



## E-Bulletin - July 2009

Welcome to July's E-Bulletin. It's sunny, the school holidays are nearly here and it's the season of Annual General Meetings (AGM's). Your chance to see what some of Tameside's third sector organisations do! We have the Local Involvement Network (LINK), Water Adventure Centre and Equality and Diversity Centre all holding their AGM's in July. In this issue we also have summer activities including health walks and groups to join



We have the latest **Funding Bulletin** which covers July and August and is packed full of grants available.

Download this from [www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm)

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

If you would rather view the E-Bulletin online and flick easily through sections go to: [www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-contents.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-contents.htm)



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## Jobs in the local voluntary and community sector!

The T3SC jobs page of third sector jobs [www.t3sc.org/jobs2.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/jobs2.htm) currently has an exciting position as Director of fit4funding. 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](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org)

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## Walk 2 IDAHO

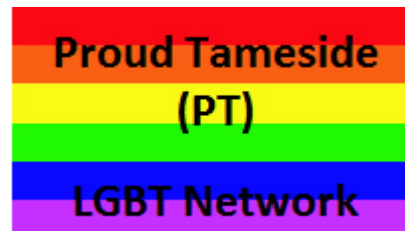
On Saturday 16 May over 50 people from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in Tameside joined the Proud Tameside Network on their walk from Ashton Town Hall to Stamford Park in Stalybridge to



commemorate International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) and celebrate the steps that Tameside has taken to support the LGBT Community locally including the emergence of the Proud Tameside Network.

After the walk guest speakers including members of Proud Tameside, Councillors Margaret Sidebottom and Clive Patrick. Through case studies and personal experience provided people

with an insight in to how the LGBT community locally and nationally are beginning to see positive steps towards equality as well as highlighting the plight many people still face internationally.



The National Advisor for Equalities and Cohesion for the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) Angela Mason congratulated T3SC and Proud Tameside and said:

'In this country we can celebrate many changes – legal discrimination against lesbians and gay men has gone, we have civil partnerships but we all know that prejudice and simple lack of understanding still exists and that the rise of the far right poses new challenges and threats. We have to build a society where the dignity of all individuals is respected and understood. Things don't change, people change things.'

Many thanks to all who helped to make this event a success.

*Anna Hynes Health and Social Care Network Officer and Proud Tameside Network Officer*

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## **Children and Young people**

### **Have a say and get involved!**

The UK Youth Parliament is full of useful information for young people – [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk)

There are two consultations which are really important. The first looks at the links between sex and alcohol and the second around climate change. There is a video contest asking for young people aged 9 – 25 years to submit a video to make suggestions on how to make a more inclusive society with a grand winning announcement in New York.

### **V Cashpoint**

If you are looking to set up a new community project the funding stream called v cashpoint which is now open to applications from young people aged 16-25 and you can gain information on this at:

[www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint](http://www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint)



### **Give a big Tameside Welcome to our new children and young people's participation manager!**

TMBC have just recruited Justin Wiggin as participation manager for the children and young people's partnership. Justin was manager of the V involved project in Derbyshire and we are very lucky to have such an experienced and enthusiastic manager to drive forward the participation

agenda in Tameside. He is keen to get to know us all in the voluntary, community and faith sector so he can learn about your fantastic projects and support you in developing more participation projects in the future. If you would like to talk more to him about any aspects of participation or the consultations mentioned above please contact him:

Tel: 0161 342 2573

email: [justin.wiggin@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:justin.wiggin@tameside.gov.uk)

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## Is your group providing out of school activities?

Research to identify and map the current provision of out-of-school activities for young people across Greater Manchester is currently underway.



The voluntary sector is responsible for a significant proportion of the out-of-school activities undertaken by young people. This provision ranges from weekly, holiday or one-off experiences, and the documentation of it across the Greater Manchester area will create a useful tool for the future.

In order to ensure that the research is as accurate and comprehensive as possible, voluntary sector providers are invited to complete an online questionnaire, providing information about the kind of out-of-hours activities they offered to young people this year.

The research has been commissioned by Greater Manchester Challenge and is being undertaken by Tower Hamlets Summer Education Ltd, an independent charity with 14 years' experience delivering innovative taster courses to young people.

The online survey can be accessed at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=k38IDHeWrphrae1muU3aTA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=k38IDHeWrphrae1muU3aTA_3d_3d)

Further details from: Mark Waghorn or Joanne Whalley,  
[manchester@summeruni.org](mailto:manchester@summeruni.org) Tel: 020 7183 3220.

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## Youcan Youth and Community need your old books!

Youcan Youth and Community based in Carrbrook, Stalybridge opened their small Community Library in October of last year. Since then 140 local people have registered with the Library.

To ensure a interesting and diverse choice in books the group have relied on donations and their own fundraising.

If you organisation or anyone you know has any books that they would like to donate to a good cause please contact Terry Drabble on 01457 832195.



They are particularly in need of more books aimed at teenagers. Also if you have any bookshelves that you no longer need the group would be happy to take them off your hands!

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## Help Stop The Rain Tax!

Scout groups, churches, village halls and community sports clubs could all face massive hikes in their water bills, regardless of the amount of water used, if new ways of charging groups for draining the rain that falls on their property come into force. This tax on rain threatens community activities up and down the country as these real examples of bills received by community and voluntary groups in the north west so far show:

- Bowling club in Carlisle – rise from £95 to £1,233, an increase of 1,300%
- Scout meeting place in Cheshire – rise from £40 to £563, an increase of 1,407%
- Village hall in Cheshire – rise from £54 to £2,580 by 2010, an increase of 4,777%

**STOP THE  
RAIN TAX  
CAMPAIGN.**



The Scouts are leading a campaign on this issue and need your help to get MPs and the Government to act or charges will rise dramatically across the country from next year. Sign up at [www.scouts.org.uk/water](http://www.scouts.org.uk/water)

Together, we can stop the rain tax!

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## Latest transport news

Transport is a hot topic that you have raised at Voice meetings the latest news is available at [www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-news.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-news.htm) find out all about the new guidance to ensure young people can get to activities in the evening, at the weekend.

Read the latest on road safety for pedestrians and cyclists and learn where you can get lots of transport information for children, young people and parents!

## Calling All Minibuses!

Does your group/organisation own a minibus? Would you like to save money, make sure your bus use is legally up to date, and help other groups like yours? T3SC are researching transport provision for the sector and would like to talk to you if you answered yes to these questions. Please email [voice@t3sc.org](mailto:voice@t3sc.org) or call Ben Gilchrist on 0161 339 4985 to find out more or if you can help with our research.

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## The Cranberries' Swinging Sixty's event

The Cranberries Clubs met together at Trinity Hall in Audenshaw for their Open Day and to celebrate the 'Swinging Sixty's'.

A lively Armchair Exercise session included everyone doing all the actions to 'I remember you'. There was a very enjoyable 60's Sing-a-long session led by Denise Greasely accompanied by two young musicians, her young son on saxophone and 'Percy' on keyboard and they all captured their audience.



Members were invited to dress up in something relevant to the era and we were reminded of Flower Power, Coronation Street, England's World Cup win, Mary Quant and Breakfast at Tiffany's.

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## What Matters To You? - Comprehensive Area Assessment

### Are these things important to your group's work?

- inequality
- people whose circumstances make them vulnerable
- sustainability

- value for money

A new assessment process, called **Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)**, will focus on these areas to improve quality of life locally and ensure that...

- local services address local needs and are working together well
- local knowledge and experiences are part of service design and delivery

There are many ways you can get involved:

- speak up - convey the local third sector's views and concerns
- demonstrate the third sector's valuable contributions to local service delivery
- learn about local priorities and plans
- spread the word about CAA, and how to engage, to make more voices heard

Please get in touch with Ben at T3SC for more information about CAA in Tameside.

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## Digital Switchover

Digital UK is the independent, not-for-profit organisation managing the UK's switchover to digital television.

Can you help us get the message across to your clients? We can offer free staff/volunteer briefings on switchover FAQs, Digital Advice Days, attendance at events and exhibitions, supplies of leaflets, small grants to support your switchover activities and speakers for groups.

For further information please contact Helen Steward on [helen.steward@digitaluk.co.uk](mailto:helen.steward@digitaluk.co.uk) or 07887 550 667.

For general switchover enquiries, please call Digital UK's national helpline on 08456 50 50 50.

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## Tameside's Xfactor

Tameside Music Academy have organised the first 2009 Tameside schools Xfactor Competition. All 16 Finalists making every effort to impress the celebrity judges in their bid for the ultimate prize, the chance to record a single at MCC studios. The final 16 all performed exceptionally at the Willows club in

Salford. After the second round of performances, it was clear the prize would fall to young rocker, 15 year old Lucy Pickford from St Thomas More School in Denton.



Danny Fannon from Tameside Music Academy explained, 'All the girls have worked hard over the last few months, but Lucy made it her goal to spend as much time as she could perfecting her now infamous, energetic performance. Her confidence shone through from her first audition back in February, all the way to the final. It has been a pleasure to once again have such great young talent produced from the Academy.'

Lucy will now go on to record her own single which will be played on Tameside Radio and she will perform at various Tameside Radio roadshows and The Party in The Park in July.

For more information about the Tameside Xfactor and the Tameside Music Academy. Contact Danny on 01457 766888.

[www.tamesidemusicacademy.org](http://www.tamesidemusicacademy.org)

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## National third sector information and resources

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## **Research mapping the women's sector in England**

The Women's Resource Centre have carried out research mapping the women's sector. There is a specific section on the North West which can be downloaded from

[www.wrc.org.uk/resources/wrcs\\_research\\_and\\_reports.aspx](http://www.wrc.org.uk/resources/wrcs_research_and_reports.aspx)

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## **The economic downturn: 15 questions trustees need to ask**

CBI and Charity Commission have produced a guide to surviving the recession including a checklist of 15 key questions charities should ask themselves.

[www.charitycommission.gov.uk/tcc/ccnews29check.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/tcc/ccnews29check.asp)

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## **New sector ministers have voluntary sector background**

Angela Smith is the new minister for the third sector following the reshuffle of government positions. [www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/jun/09/angela-smith-charities-minister](http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/jun/09/angela-smith-charities-minister)

John Denham, who now heads the Department for Communities and Local Government and so oversees a number of relevant areas (such as housing, regeneration as well as councils)

[www.newstartmag.co.uk/news/article/new-ministerial-line-up-at-dclg-revealed/](http://www.newstartmag.co.uk/news/article/new-ministerial-line-up-at-dclg-revealed/)

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## **New health and social care registration standards**

Consultation on guidance from the Care Quality Commission outlining what health and adult social care services will have to do to meet new registration standards has started. The new regulator will begin to introduce the registration system covering all health and adult social care services in England from April next year [www.cqc.org.uk/getinvolved/consultations/consultationonnewregistrationstandards.cfm](http://www.cqc.org.uk/getinvolved/consultations/consultationonnewregistrationstandards.cfm)

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## **Five ways to be a better boss**

CIPD, the personnel professionals' organisation, and Acas, the employment relations body, have jointly published a brief 'five-a-day management fundamentals' on how to be a better boss. There is also a discussion paper 'Meeting the UK's people management skills deficit' - more on both in Acas news item at [www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2390](http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2390)

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## **Help for line managers in tackling stress at work**

Updated practical help for HR and line managers to tackle the issue of stress at work has been produced by CIPD working with the Health and Safety Executive and Investors in People. This includes a competency framework enabling line managers to work on the skills required to reduce and prevent

stress. Find the guidance etc. at  
[www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/health/stress/ Instrswrk.htm](http://www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/health/stress/Instrswrk.htm)

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### **Advice service for charity property**

NCVO and the Charity Finance Directors' Group and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors have jointly launched a Charity Property Help service. It will provide registered charities and voluntary organisations a one hour consultation with an RICS member firm at no cost, which could cover such matters as property maintenance, environmental issues, lease, renewals and tenancies, planning issues. Details at [www.charitypropertyhelp.com](http://www.charitypropertyhelp.com)

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### **Direct line on information for carers**

A Carers Direct hotline has been launched as a one-stop information and advice service for carers looking after ill, frail or disabled friends and relatives. Phone 0808 802 0202, or see [www.nhs.uk/carersdirect](http://www.nhs.uk/carersdirect)

There is also a training course, Caring with Confidence, available face-to-face, online and by distance learning, [www.caringwithconfidence.net](http://www.caringwithconfidence.net)

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### **Guide to twenty impact and quality tools**

New Economics Foundation has published 'Tools for you', an update to the Prove and Improve Toolkit, designed to help development workers and frontline organisations navigate the world of social impact and quality measurement

[www.neweconomics.org/gen/z\\_sys\\_PublicationDetail.aspx?pid=287](http://www.neweconomics.org/gen/z_sys_PublicationDetail.aspx?pid=287)

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### **Campaigning is OK, and should be supported**

A short guide to support campaigning by community and voluntary organisations is based on findings from eight regional events. It shows why campaigns matter to the sector, even if they aren't always given that label, what support bodies can do to help, and some useful pointers, such as a 90 minute work-out on how to plan a successful campaign

[www.e-c-a.ac.uk/news/63/](http://www.e-c-a.ac.uk/news/63/)

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### **The new regime of Independent Examination is upon us.**

All charities with accounting year ends of 31 March 2009 will now be subject to the new regulations of the The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and to the Directions and Guidance set out in booklets CC31 and CC32 published by the Charity Commissioners. Charities will have to follow prescribed procedures and routines of due diligence when appointing an Independent Examiner, and will have to keep records of the steps they have taken. See [www.sorpaid.com/products/index.htm](http://www.sorpaid.com/products/index.htm) for sets of tools to enable charity trustees and Independent Examiners comply with their legal duties.

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### **Pandemic flu**

The NAVCA website now has a page bringing together resources available to help third sector infrastructure organisations deal with widespread influenza and support their members in doing so.

[www.navca.org.uk/localvs/lio/pandemicflu](http://www.navca.org.uk/localvs/lio/pandemicflu)

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### **Bringing the community together over lunch**

A new initiative being run by the Eden Project aims to bringing communities together and has the support of a number of organisations including sector infrastructure umbrella body NAVCA. The idea of The Big Lunch is that on 19 July as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible will simultaneously sit down to lunch together, with their neighbours, in the middle of their street [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)

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## Funding News

### Exploring income streams

There is a new, expanded version of NCVO's income spectrum toolkit, for analysis of an organisation's types of income and assessing whether a more diverse approach could be of benefit. Download 'Income Exploration Tool:

[www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What\\_we\\_do/Sustainable\\_Funding/SFP\\_Resources/Income\\_Exploration\\_Tool\(3\).pdf](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What_we_do/Sustainable_Funding/SFP_Resources/Income_Exploration_Tool(3).pdf)

**Funding Central**, the new web site managed by NCVO and funded by the Office of the Third Sector, was launched yesterday (17 June). It will provide the details of over 4,000 sources of income, focusing on grants, contracts and loan finance. September should see the addition of a wide range of tools and resources to help identify and manage the most appropriate income sources for an organisation. [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

### Funding for volunteer manager support

Details have been released of the grants programme being managed by Capacitybuilders to provide support to people who manage volunteers. There are three strands - a training bursary fund, grants for around 25 local volunteering development organisation, and national strategic support.

[www.capacitybuilders.org](http://www.capacitybuilders.org)

### Big Thinking

Following its Big Thinking consultation, the Big Lottery Fund has announced its plans to 2015.

Headline figures are:

- Funding dedicated to the third sector up from 60-70% to 80%
- £43m for recession support
- £45m moved into popular existing schemes, including an extra £20m for Reaching Communities and £5m for Awards for All.

More details can be found at: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking)

### The Guardian Charity Awards

Priorities/details: The Guardian Charity Awards 2009 are open to UK social welfare charities that can demonstrate excellence and achievement in what they do. Smaller charities are too often overshadowed by the big players. The Guardian Charity Awards seek to redress that by showcasing excellence among small and medium-sized charities and given a much-needed boost to organisations struggling to get profile and funding to enable them to move forward.

Who for? Eligible charities must also have been registered in the UK for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1 million. Application process: Enter online.

Deadline: 31 July 2009.

Further information: Website: [www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards-2009](http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards-2009) , contact Nisha Ashra or Beth Glazer, Events Department, at Guardian News & Media on 020 3353 2000. Email: [charityawards@guardian.co.uk](mailto:charityawards@guardian.co.uk)

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VolResource newsletter [www.voluntarynews.org.uk](http://www.voluntarynews.org.uk)  
NAVCA LINX [www.navca.org.uk/publications/linx/](http://www.navca.org.uk/publications/linx/)  
NCVO [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk)  
Sandy Adirondack [www.sandy-a.co.uk](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk)

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## Funding

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### Funding Bulletin

Our latest compiled Funding Bulletin for July and August is now available at [www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm)

To look through archived funding bulletins go to our funding page: [www.t3sc.org/funding2.htm](http://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 Michael's Court Stamford Street  
Ashton OL6 6XN, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email: [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org)

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### Tender opportunities

For the latest tendering opportunities in Tameside see our Tenders page [www.t3sc.org/tenders.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/tenders.htm)

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## Charity Bank

Charity Bank is the only regulated bank in the UK that is also a registered general charity. And it's the only bank that uses its depositors' funds solely to provide financial support and advice to charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises working to deliver vital services to communities



That makes it uniquely placed to help the sector. As a bank, it offers affordable finance to organisations that might not be able to borrow from commercial lenders, and which could otherwise struggle to survive. And as a charity, it understands the funding environment, and the importance of having access to the resources or skills required for a more secure future.

Charity Bank has a mission: to help to transform the future for those organisations that want to maximise their own mission impact. Its assessors work with organisations to agree bespoke loan finance solutions, from a few thousand pounds to £1 million, and for a variety of needs, such as unsecured working capital, short-term bridging loans against delayed grants, for buying or refurbishing a property, or underwriting for a fund-raising programme.

It also provides leasing and asset finance to purchase equipment, from IT systems to minibuses, and can offer Shariah-compliant trust loans (qard hasan) and leasing (ijara).

**For more information**, please email [enquiries@charitybank.org](mailto:enquiries@charitybank.org) call the Loans Desk on 01732 774050 or visit [www.charitybank.org](http://www.charitybank.org)

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### **'Get a Grant' Last chance for July Weekend**

If you are holding an event on Friday 10 July or Saturday 11 July the Youth Service would like to support you with funding.

For one nights activity we would like to give you £250 and  
For two nights activity we would like to give you £500.

All you will have to do is fill in one a Youth Opportunity Fund application form available at [www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/July09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm) .

The projects have to be for young people aged between 13 and 19 and ideally would be held in the evening between 5pm and 9pm.

**For more information** ring Dave Crawford on 0161 337 8316

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# Volunteering and local groups

- Calling all you budding artists
- Hot meals for older people
- CASPER's picnic for new members
- New group for disabled people
- Samaritan's are looking for volunteers
- The difference between a wolf cub and a Cub Scout
- Tameside Police volunteers receive national recognition

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## Are over the age of 55 and would you like to get out and meet new people?



If so then why not come along to Khush Amdid who are a group of women over the age of 50. They meet on Monday's @ Holy Trinity Community Centre, Dean Street Ashton-under-Lyne and on Thursdays @ Cranbrook Gardens, Ashton-under-Lyne. We go on trips out occasionally, keep healthy with exercise classes, get creative with arts and crafts sessions, socialise with each other and much more.

We are looking to attract new members to join us especially local communities. If you are interested in joining the group turn up to the above centres between 10am – 2pm refreshments and lunch will be provided.

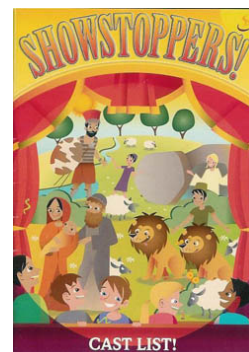
**For more information** contact Ammer Ali on Tel: **07944418748** or you can email us at [ammer.ali@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ammer.ali@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Showstoppers Kids Club

Showstoppers is a holiday club from the 27-31 July, 10am-12pm at New Life Church for 5-11 year olds. There will be crafts, games singing and dancing.

**For more information** and to register contact John on 0161 339 7924.





## **Calling all you budding artists**

If you would like to do an act about song and dance on your own or a group of your mates then call in at [www.hurstcomcentre.co.uk](http://www.hurstcomcentre.co.uk) at 7pm on Thursday nights to show them your stuff.

If you need any further information then contact Linz on 07521405591 or [linz\\_k76@hotmail.com](mailto:linz_k76@hotmail.com) but hurry up as it is getting near to the show date of **24 July**.

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## **Hot meals for older people**

If you or and older person you know would like a hot meal each weekday at [www.hurstcomcentre.co.uk](http://www.hurstcomcentre.co.uk) and get out of the house, have a chat with new friends at the Hurst Community Centre luncheon club then contact 0161 342 5277.

St Johns Transport can also be arranged if you can't get there, if you know any body who would benefit please tell them to ring.

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## **CASPER-Communities Across St Peters - A shout out for new members**

**CASPER will be having a picnic in the park at oxford park on July 27 bring a picnic and share ideas!**

We hope to see you there!

Contact Nikki for more details on 07884053336

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## **New group for disabled people**

The Freedom Group has just been launched. Its objectives are to bring disabled people, of all types, aged 18 or over, together for mutual benefit and support in Hyde and the Tameside Metropolitan Borough areas. To motivate local disabled people to build friendship networks for and with disabled people. This is to encourage lifelong learning and advance education in an informal setting and which is both a safe and cohesive environment for disabled people. The group will run a wide range of activities which will vary from week to week. Activities will be tailored to club members ideas and preferences.

The Freedom Club meet at the Zion Congregational Church at Gee Cross Hyde, 10am and 3pm on a Monday or Friday. A Membership fee of one pound is payable at each club meeting this is to cover club costs and to build up a fund to use at a future date on visits and events held by the club.

The Club is also in the process of **looking for volunteers** anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Volunteer Centre in Ashton-under-Lyne. All volunteers are subject to CRB Checks.

**For more information on joining the group** contact Catherine Robinson on 0161 344 1245

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## **What do you know about Samaritan's?**

Samaritan's offer emotional support to anyone who is in distress or despair or who are just feeling low. We offer a safe, confidential place for people to explore their feelings and consider their options and our aim is to reduce the number of people who die by suicide. We are totally confidential and non-judgemental and our callers are from all walks of life. Samaritan's support people via telephone, emails, letters and with face-to-face contact at the local branch.



Our training is quite extensive and supportive. Listeners can be any age from 18 years upwards.

To be able to offer continued support to the number of callers who need our service we desperately need more volunteers. We need listeners, but we also need people who are interested in fundraising, general administrative duties and people who can do 'odd jobs' around our branch.

Could you become a member of Samaritan's? If so, it could change your life.

**For more information:** Tel: 01706 868686, leave your details and we will contact you to discuss your interest.

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## **The difference between a wolf cub and a Cub Scout**

A wolf cub is a baby wolf, a little cuddly furry thing but when gets to be a wolf it is not so cuddly. It lives in the outdoors and does many things in the woods building a home getting it's own food and playing many games with the help of the rest of the pack of cubs and wolves led by Akela the boss wolf.

A Cub Scout, it used to be called a wolf cub, is a little boy or girl who are between the ages of eight and ten and they also go outside but live in houses.

They also go into the woods camping and making their own food and playing games on pack nights lead by the Cub Scout Leader and funny enough also called Akela. In Jungle book, which the Scouts are based on, the pack of cubs

stand around Akela at the start of the meeting to get their instructions of what will be happening and start with Cubs do your best. You don't always know where these packs meet as they are usually hidden away, so if you would like to join one then contact Alan Fish at 01613300305 or [alan.fish@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:alan.fish@dsl.pipex.com) or go to [www.scouts.org.uk/join](http://www.scouts.org.uk/join) for more information.

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### **Tameside Police volunteers receive national recognition**

Tameside Police volunteers Elsie Dixon and Janet Gould have received national recognition for the work they do in the community in support of the police. The women were Highly Commended in the category of Police Support Volunteer by the National Policing Improvement Agency at the Special Constable And Police Volunteer Awards ceremony held in London.



Mrs Dixon said: 'It is a great honour to be part of the police family and we don't do it for recognition. We are thankful to GMP for allowing us to be volunteers and providing a link between the public and the police. Some people ask why I volunteer my time for free, but the satisfaction of knowing you have helped a person through an ordeal is worth more than any financial reward.'

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Gould roles as coordinators involve liaising with residents involved in Home Watch and the police, encouraging people to join existing Home Watch schemes as well as starting their own, passing on information to police about suspicious incidents and circulating crime prevention advice.

These annual awards, established by the former Minister of State, Earl Ferrers, highlight the valuable contribution that Specials and civilian volunteers make to policing local neighbourhoods and communities every day.

Policing Minister, Rt Hon David Hanson MP, said: 'Special Constables and volunteer police workers play a crucial role in helping to protect the public and they do this in their own time... The winners of the awards are just a few examples of how dedicated they are to making a real difference to people in our communities. This event underlines just how much we value the difficult and challenging work they do.'

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# Training

- **Volunteer Centre Training**
  - **Free training for young people's groups**
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**Volunteer Centre Training  
Presentation Skills  
2 July 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.

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## **Sustaining Change Programme - helping you improve your group**

Voluntary and community organisations in Tameside are being given the opportunity to take part in a unique programme designed to make them more sustainable and help them **improve their environmental, social and economic ways of working.**

The Sustaining Change programme is delivered by MERCI, a Greater Manchester sustainability charity and funded by the Big Lottery. Offering free audits, training, a network and resources, the programme is there to help organisations work in a way that will benefit them and the communities they work in.

The programme is open to all organisations with rented or owned premises who employ one paid member of staff. The Sustaining Change team would especially love to hear from environmental/green groups in Tameside but the programme is open to all.

**To find out more** please contact the team on 0161 273 1736 or email [sustainingchange@merci.org.uk](mailto:sustainingchange@merci.org.uk) More information is also available on the website [www.merci.org.uk/sustainingchange](http://www.merci.org.uk/sustainingchange)

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**Ready Steady Change****9 July, Liverpool**

Ready Steady Change is a free one-day course that introduces participants to a selection of training methods and tools to enhance their skills and knowledge in increasing children and young people's effective participation in decision-making. The course focuses on values, change and action. Ready Steady Change approaches participation from a children's rights framework and is suitable for all individuals involved in participation work.

**Safeguarding in Youth Participation****15 July, Manchester**

This one-day course developed by National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) supports organisations in developing and applying safe policies and procedures when working with young people. The course gives participants an understanding of their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the safety of children and young people. It also addresses key signs to look for if a young person is being harmed within a project or externally. This entails an exploration of risk assessment and how to plan safe activities to reduce the risk of children and young people coming to harm. The key elements of child protection and safeguarding policy and procedures will be introduced, providing participants with the basic knowledge and understanding to write their own bespoke policy and procedures.

To book a place or find out more about the courses visit our Gateway: [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk) or call the Enquiry Line: 0845 603 6725.

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## Dates for your diary

- **How to recruit and keep volunteer management committee/trustees**
- **Tameside LINK's first Annual celebration (AGM)**
- **Transport Consultation for LGBT people**
- **Green Britain Day – 10 July 2009**
- **Come to WAC's Open Evening**
- **Equality & Diversity Centre's AGM**
- **Summer holiday sports**
- **Showstoppers Kids Club**
- **Walking - It doesn't have to cost the earth!**
- **Library events**

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## **How to recruit and keep volunteer management committee/trustees**

**22 July 2009, 9.30am-12pm at T3SC**

Do you know how to get more people on your management committee? Do you know what to do with them when they get there?

If your group is in need of more or new committee members then this workshop is for you!

T3SC in partnership with the Volunteer Centre will be holding a workshop on to get your organisation ready for more trustee/management committee members. It's going to be a relaxed affair where you can get some practical advice on how to get the right volunteers onto your management committee and how to make the most of them.

**For more information** contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985

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## Tameside LINK's first Annual celebration (AGM)

The LINK (Local Involvement Network) Board  
would like to invite you to

# Tameside LINK's First Annual Celebration (AGM)

**Venue:** Ashton Town Hall

**Date:** 23/07/09

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

There will be light refreshments  
available between 5.30pm-6pm



**Local Involvement Network**



For more information or to reserve a place  
please contact the LINK team at T3SC  
**Tel:** 0161 339 4985 **Email:** tamesidelink@t3sc.org

### ▶ **At the Annual Celebration you'll get a chance to:**

- Meet other people from Tameside LINK and the newly elected Board members.
- Meet health and social care providers.
- Celebrate the success of the LINK.
- Hear more about how to become a volunteer of the LINK and help inspect local services.
- Find out about the work Tameside LINK will be doing over the coming year and how you could be involved.
- Share your thoughts over some light refreshments.
- We want this to be an informal event, where everyone is welcome – so we hope you can join us!

**To reserve your place please contact  
the LINK team as soon as possible.**

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**Transport Consultation - Have your say on Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) experiences of public  
transport!**

**Monday 6 July, 6pm**

The Transport Resource Unit and the Lesbian and Gay Foundation are holding a focus group to discuss LGBT experiences of using public transport in Greater Manchester.

Join us at:

Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition,  
St Michaels Court, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XN.

**For more information or to register** your attendance, please contact Melanie Jeffs on 0161 277 1014 or

[melanie.jeffs@gmcvo.org.uk](mailto:melanie.jeffs@gmcvo.org.uk)

We would also welcome your views through

the online survey at: [www.gmcvo.org.uk/LGBTtransport](http://www.gmcvo.org.uk/LGBTtransport)



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## **Green Britain Day – 10 July 2009 Together we can make Britain Greener.**

An annual event, Green Britain Day is a focal point for people to take action towards a more sustainable lifestyle. The initiative aims to inspire the nation to work together and lower the UK's carbon footprint by the time the Olympic and Paralympic Games arrive in London in 2012.

Website: [www.teamgreenbritain.org/GreenBritainDay](http://www.teamgreenbritain.org/GreenBritainDay)

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## **Priority Matters - What Are The Right Priorities For Tameside? 10.30am-1.30pm, Tuesday 7 July at T3SC**

Come and have your say...

The Tameside Community Strategy is an important plan about improving quality of life for local communities by identifying one clear set of long term priorities for the area.

The Tameside Strategic Partnership are responsible for implementing and checking the progress with this plan and they want to know what you think about the current priorities. Your views can be part of updating the plan, so make sure you come and have your say.



## **Tameside Community Youth Alliance – meeting the needs and wants of young people in Tameside**

On the 24 June, T3SC hosted a brand new alliance – Tameside Community Youth Alliance. Young people and adults decided that the aim of this group would be to meet the needs and wants of young people in Tameside and that this alliance would be led by young people.

This group is for people who already work with young people and for those who want to work with young people in the future, as well as young people who want to set up their own projects. It will give young people a real voice, and give groups access to information on funding and a place to meet others and share skills.



The next meeting is on the 22 July at 5.30pm. at T3SC and it would be great if more groups join us. We will be networking and discussing marketing this group so that a lot more community providers attend as well at networking. .Please remember though – if you are over 25 bring a young person with you! Please ring Vee on 0161 339 4985 or email [funkylizard@t3sc.org](mailto:funkylizard@t3sc.org)

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## **Come to WAC's Open Evening**

**WAC would like to invite you to our Open Evening - 6pm - 9pm  
Annual General Meeting - 5pm – 6pm  
Friday 10 July 2009**

Have a paddle, a cuppa and watch WAC at work!

Bring a small group!  
Please let us know if you are coming.

Sorry – Disabled Parking Only,  
Please ring 0161 301 2673

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## **Equality & Diversity Centre's AGM**

**Monday 27 July 2009 - 12pm-3pm Conference Hall, 1st Floor,  
Market Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne**

Come and meet the staff and Board of Directors of the Equality and Diversity Centre.

For more information please contact us on 0161 343 3399 or email [trec@btopenworld.com](mailto:trec@btopenworld.com)



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## Summer holiday sports

Young people around the borough will be given the opportunity to take part in various sports over the summer holidays. A sports programme organised by Tameside Sports Services will offer boys and girls aged seven and over the chance to develop skills in sports such as Cricket, Tennis, Multi Sports, Athletics and more. Sessions will be available at various venues across Tameside.

**For further information** and booking details please contact Tameside Sports Service on 0161 609 1277.

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## Walking - It doesn't have to cost the earth!

Take advantage of the better weather and go on one of Tameside's FREE Health 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, 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.

For further information please contact Tameside Sports Service on 0161 609 1277.

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## Library events

### Poetry Evening

On Thursday 16 July, 6pm-7.15pm the Friday Writers invite you to join them for an evening of poetry at Tameside Central Library (upstairs in the Art Gallery). They will be reading their work and invite others to come along and listen or read their own poems. There will be free refreshments and everyone is welcome.

### A taste of Italy

On Monday 20 July, 2pm-3.30pm there will be an event at Dukinfield Library for visually impaired adults, their friends and family. A taste of Italy will take

readers on an armchair journey as they listen to extracts from books set in Italy that are available as audio books. With some Italian food and drink the afternoon will give people an opportunity to relax, meet friends and find out more about library services for VIPs.

The event is being organised by the Library Service in conjunction with TBA Community Support Project.

**For more information** about both of these events contact Chris Smith at Hyde Library on 0161 342 4450

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