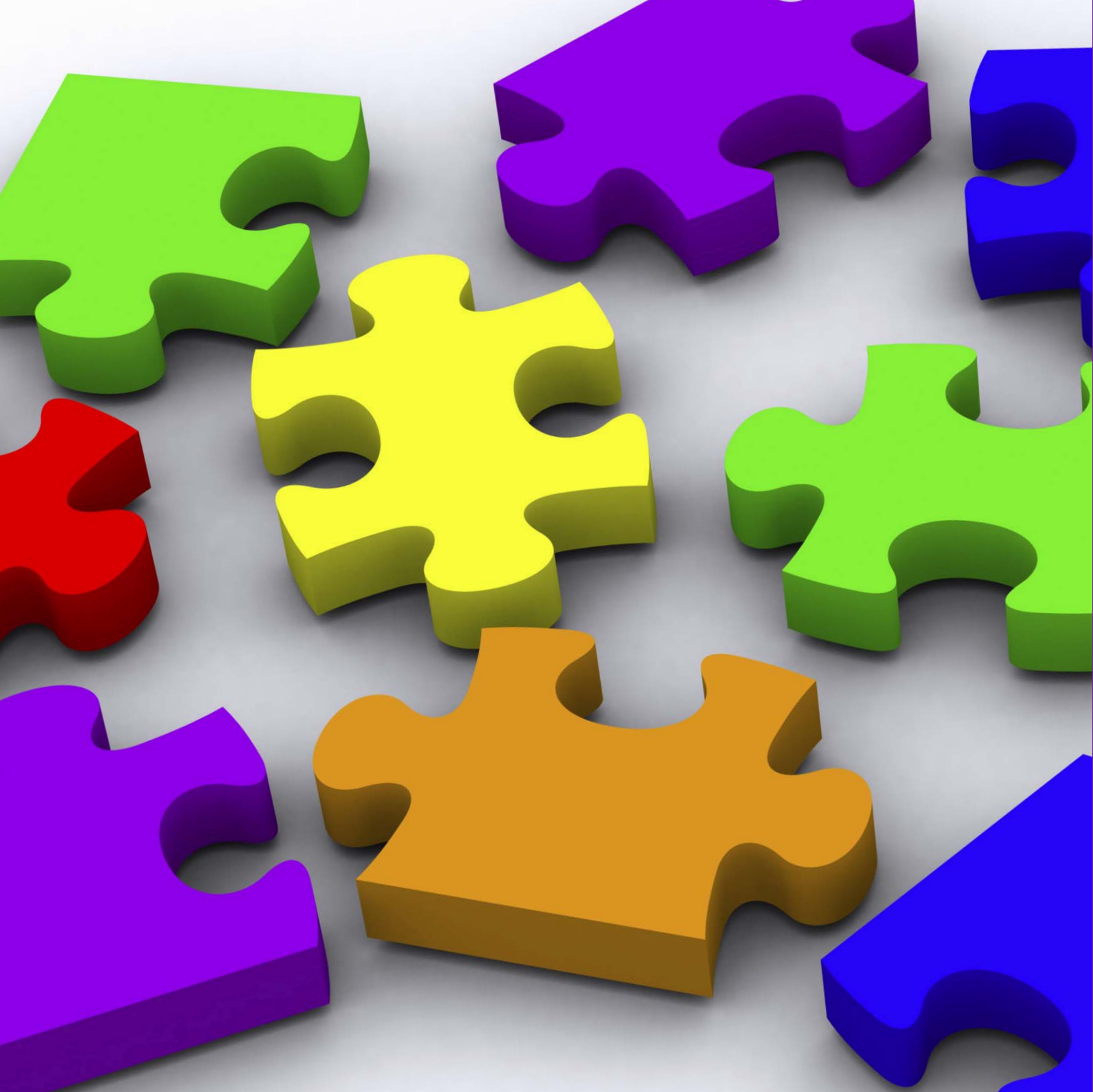




MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO **TAMESIDE'S COMMUNITIES**



TAMESIDE 3RD SECTOR COALITION **ANNUAL REVIEW 2006/2007**



Chair's Report

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It is now over 3 years since I became Chair of T3SC, I am pleased to report that the organisation has continued to develop both the quality and quantity of support services it provides to Tameside's Voluntary & Community Organisations.

In last years Annual Report I highlighted the Board's desire to root our services within local communities. I am pleased to report that this emphasis upon outreach work has continued to make good progress; 50% of training sessions are delivered within community venues and outreach bases have been established in both Droylsden and Denton South.

It has also been a year of significant change for VOICE and the family of Voluntary & Community Sector Networks. The Board were keen to identify ways to engage more organisations within the VOICE networks. As a result, VOICE members have decided to open up the membership, so that Voluntary Organisations, in addition to Community Groups, have a say in the future direction of VOICE. This move highlights the importance T3SC places on developing stronger partnerships and a more influential 'VOICE' for the sector.

As a support organisation, we are keen to demonstrate the impact and difference our service makes to local Voluntary & Community groups and the wider community. With this in mind, T3SC Board has taken the strategic decision to embark upon the National Association for Voluntary & Community Action (NAVCA) Kitemark. This Kitemark will highlight the impact of our services to communities. In addition, T3SC is also working towards gaining the PQASSO Quality Assurance System.



This year has also seen a change in operational leadership of T3SC, with Moira Cunningham, the Founding Director, moving on to new challenges. On behalf of the Board and staff team, I wish to thank Moira for her energy, commitment and expertise in developing T3SC.

The baton of leadership now passes to Rob Cookson who is tasked with both consolidating recent achievements and developing new services.

Our achievements over the last year are a reflection of the commitment, skills, and expertise of T3SC staff to provide high quality support to groups, voluntary organisations and communities in Tameside. It is in this context, in the confidence of the secure future for T3SC, that I have decided to leave the Board of Trustees. I am confident that T3SC will continue to provide quality services, and in doing so meet the needs of both well established and emerging groups in Tameside.

Roy Jones
Chair
T3SC



Our Aims & Achievements

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To improve the capacity and quality of voluntary & community groups (VCOs) in Tameside. We said we would:

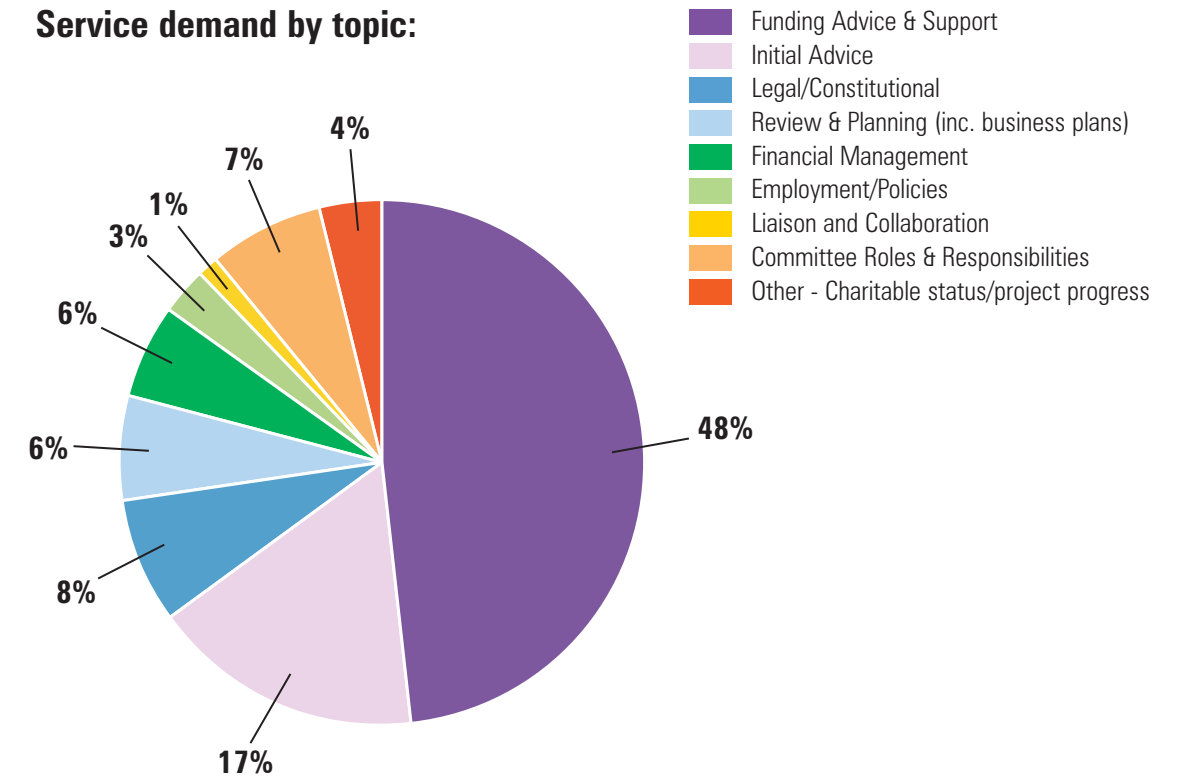
... increase levels of funding for voluntary and community groups

- We helped local groups to access £349,307
- We administered the Youth Action Grant, 12 organisations were successfully awarded a grant.
- We organised one Meet the Funder event attended by 8 VCOs

... improve skills levels of staff, volunteers and management committees

- We organised and delivered 18 training sessions
- Total of 156 places taken up by 107 organisations
- Free training provided in-house to 6 VCO's
- Delivered 9 external training sessions for partner organisations
- We provided 311 one-to-one support sessions for 188 VCOs

Service demand by topic:



... Increase the use of quality assurance systems in the VCS

- We have established support sessions for VCOs in PQASSO
- Delivered a beginners guide to outcomes training
- Completed an impact assessment questionnaire with 74 VCO's to enable the organisation to review their development against PQASSO standards and established baseline statistics of the sector as a whole.

To enable VCOs to widen their access to information, practical support services and facilities. We said we would:

... increase the availability of relevant, timely and accessible information

- We produced 6 editions of the Newsletter, distributed to 800 VCOs
- We developed a bi-monthly email news, with a current membership of 241 VCOs and growing!
- Produced 21 information toolkits on a variety of topics
- 6 funding briefing sessions distributed to VOLCON (Voluntary Sector Chief Officers Group)
- Specialised funding guides produced; 120 Young People's guides and over 100 Older People's projects guides distributed.

... increase the availability of practical resources and facilities

- We provided 36 resource room sessions to 24 VCO's

To facilitate liaison and collaboration within the VCS and between the VCS and the public and corporate sectors. We said we would:

... increase the levels of partnership working within the VCS

- Held 6 meetings of VOLCON, a network for Senior paid staff to share ideas and develop joint working.
- Continued to plan and host the Local ChangeUp Consortium, together with the Volunteer Centre Tameside and Equality & Diversity Centre Tameside, to develop VCS infrastructure services.
- Planned more joined up infrastructure services for frontline organisations, through producing joint publicity material with the Volunteer Centre Tameside
- In partnership with SureStart St Peters, T3SC hosted a series of 4 workshops to explore the effective ingredients of partnership working.
- Hosted a conference where 60 partners from across St Peters attended to develop local projects and a Powerful Partnership Steering Group. A report is being produced to share good practice across the Borough.

... improve the working relationships between the VCS and other sectors

- We continue to co-chair and host the Compact Group and have developed it into a 'Cross Sector Policy Group' by broadening its membership and remit
- We brought together community development workers/managers from all sectors through bi-monthly networking lunches
- We have played a key role in developing the Local Area Agreement (LAA) through membership at both the Steering Group and thematic groups.

- We remain a key player in the planning and delivery of the Health is for Life Festival.
- We have played an active role in the newly formed Sports & Physical Activity Group

... Developing a strong VCS voice

- We continue to support and develop Tameside Voice, convening and servicing 3 meetings and an Annual meeting
- We provided on going support & development to 8 issue based networks, organising and servicing 32 meetings
- We planned, organised and delivered 4 conference events, each attended by between 60 – 188 people
 - Faith, Environment & Water, (100 attendees)
 - 'Rumble in the Jungle' – launch of Children & Young People's Network (60 attendees)
 - Older People's conference (188 attendees)
 - Voice AGM – (75 attendees)
 - Local Area Agreement event (50 attendees)

... Ensure the VCS voice is heard and listened to in strategic arenas

- Sure Start powerful partnerships
- We ensured that there was VCS representation on:
 - Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP)
 - 6 thematic partnerships
 - Compact Group

- Continued to play an active role in Greater Manchester ChangeUp Consortium, and diversity steering group
- Network members have been involved in developing Local Area Agreements (LAA) including a consultation event attended by TMBC Senior Officers.

To identify and prioritise the needs of local communities and to develop appropriate responses. We said we would:

... improve consultation and involvement of local communities

- We created a new Development Worker post, dedicated to supporting VCOs working with Children & Young People.
- We planned and organised the Community Engagement Task group in Denton South, including establishing and supporting a community member as the Chair.
- We continued to support the Fairshare Panels in Micklehurst and Droylsden

... Develop sustainable solutions to meet identified needs

- We hosted a specialist BME Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Post
- We continued our close support of the Hyde Asian Healthy Living Centre, including supervision of the manager and co-chairing the partnership.



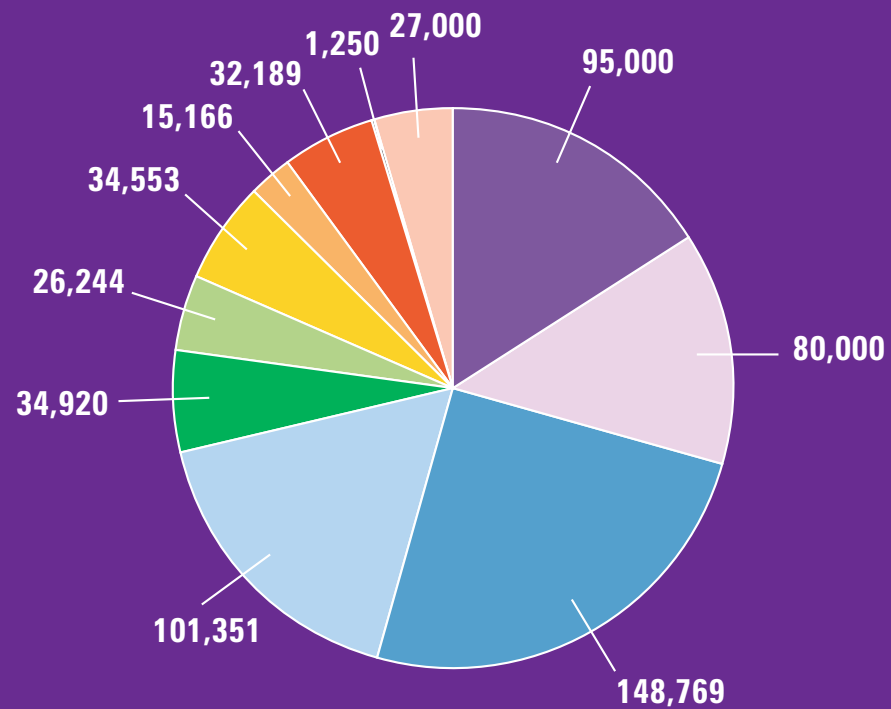
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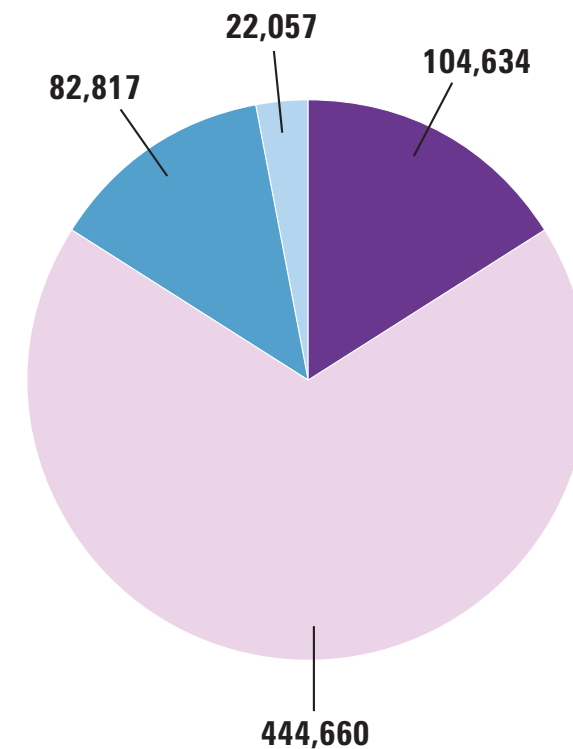
Funding Received 2006/2007



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| TMBC | 95,000 |
| PCT | 80,000 |
| Safer & Stronger Communities | 148,769 |
| Big Lottery | 101,351 |
| Asian Healthy Living Project | 34,920 |
| Change Up | 26,244 |
| Diversity Post | 34,553 |
| Fairshare Micklehurst | 15,166 |
| Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund | 32,189 |
| Big Lottery BASIS | 1,250 |
| Children's Workforce Development Council | 27,000 |

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Funding Spent 2006/2007



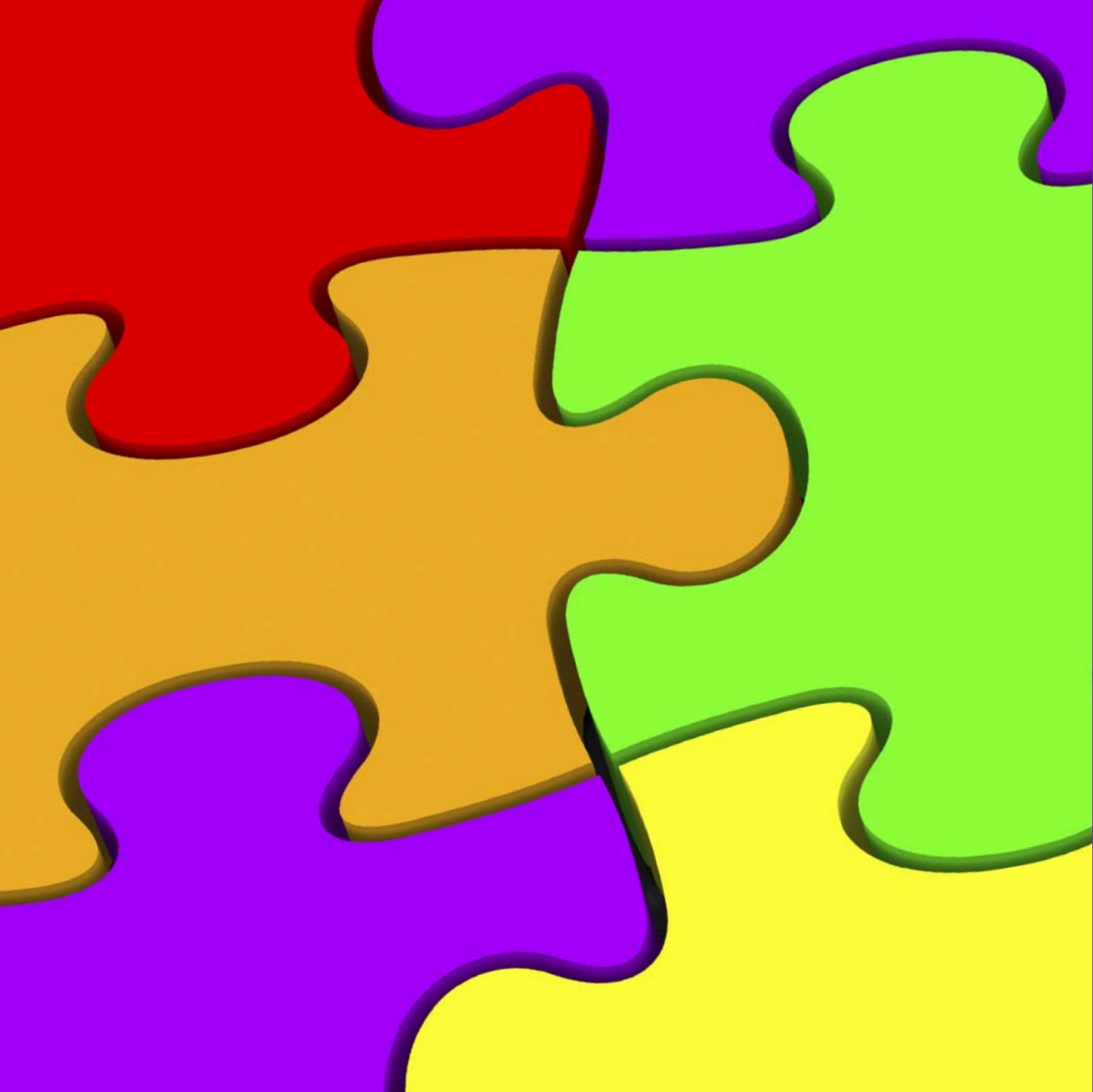
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| Project Work | 104,634 | 16.00% |
| Staffing | 444,660 | 67.97% |
| Office Costs/Overheads | 82,817 | 12.66% |
| Professional/Audit Fees | 22,057 | 3.37% |

Funding Spent **654,168**

Auditor:
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A full set of Financial statements are available and can be obtained by contacting the T3SC office.





Director's Report

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This is my first year in post as Director of T3SC, having succeeded Moira Cunningham in May 2007. The information in this report highlights the broad range of services we provide to Tameside's Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCOs). A key part of our service is providing intensive support to groups so that they are able to develop in a sustainable manner. A quick look at the figures in this report highlights the increasing need for our service; 188 VCOs received at least one 1-to-1 support sessions and 18 training events were delivered to 107 organisations. It is interesting to note that our most popular service with VCOs is Funding Advice & Support, which is 48% of the Support & Development Team's service. Whilst this increasing demand recognises the quality of our funding service, it also highlights the fragility of the sector, with many groups struggling to develop, or just continue their services due to the nature of short term funding.

Over the last year we have made some subtle changes to our service, to ensure it continues to meet individual group's needs. In particular, we are creating more knowledgeable communities, through a range of targeted information; topic specific funding guides produced for Older People's Groups and Children & Young People's Groups; bi monthly e-bulletin distributed to 241 groups; lunch & learn opportunities to increase people's opportunities to develop new skills.

I am particularly proud of T3SC's approach to partnership working which has seen closer working with the Volunteer Centre Tameside, resulting in a joint promotional leaflet outlining how to access infrastructure services; broadening the membership of the Compact Group into a Cross Sector Policy Group; working with partners to contribute to the Local Area Agreement (LAA); mapping the needs of Voluntary Organisations and formulating a common approach to addressing these needs.



Through additional funding we have been able to meet the needs of more VCOs; TMBC funding for a Children & Young People's (CYP) Development Worker has established a CYP Network for VCO's and the opportunity to engage with relevant strategies, including the Play Strategy. Through Community Foundation Fair Share funding Voluntary and Community groups in Droylsden now benefit from a Community Development Worker, dedicated to that area. We thank all our Funder's and supporters in enabling us to provide a crucial service to Tameside.

Another key part of T3SC's service has been supporting and promoting diverse communities within Tameside. Through supporting the Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Network we have effective structures in place so that the BME Community can liaise with statutory partners. The growing strength and importance of the InterFaith Network was highlighted through the successful Faith, Environment & Water Conference, where 100 people attended from over 12 different faiths. Both of these networks will be crucial in ensuring Community Cohesion is Tameside. We are also strengthening our links with specialist organisations, such as The Lesbian and Gay Foundation, to maximise T3SC's ability to meet the needs of all communities.

As the sector changes and adopts to new policy initiatives, we will continue to provide a quality service, through a flexible support package for VCOs. A key part of the organisation's ability to meet VCO's need's rests with the T3SC team; a Board who provide strong and clear strategic direction and staff who are skilled to support VCOs, committed to the values of a strong sector and passionate about Tameside. It is this mixture of passion and strategic thinking which is evident not only in T3SC, but also the VCO's which we are here to serve.

Rob Cookson
Director
 T3SC



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