



E-Bulletin - December 2008 - January 2009

Welcome to December 08/January 09 E-Bulletin. This issue we have details of a free Christmas dinner for those who need it, some exciting volunteering opportunities and two Christmas fairs.



We also have the latest Funding Bulletin and T3SC's comprehensive free training programme. Don't miss your chance to win an iPod by completing our LINK survey.

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](mailto:Hannah.Powell@t3sc.org).

If you would like an article to be included in the T3SC E-Bulletin the **next deadline** is **23 January** and it will be sent out at the beginning of February. Please send any items to Hannah Powell.

The E-Bulletin is available online so you can go to the section that interests you at: www.t3sc.org/Dec08Jan09E-Bulletin-contents.htm



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Jobs in the local voluntary and community sector!

The jobs page www.t3sc.org/jobs2.htm currently has two Development Worker opportunities a Youth worker position and a Support Officer in third sector organisations in Tameside. 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

Win an iPod Touch or shopping vouchers

Tell us what you think about local health and social care services and you could win an iPod Touch or £100 of high street shopping vouchers!

Tameside Local Involvement Network (LINK) exists to listen to your views about local health and social care services and to work with the people who provide them to make them better.

The LINK is a new network and is currently carrying out a survey to find out what local people think of health and social care services in Tameside and what needs to be done to make them better.



The results of this survey will be used to decide what work needs to be done and so it is a real opportunity for you to have your say and help to improve the services you, your family and your friends receive.

Go to our E-Bulletin news page for a link to the survey

www.t3sc.org/Dec08Jan09E-Bulletin-News.htm

Make sure you provide your contact details at the end so we can enter you into our prize draw to win an iPod Touch or £100 of high street shopping vouchers.

For more information on the LINK or to get involved, please contact the LINK Support Team at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email tamesidelink@t3sc.org .

Over 50's provider forum

On the 31 October 2008, T3SC hosted a meeting for those dedicated people in Tameside who organise or run voluntary groups that cater specifically for the over 50's age range. We felt the groups that operate in the Borough might benefit from meeting up. We can then find out about who else in the Borough runs groups for the over 50's and to try to identify how such groups can be better supported and funded. We had a really good attendance with a wide spectrum of providers attending what turned out to be a very positive and enjoyable meeting. The groups represented were from such a diverse range such as Tameside Women's Group, the Time of your Life groups, singing groups, keep fit groups, bowling groups and many more which highlighted the depth and quality of this provision locally.

We soon realised how many people in Tameside benefit from such groups and what a really fantastic and commendable job the organisers are doing in keeping such an important social scene active in the Borough.

The consensus from those attending was that they would like to meet again as they felt the meeting was worthwhile and that benefits could emerge from such a gathering. With that in mind there is a second meeting arranged and this will take place on **Monday the 9 February 2009, 10am at T3SC offices.**

We hope to see again all those who attended the first meeting in October and if you run or organise an over 50's group in Tameside, whatever it is, you are more than welcome to attend the February meeting as we feel there could be many benefits to be gained from you attending such a meeting.

If you help run or organise such a group and would like more information phone Liz or Colin on 339 4985 or email liz.welsh@t3sc.org or colin.kirby@t3sc.org

Free Christmas dinner!



If you know any resident who is going to be alone on Christmas day there is a free Christmas dinner (on Christmas day) with all the trimmings at the church of the Nazarene on Stamford Street.

If you are interested please contact Tina Lallement to book a place on 07901 891 305.

Free tables to a good home

Do you need a table? The pension house in Hyde has some round tables to get rid of. The tables are 3ft in diameter and will need to be collected.

If you are interested please contact Bernie on 0161 368 4110.

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Khush Amdid Celebrate ten successful years

This year Khush Amdid celebrated 10 years of service to the elderly Pakistani community of Tameside. The group supplies home cooked and wholesome lunches to its members twice a week. It also provides opportunities for elderly and often isolated members of the community to socialise and learn about topics of interest.

T3SC's BME Worker, Hakeel Qureshi, was at the event and commented, 'It was great to look back at some of what they had achieved over the past ten years over which time the group has brought the community together and created lots of opportunities for older people in Tameside.'

Following their recent successful funding applications, Mrs Ibrahim, the group's founder and inspiration, is looking forward to 10 more years of service to the community!

For more information: Contact Mrs Ibrahim, Tel: 0161 339 2989

2nd Ashton Scouts starts again

2nd Ashton Scout group was formed around one hundred years ago in Audenshaw and had many bases around in the area and was closed when the Methodist church was demolished about six years ago. With the help of the local people in St Peters, St Peters Partnership and the Community Development Team the group has been resurrected and started last week in the Pavilion in Oxford Park on Stockport Road in Ashton. The group is in the early stages but the signs are looking good.



The Beavers are 6 - 8 year old girls and boys who meet on Thursday at 5.30pm - 7pm.

The Cubs are 8 -10 year old girls and boys and meet Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm.
The Scouts are 10 - 14 year old boys and girls who meet Mondays at 7pm-9pm.

For more information: Contact Alan Fish on the Scouts Helpline 0161 330 0305.

An X-citing new start

Tameside Sports Service has launched the X Clubs - community sports clubs for children aged 5 – 19. X clubs is a three year programme which will enable children from Tameside to participate in up to 30 weeks of activity per year across a vast range of sports and activities. All X club members will receive their own individual membership card and free subscription to the X club magazine. Members will also benefit from seasonal offers including free swim passes at local leisure facilities.



For more information and how to become a member and get involved in the X clubs programme please visit www.tameside.gov.uk/getactive or contact Tameside Sports Development on 0161 609 1277.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas

First of all, I would like to introduce my colleague PC Mark Akers and myself PC Paula Ricci. We are the local community beat officers, working within the St Peters Ward (Holy Trinity and West End). Also working along side us are PCSO's Ginette Barnes, Rick Beswick, Pete Collins and Helen Brocket.

We work within the community and some of you may have already had the

pleasure of meeting us! If not and you would like to speak to us, we hold a Police surgery for St Peters residents at Alpha Pioneer Housing, Margaret Street, Ashton, between 4-5pm every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas!



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Ashton Police Station

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Taking the stress out of Christmas

Christmas can be a hard time of year, both emotionally and practically. Let Topaz@Mind take some of the strain over the coming month.

During December there will be a variety of activities, whether it's a one to one session to offload, a surviving Christmas workshop, complementary treatments, aerobics or parent, carer and children activities. All are either reasonably priced, payable with a donation to Mind or free. We also have a great Christmas menu in Topaz cafe from the 8 December onwards.

Our regular drop-ins and surgeries (Smoking Cessation, Direct Payments, Routes to Work, Welfare Rights, Legal Advice Surgery and Volunteer Centre Tameside) are still running and we are open right up until Christmas Eve.

For more information, please pop in, call 0161 330 9223, email office@tgmind.co.uk or visit our website: www.topaz-ashton.org



**For better
mental health**

Free road safety sessions for youth groups

The Kickstart Project, based in Ashton has received funding from Tameside PCT Preventative Opportunities Fund (POF) to deliver a high impact presentation called 'Too Young Too Die' based upon a DVD produced by the National Road Safety Charity – BRAKE. Sessions last approximately 1 hour

and can be delivered either at the Kickstart centre, or at your premises for young people aged 14+.

If you would like to discuss a session please contact Steve Ibbotson at Kickstart, Tel: 0161 330 1912

Health check a lifesaver for Ashton couple

Taking part in a local health campaign proved a lifesaving experience for husband and wife Mohammed and Mussarat Arshad.



After volunteering to have their blood pressure monitored they were persuaded by Tameside Council Community Health Development Worker, Azara Azam, to have their carbon monoxide levels checked. To their astonishment their levels were found to be dangerously high. A standard reading would be around six, but readings of 91 and 74 were recorded.

As a result a check of their home by British Gas - who were at the couple's home within half an hour - revealed a blocked flue in their fire that was releasing deadly carbon monoxide fumes into their living room. Carbon monoxide is both colourless and odourless and if the blocked flue hadn't been detected it could easily have killed the couple.

The campaign ran from 8-21 September and in Tameside it was run by the Health Improvement Team, a partnership between the council and the primary care trust.

Mr Arshad said: 'I had been having chest pains and pains in my neck and a sore throat. So we stopped at the Know Your Numbers stand for the health checks and it's thanks to Azara persuading us that we took the tests.'

For more information: Contact Azara Azam, Tel: 0161 343 8162, email; azara.azam@tameside.gov.uk, website www.ashtonunderlined.co.uk

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Examples of reporting public benefit

The Charity Commission has published a couple of example trustee annual reports which show how trustees can approach the new duty to report on public benefit. One of the fictional examples is an advice charity above the audit threshold, the other a youth club below that limit. The Commission's general guidance page is at: www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publicbenefit/pbreport.asp



Revisions to disciplinary and grievance procedures

Acas's revised Code of Practice on disciplinary and grievance procedures has been approved by the Secretary of State, subject to parliamentary approval. It comes into effect on 6 April 2009, when the statutory dismissal and grievance procedures are abolished. Any tribunal awards can be increased by 25% following an unreasonable failure by an employer to follow the Code.

Download the code from www.acas.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=961&p=0 , or see Sandy Adirondack's notes at www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#discipline

Coalition for child safety education



A government grant of over £1.6 million to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in partnership with the National Children's Bureau will lead to the creation of a Child Safety Education Coalition. This will work to improve the provision of practical safety education to give more children and young people the skills, knowledge and confidence to keep themselves safe

in a range of situations. Department for Children, Schools and Families news at www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0249

Exploring innovative ideas in welfare services

More details of the Department for Work and Pensions 'Right to Bid' scheme have been posted online. This aims 'to capture and explore innovative ideas from external organisations which can provide measurable improvements in the way services are delivered.' Any proposals which are genuinely innovative and pass certain tests will be considered. See

www.dwp.gov.uk/supplyingdwp/what_we_buy/right_to_bid.asp

Key provider list for education and training services

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has created a Qualified Provider Framework for providers of education and training services - a list from which the LSC will secure education and training services.

More information: www.acevo.org.uk



Valuing sector independence

A checklist 'to help voluntary and community organisations reflect on their independence' was launched at the NCVO/GMCVO autumn conference last week. It is sponsored by the Barings Foundation. The document is available as a download from Third Sector's site,

<http://offlinehbpl.hbpl.co.uk/NewsAttachments/NST/Checklist.pdf>

Compact Voice has issued a report, 'Dancing to our own tune' sub-titled The Compact: Strengthening Voluntary Sector Independence, based on the findings of five focus groups in which voluntary and community sector employees discussed what they thought of the Compact and the impact it had on their independence. It highlights their believe organisations must take responsibility for their own independence.

More information: www.thecompact.org.uk

Investing in social enterprises

The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund recently launched has £4.25 million available to provide equity-like loans of up to one million pounds to social enterprises. These are aimed at mid-range organisations that can

demonstrate 'high social impact' and have viable plans to expand. There is a range of big name investors behind the initiative, which is run by Bridge Ventures with backing from National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts.

More information: www.bridgesventures.com/news.php?newsID=54

Further Education volunteering project toolkit

Volunteering England has produced a step-by-step guide on the initial stages of developing student volunteering programmes and how to set up successful, sustainable projects.



More information: www.volunteering.org.uk

Sharing knowledge on working with vulnerable adults

A web forum 'to help deliver the government's commitment to radically improve the life chances of vulnerable adults' has been set up. The 'Socially Excluded Adults Public Service Agreement (PSA)' Community of Practice is open to anyone involved in the four PSA 16 client groups, whether working for local government or third sector, but you do have to register.

More information: www.communities.idea.gov.uk/c/842578/home.do
www.communities.idea.gov.uk/welcome.do

The above news was resourced from VolResource newsletter

www.voluntarynews.org.uk

Funding

- **Funding Bulletin**
 - **T3SC win six months subscription to GRANTfinder!**
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Funding Bulletin

Our latest compiled Funding Bulletin is available at:

www.t3sc.org/Dec08Jan09E-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 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

T3SC win six months subscription to GRANTfinder!

T3SC were one of the lucky two to win six months subscription 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

Volunteering and local community groups update

- **Develop your skills as a young researcher!**
- **Get on the canal**
- **Volunteers required for Victim Support Tameside**
- **Join the Youth Action Team**

Develop your skills as a young researcher!



An exciting new opportunity has arisen to help out at Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition. Based in Ashton you will be helping do a large questionnaire survey that will be sent out to hundreds of volunteers and paid staff who work with families, children and young people in the Tameside area.

Activities you will be getting involved in will be administration, telephone interviewing, photocopying, mail outs, data inputting and assistance at a conference at the end of the project.

The volunteer activity is pretty flexible so will only have to do a couple of hours a week but if you want to do more you can. Need to be 16 -25 years old.

All young people who take part in this volunteering activity will be eligible to get the New V Award, which is a Nationally Recognised Certificate.

If you are interested please ring Stuart Vaughan on 0161 339 4985 to have an informal talk about the project.

Get on the canal

The Wooden Canal Boat Society has volunteering and training opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Whether you're sick, disabled, unemployed or retired or simply looking for a change of scene to get away from a stressful job, there's something there for everyone.



Activities include: boat handling, boat building, maintenance and repair, community recycling, gardening, retail, construction, landscaping, tourist information, marketing, I.T., van driving and much more.

For more information have a look at the website at www.wcbs.org.uk, drop into the charity shop at 173, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7PS or ring on 0161 330 8422.

Volunteers required for Victim Support Tameside

Victim Support depends upon local people who give up their time to help victims/witnesses cope with the distress caused by crime. Volunteers are welcome from all sections of the community. Full training is given and all out-of-pocket expenses are paid.

You can help by:



- Training as a community or office based volunteer
- Training as a court-based volunteer.

For more information: Contact David Cooper, Tel: 0161 339 1190, email: cooperd@vicitmsupport-tameside.co.uk



Join the Youth Action Team

Are you aged 16 to 25 and passionate about making changes in Tameside?

Tameside's vinvolved team is recruiting young people to join its local Youth Action Team (YAT). We are keen to hear from enthusiastic, creative and energetic young people of all backgrounds, regardless of their qualifications and experience. YAT members will have the chance to get involved in a variety of ways, and to be at the heart of developing and improving the work of the vinvolved team.

It's a great opportunity to be make a positive contribution to the community, be part of a team, learn new skills, make new friends and improve your CV.

For more information: Please contact the v team, Tel: 0161 339 5454, email: addam@vinvolved-team.org.uk

Training

- **T3SC's training programme**
 - **Volunteer Centre Training**
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T3SC Training Programme

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

20 January, 10am - 1pm at Dukinfield Town Hall

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

Safeguarding Adults in Tameside

Wednesday 28 January 10am – 12pm at T3SC

Partner organisations in Tameside use Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures to respond to abusive situations. We are offering a training session free of charge to find out about adult abuse, who and how to report if you come across a situation.

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

Volunteer Centre Training

Dealing with difficult behaviour
4 December

Motivate and retain volunteers
8 January



To book on either of these courses, or for more information on these or any other training requirements your organisation may have contact David or Riona on 0161 339 2345.

Dates for your diary

- **Big Cheese – a network especially for Chairs and Vice-Chairs!**
- **Network meeting dates**

- **Christmas Fair**
 - **Ruby Anniversary Celebrations**
 - **Christmas celebrations at Broadbottom station**
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Big Cheese – a network especially for Chairs and Vice-Chairs!

Next meeting: 10 December 2008, 6.30 – 8.30pm at T3SC

Calling all chairs of local management committees...

Do you sometimes feel alone?

Are you unsure of your roles, responsibilities or want to feel more confident?



Then the Chairs Network is for you!

Whether you're new to the role or been a Chair or trustee for years, don't miss this great opportunity to:

- Share the load
- Discuss common issues
- Learn from others
- Pick up top tips and practical resources
- Get new ideas for your organisation
- Enjoy taking a break from your duties!

For more information or if you can come along, please contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985 or email naomi.creed@t3sc.org

Network meeting dates

December

2 December – Community Development Workers lunch, 11.30am–1.30pm at T3SC. Contact: colin.kirby@t3sc.org

10 December – Tameside Community Union – meeting of strategic/governance representatives (for those working with families and young people), 10am -1pm, at T3SC. Contact: veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

11 December – Tameside Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Contact: veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

January

6 January – Older People’s Partnership, 10am at TMBC,
Contact: colin.kirby@t3sc.org

12 January – FaithsUnited Committee meeting, 11am-12.30pm at T3SC.
Contact: mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org

13 January – Tameside Older People’s Advisory Group, 10am–12pm at T3SC. Contact: colin.kirby@t3sc.org

29 January – FaithsUnited Network meeting, 6.30pm-9pm, venue to be confirmed. Contact: mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org

Christmas Fair

6 December, 11am-2pm at Dukinfield Methodist Church, Wellington Parade, Dukinfield.

We will have various stalls with Christmas goods, including cakes, chocolates, ideas for Christmas presents and cards etc. Lunch will be available at very reasonable prices. Come along and meet with friends but also have the opportunity to prepare for Christmas.



For more information: Contact Rev'd K I Ratcliffe, Tel: 0161 330 1503, email Kimiratcliffe@aol.com.

Ruby Anniversary Celebrations

6 December, from 4pm at Waterloo Methodist Church on Vale Street, Waterloo, Ashton

The Ruby anniversary at Waterloo Methodist Church, Vale Street, Ashton takes place the weekend of 6-7 of December beginning at 4pm on Saturday when we open our event. The Rev'd Stanley Hall has been invited to start things off. We will be having a cooked tea at 5pm and then at 7pm we have our Concert Party. The tickets are £3.

For more information: Contact Rev'd K I Ratcliffe, Tel: 0161 330 1503, email Kimiratcliffe@aol.com

**Friends of Broadbottom Station Invite you to a Christmas
Celebration at the Station
Saturday 6 Dec 11 am – 1.30 pm**

Drinks and snacks available. Come and join in the fun.
Meet Father Christmas, make decorations and help to trim the station tree.
Sing carols with Mottram Evangelical Church singers (11.30am – 12.30pm)
or go on the train with Father Christmas at 11.40 am to Glossop Friends event
returning to Broadbottom at 12.15 pm.

To look at previous E-Bulletins go to our E-Bulletin webpage at
www.t3sc.org/e-bulletin.htm

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