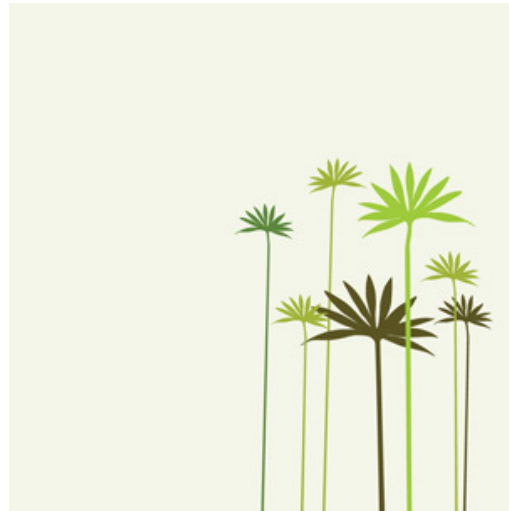



# E-Bulletin - May 2009

Welcome to May's E-Bulletin. I hope you have all enjoyed the brief sunshine. In this issue we have a lot of free training opportunities from winning tenders and child protection training to how to attract more people to your website. 9-15 May is also Adult Learners Week and there will be free workshops and taster sessions at Tameside libraries and Topaz well being centre. (See our **Training page** [www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Training.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Training.htm))

With summer approaching there are also lots of events happening in May. T3SC is holding the Funky Lizard event and the launch event of the New Voice network. There is also IDAHO day, a fun day at Copperas Fields and a Race night being held by 4C. (See our **Dates for your diary page** [www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Dates.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Dates.htm) )



We have the latest  **Funding Bulletin** ([www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm)) and up to date third sector national news and legal information for groups.

To view the E-Bulletin online and easily navigate between pages go to: [www.t3sc.org/MayE-Bulletin-Contents.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/MayE-Bulletin-Contents.htm)

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 on [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org)

If you would like an article to be included in the T3SC E-Bulletin the **next deadline is 21 May** and it will be sent out at the beginning of June. Please send any items to Hannah Powell.



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See our **E-Bulletin page** [www.t3sc.org/e-bulletin.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/e-bulletin.htm) for archived issues.

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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 two great part-time opportunities at Age Concern, for an Office Manager and a Business Development Manager. There is also a position at People First Tameside for a BME Male Advocacy Group Worker, supporting people with learning disabilities from BME communities in self-advocacy. 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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### **What does your group/organisation do?**

**Tell us so that local decision makers know that you matter.**

The first ever Tameside Survey of Third Sector Groups and Organisations has recently been sent out across Tameside. This unique, important survey is vital for as many groups and organisations as possible to take part in. It is your chance to have a say on things that matter. Decision makers in Tameside will be taking notice of the results and will use the information it provides in policy decisions. However this research can only be effectively used to drive improvements in Tameside and your area if the response to this survey is significant.

So please take some time to respond before the **deadline of June 5**.

Your information is vital - please take just 10 minutes to fill in our survey online at <http://tr.im/jAPX> or contact T3SC for a paper copy. See the **survey**

page [www.t3sc.org/tamesidesurvey.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/tamesidesurvey.htm) for more information about the survey.

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## Massive recognition for St Peter's local heroes

Karen Butigan, Chief Executive of St Peter's Partnerships was absolutely delighted, and pleasantly surprised, to discover that not one, but both of her nominations for the Development Trust Association's (DTA) Local Government Community Hero Awards, had been successful!



She said: 'St Peter's Ward Councillor, Jack Davis and Tameside Council employee Russell Yates have both been so helpful and important to the development of our organisation. I strongly felt they deserved to be nominated in the Awards which sought out those unsung heroes that really do make a difference. I am sure that their colleagues in the Council, at St Peter's Partnerships and in the local community will all join me in congratulating them for this valuable and well deserved recognition.'

The awards will be made at an evening reception to be held at the DTA's national policy symposium, Stepping up: Strategies for resilient communities in a time of economic downturn to be held in London in May.

[www.dta.org.uk/](http://www.dta.org.uk/)

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## Minibus donated to St Peter's community groups

Audenshaw based Mono® NOV has donated a minibus to St. Peter's Partnerships, a charity which runs a range of community-based projects and businesses in the local area.



The nine-seater minibus will be used by St.

Peter's Partnerships to transport children, young people and other community groups to and from venues and events in and around Ashton-under-Lyne.

St. Peter's Partnerships provides support and services to the local community of the St. Peter's ward of Ashton-under-Lyne. Its aim is to bring people together to promote a range of community initiatives that have been developed to help tackle some of the underlying and long term difficulties of the regeneration area.

And YOU can benefit too!

From 1 May, the minibus will be available for use by other local community groups for a small donation towards its upkeep.

For more information: [www.stpeterspartnership.com/](http://www.stpeterspartnership.com/)

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## National third sector information and law

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### Act now to reduce future energy costs

Around now the winter gas and electricity bills are coming home to roost - yet another problem to go with recession, credit crunch, and the prospect of reduced income.

But one thing we can all do in our local organisations is create some time to discuss ways of controlling the rise in future energy costs.

Start by applying some of the basic domestic energy tips to your building – [www.tameside.gov.uk/energyefficiency](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/energyefficiency)

Reducing the temperature by 1C can cut electric bills by 10%.



**The Energy Savings Trust, the Green Energy Centre and the Renewable**

**Energy Centre offer lots of advice and untangle the jargon:**

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)

[www.greenenergycentre.org.uk](http://www.greenenergycentre.org.uk)

[www.therenewableenergycentre.co.uk](http://www.therenewableenergycentre.co.uk)

'**Third Sector Declaration on Climate Change**' has a lot of info, not just about electricity usage, but on broader green approaches.

[www.everyactioncounts.org.uk/declaration](http://www.everyactioncounts.org.uk/declaration)

For the wider regional picture, and the link to the developing role of councils in providing community leadership in the context of the Audit Commission's new Comprehensive Area Assessment, see

[www.climatechangenorthwest.co.uk](http://www.climatechangenorthwest.co.uk)

*Stephen Young, Member of T3SC Board*

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## **Making the most of your money**

The Financial Services Authority is offering third sector organisations free financial education programmes to help you manage your money in the present economic climate. Presentations are available to groups of a minimum of 20 staff or volunteers and groups share an event if providing sufficient numbers is difficult. There is also an interactive CD Rom covering the presentation and a text of the guide.

**Further information:** [mike.bailey@fsa.gov.uk](mailto:mike.bailey@fsa.gov.uk)

[www.fsa.gov.uk/](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/)

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## **Fundraising Healthcheck tool**

The Fundraising Healthcheck online diagnostic tool to help organisations understand the impact of the recession on their fundraising portfolio is now open to all, not just members of the Institute of Fundraising.

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

Reports give a prognosis for each area of your fundraising, based on past experience and current trends, and practical advice and guidance on how to survive and thrive during the economic downturn. A video explaining its creation and use is on UK Fundraising.

[www.fundraising.co.uk/news/2009/04/07/fundraising-healthcheck-now-open-all-organisations](http://www.fundraising.co.uk/news/2009/04/07/fundraising-healthcheck-now-open-all-organisations)

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## **Official scale rates for subsistence allowances**

HM Revenue and Customs has introduced an advisory system of benchmark scale rates



which employers can use to make daytime subsistence payments to employees who incur allowable away from home/work expenses, without incurring tax or National Insurance liability. This can be used instead of applying for a dispensation, but employers will need to notify HMRC of their intention by ticking the appropriate statement/box on form P11DX before starting to use the new system, which is available from 6 April 2009. See information in HMRC Brief 24/09: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/briefs/income-tax/brief2409.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/briefs/income-tax/brief2409.htm)

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## Budget links and responses

- Office of the Third Sector 'Support for the sector announced in Budget': [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/news/news\\_stories/090422\\_budget.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090422_budget.aspx)
- NCVO reaction at: [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/briefings/?id=13648](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/briefings/?id=13648)
- Charity Finance Directors' Group at: [www.cfdg.org.uk/cfdg/press\\_release\\_220409.asp](http://www.cfdg.org.uk/cfdg/press_release_220409.asp)
- Third Sector magazine on sector responses at [www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/900454/](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/900454/) (registration required)
- Society Guardian round-up at [www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/22/budget-recession-charities-young-people](http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/22/budget-recession-charities-young-people)
- HM Treasury Budget 2009 pages, including link through to Budget Report [www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/bud\\_bud09\\_index.htm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/bud_bud09_index.htm)
- Business Link summary for businesses, [www.businesslink.gov.uk/budget](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/budget)




BBC 'At-a-glance' budget guide,  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/8011882.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8011882.stm)

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## Implementing environmentally sustainable practices



Charity chief executives body ACEVO has published 'The Sustainability Challenge: Implications for Chief Executives in the Third Sector', to help leaders implement environmentally sustainable practices in their organisations, 'delivering on our long-term responsibilities to those we work with and our supporters'. To access the 1.14MB pdf download  ([www.acevo.org.uk/index.cfm/display\\_page/publications/control\\_contenttype/publication\\_list/display\\_open/publications\\_1498](http://www.acevo.org.uk/index.cfm/display_page/publications/control_contenttype/publication_list/display_open/publications_1498))

If you are interested in completing a sustainability audit for your organisation contact MERCI at 0161 273 1736, [www.merci.org.uk](http://www.merci.org.uk)

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## Find out about food co-ops

Sustain, the national alliance for better food and farming, has created a new website to provide information about food co-operatives, [www.foodcoops.org](http://www.foodcoops.org), including how to set one up. Food co-ops vary, but are basically about pooling individual buying power to access good food in bulk at affordable prices.



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## Revised HMRC gift aid declaration

Revised HMRC gift aid declaration - should be used effective immediately for new gift aid declarations. Transitional gift aid relief has to be claimed within two years from the end of the tax year to which it applies.

From April 2010, the six-year time limit for recovering (ordinary) tax on gift aid - not transitional relief - is likely to be reduced to four years.

[www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#giftaid](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#giftaid)

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## Law changes from April 2009

### Employment

Information regarding changes to Employment Law and Health and Safety can be found on a number of websites. The fullest list of regulation changes is on the Business Link site. Personnel professionals body CIPD has a round-up of employment law at:

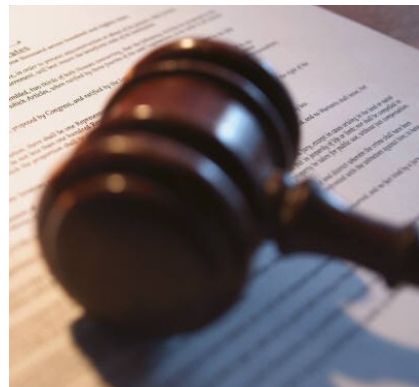
[www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/emplaw/general/legaldevs.htm](http://www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/emplaw/general/legaldevs.htm)

Or check the items on Sandy Adirondack's Employment legal update:

[www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm)

Changes to regulations administered by the Health and Safety Executive from 6 April include:

- A new, easier to read version of the law poster that employers must display (the existing poster and leaflet can be used until 5 April 2014 as long as they are readable and have up-to-date addresses



of the enforcing authority and the Employment Medical Advisory Service).

- Reducing the number of forms that employers must complete.

Employers will no longer have to register the factories, offices and shops in which their employees work with the relevant health and safety authority,

[www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd219-notification.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd219-notification.htm)

## Finance

For financial years starting on or after 1 April 2008 (i.e. generally ending on or after 31 March 2009) charity trustees must include in their annual report an explanation of how the charity has met the public benefit test. See:

[www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#publicbenefit](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#publicbenefit)

or go direct to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit reporting and fictional report examples

[www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publicbenefit/default.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publicbenefit/default.asp)

For financial years ending on or after 1 April 2009, the threshold for unincorporated charities having to prepare accruals accounts rather than a receipts and payments account is increased from £100,000 to £250,000.

Unincorporated charities with annual income under £25,000 no longer need to have an independent examination or audit, unless required by their governing document or funders, and no longer need to submit their annual accounts and reports to the Charity Commission unless requested to do so (thresholds increased from £10,000). The threshold for requiring a full audit remains £500,000, or is increased from £100,000 to £250,000 if the charity's total assets are more than £3.26 million. **More at:**

[www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#finance](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#finance)

or go direct to [www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications/cc15b.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications/cc15b.asp)

All charitable companies must prepare accruals accounts. The thresholds for independent examination and audit of companies that qualify under company law as small companies are the same as for unincorporated charities (above). If the company is a medium or large company, its audit is done under company law rather than charity law.

[www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#charcoaudit](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#charcoaudit)

## Changes to cooperative and credit union law

Umbrella bodies the Association of British Credit Unions and Co-operatives UK have both welcomed a proposed reform order to update the legislation which governs Industrial and Provident Societies and credit unions in Britain, but have urged that this should be made into law quickly. The proposals cover areas such as removing the requirement on societies to have interim accounts audited and allowing them to choose their own year ends, modifying the rules on share capital, and modifying the minimum age for membership. See HM Treasury's proposals at:

[www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult\\_credit\\_union.htm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult_credit_union.htm)

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The above news was resourced from:

VolResource newsletter [www.voluntarynews.org.uk](http://www.voluntarynews.org.uk)

Third Sector [www.thirdsector.co.uk/](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/) and

NAVCA LINX [www.navca.org.uk/publications/linx/](http://www.navca.org.uk/publications/linx/)

WCVA trustee newsletter [www.trusteewales.org.uk/](http://www.trusteewales.org.uk/)

Futurebuilders eNewsletter [www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk](http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk)

Co-operatives UK [www.cooperatives-uk.coop](http://www.cooperatives-uk.coop)

Sandy Adirondack [www.sandy-a.co.uk](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk)

Stephen Young, T3SC Board member

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## Funding

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### Funding Bulletin

Here is our latest compiled  Funding Bulletin for March 09 is available at [www.t3sc.org/May09E-Bulletin-Funding.htm](http://www.t3sc.org/May09E-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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## Meet the Funder: Awards for All – the new look Big Lottery Fund small grants scheme

Wednesday 3 June, 10am – 12pm at T3SC, St. Michael's Court, St. Michael's Square, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XN

Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK. Grants range from £300 and £10,000 for projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

The Awards for All programme was updated on the 1 April 2009. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to find out more about the new scheme, its priorities and changes to the application process.



**For more information** or to book a place, please contact Naomi or Dawn on 0161 339 4985 or email [dawn.acton@t3sc.org](mailto:dawn.acton@t3sc.org)

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## Youth Opportunity Fund Tameside panel needs you!

Would you like to become a member of your local Youth Opportunity Fund Panel?

If you are aged between 13-19 and you are interested in making a difference in your community? Then why not give us a call or come along to your nearest group.

Tuesday - Stalybridge, Dukinfield, Mossley, Hyde, Hattersley and Longendale

Wednesday – Ashton-under-Lyne

Thursday – Denton, Droylsden and Audenshaw



**If you need more information** ring Karen Dale for a chat 0161 337 8316 or email [karen.dale@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:karen.dale@tameside.gov.uk)

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# Volunteering, local groups and networks

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## Community organisations - Volunteer reporter

I reported last month that I will be contacting all community groups in Tameside hoping to meet their management committees to invite them to nominate their own volunteer reporter.

Tameside Radio will then train them all so that they will write and record all information their group wants to publicise via the station. This is a totally new concept whereby community groups are speaking directly to the public and will be in control of their own publicity. So far I have been in touch with 80+ groups and have met with 30+ but there are many more in the Borough so if you haven't heard from me, please contact me as soon as possible, email: [maria@tamesideradio.com](mailto:maria@tamesideradio.com), Tel: 0161 343 8446

Then we can make a date to meet and extend this innovative broadcasting, which no other community radio station in the country has introduced. We have just completed the training of the first three volunteer reporters and five more will be starting theirs very soon. So hurry up and get in touch and lets all move forward together.

*Maria Bailey*  
*Community Engagement Director*

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## Volunteering for Tameside Police

Tameside Police recognise the benefits of Neighbourhood Policing and empowering our communities to help provide a quality service. With a growing awareness in recent years of the value of



volunteers and the vital role they can play in reducing crime, disorder and fear of crime they are encouraging applications from members of the public over 18 years of age, from all backgrounds to volunteer some of their time to carry out a variety of tasks for the Force.

Being a volunteer means giving your time to help Tameside Police improve its quality of service to our communities. The amount of time you decide to volunteer will be up to you and will be agreed during the application process.

Today's Police service is a challenging working environment that is constantly changing. We aim to have volunteers involved in a number of aspects of the service we provide to the public of Greater Manchester. We understand that your time is valuable and that there are many and varied reasons for volunteering. In return we will aim to develop your skills as a volunteer within Greater Manchester Police.

### **What kind of roles might I be doing?**

As a volunteer you could be asked to:

- Provide information to people who report crime.
- Help the police to become more accessible to the community.
- Help the police to better understand the issues that affect the community.
- Help the police to deal with the things that matter in the community, and many other similar tasks.

Volunteering can give you...

- The opportunity to develop your interpersonal skills.
- The possibility of additional and relevant training.
- The chance to meet and make new friends.
- The enhancement of your CV.
- The understanding that you are helping to improve our quality of service for your local community.
- The knowledge that your commitment to volunteering is making a difference in the area where you live.

**Further information:** [Chris.Brook@gmp.police.uk](mailto:Chris.Brook@gmp.police.uk) Tel: 0161 856 9350

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### **New Scout Group in St Peter's**

The 2nd Ashton Scout Group reformed recently and now meets regularly in Oxford Park. They have just held their first camp held at Boarfold Scout campsite in Broadbottom.



During the camp weekend, they enjoyed a series of

challenges including erecting their tents to sleep in, taking part in a scavenger hunt, hiking and learning tracking signs and of course taking part in the traditional camp fire sing-song.

Sharon Pattinson, the new Group Scout Leader thanked all the other leaders who had helped from Third and Twelfth Ashton Scout groups especially Alan Fish from North Tameside Scouts, for starting the new Second Ashton Scout Group.

The group meets in the Pavilion Community Centre in the middle of the park along side SPY (St. Peter's Youth).

Mondays from 7pm-10pm is Scouts aged 10-14 years of age.

Thursdays from 5.30pm - 7pm is Beavers aged 6 – 8 years old and from 7pm – 8.30pm, Cubs aged 10 to 14years old.

Sun Explorers aged 14 to 18years are soon to start meeting from 7.30 - 9.30 on Sundays – watch this space for an announcement.

Any boys or girls wishing to join the new Scout Group or any of the other 31 Scout Groups in Tameside can contact Alan on the Scouts Helpline 0161 330 0305, email him on: [alan.fish@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:alan.fish@dsl.pipex.com) or visit either of these websites: [www.northtamesidescouts.uk](http://www.northtamesidescouts.uk) or [www.scouts.org.uk/join](http://www.scouts.org.uk/join)

We are always looking for adult Leaders and Helpers so if you would like to find out more about this opportunity, contact Alan Fish.

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## West Pennine Bridleways Association want new members



West Pennine Bridleways Association invite all equestrian minded people to join them in their quest to achieve safe off road riding along well maintained bridleways. To fight against closures and obstructions and create more bridleways and circular routes where possible.

Join in the fun of our family shows and driving events where everyone is invited to take part.

Bring any problems encountered whilst out hacking – perhaps we can help.

### Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, Stalybridge Buffet Bar (Stalybridge Station) at 8pm.

**Contact:** Tony Turner (Chairman) 01457 838 495

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# Training

- **T3SC's May and June Training**
- **Child protection training**
- **Volunteer Centre Training**
- **Adult Learners Week events in Tameside**
- **Training for people working with children and young people**
- **Training from Tameside Business Family**
- **Get YOUR clients set for Digital Switchover**

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## T3SC May Training

### May



### Winning tenders

19 May, 10am—1pm at T3SC

- Tendering tips
- Understand what makes a good answer
- Learn some tips of the trade
- Understand the common pitfalls and how to avoid them
- Get to know the process of tendering in detail and what is expected

### Raising your profile- New Date!

**26 May, 10am–3pm at Dunkirk Street Methodist Church, Droylsden**

Training course on marketing and publicity – learn how to get your group noticed, attract new members and supporters.

#### We cover:

Why marketing is important

Writing press releases—what have you got to say?

Local contacts—what channel can you use to get your story heard

Tips for radio interviews

Websites—the benefits and how to get a quick easy web presence

Leaflets—putting together a snappy leaflet

#### Where?

The session above 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](mailto:dawn.acton@t3sc.org)

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## Child protection training

17 June, 5.30pm - 8.30pm at T3SC

This is a basic awareness raising session in promoting welfare and safeguarding children. Its aim is to enable participants to recognise concerns about children and respond appropriately. All workers who come into contact with children, young people and parents require this training.



To book a place please contact Veronica Hyde at T3SC - [funky lizard@t3sc.org](mailto:funky lizard@t3sc.org) Tel: 0161 339 4985

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## Volunteer Centre Training

**Support and Supervision**  
May 9 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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## Adult Learners Week events in Tameside

During Adult Learner's Week, which runs from 9-15 May, you are invited to attend one of the 28 taster sessions and workshops happening in the borough.



These sessions will be held at Tameside's Libraries and at Topaz@Mind Well Being Centre, in Ashton-under-Lyne. Many of the sessions are free, and will give you the chance to learn something new or try something completely different! For a full listing of events please visit the Adult Learners Week website - [www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/alw](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/alw)

## Training for people working with children and young people

Participation Works are holding a free training course in Manchester on 5 May.

Ready Steady Change is a 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.

Our courses are designed to meet the needs of a wide range of staff including managers and trustees as well as young people themselves, and will include accredited training. The training programme is being delivered England-wide by a team of Participation Works approved trainers, including young people who are aged 16-19 years.

Courses are free to voluntary, community and other third sector organisations (1 person per organisation) and £85 for statutory organisations.

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



## Training from Tameside Business Family

**Attracting customers to your site –**

### **Part 1: Marketing and Social Networks**

Thursday May 14, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall

Once you have a website you need to attract customers. The key to success is the development of a marketing plan which includes a mix of offline and online routes. This includes a wide range of online options including social networks, search engine optimisation, Pay for Click advertising and marketing offline. Where to start?

Our two part workshop will guide you through the different online options and how to access, implement, measure and evaluate them.

You will learn:

- How to identify and incorporate the most effective options into your marketing plan. Targeting niche markets.

- Ways to use social networks e.g. blogs, YouTube, MySpace, Facebook.
- Getting the most out of using social networks

Presented by Andy Nicol, Sputnikinternet [info@sputnikinternet.com](mailto:info@sputnikinternet.com)

### **Attracting customers to your site –**

#### **Part 2: Search Engine Optimisation & Pay for Click advertising**

Thursday June 4, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall

This workshop focuses on getting the best from search engines (search engine optimisation or SEO) and Pay Per Click advertising. You will find out what they are and how they can complement each other. With companies increasingly using both methods to target and reach customers getting the right mix has never been more important.

You will learn:

- What is SEO
- How to optimise your site
- What Pay for Click options are out there e.g. Google AdSense
- Which is best for you
- Getting the right mix

Presented by Simon Wharton, PushON [simon@pushon.co.uk](mailto:simon@pushon.co.uk)

### **Stay Legal - what you should know when selling goods and services online**

Thursday June 11, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall

Just like any high street shop, an online store is covered by legislation. Do you know what laws apply to selling online? This event is a Q&A session with a chance to submit questions in advance via email

Presented by Raj Mahapatra, Legal 2.0 [raj@legal20.co.uk](mailto:raj@legal20.co.uk)

### **BOOK ONLINE for these FREE EVENTS**

[www.tamesidebusinessfamily.com/events.asp](http://www.tamesidebusinessfamily.com/events.asp)

### **Get YOUR clients set for Digital Switchover - Free Staff Training and small Grant Scheme**

As you know the UK wide switch to digital TV is underway. This means that everyone must have converted their TV to digital in order to continue watching after switchover. In the Granada area, the TV signal is provided by the Winter Hill transmitter and its relay stations. They will all switch over on November 4 and December 2 2009:



Those aged 75 or over, or who have lived in a care home for six months or more, or get (or could get) certain disability benefits, or are registered blind or partially sighted, are eligible for support from the Switchover Help Scheme to convert one TV set to digital. Every eligible person will be offered practical help, including equipment, installation and aftercare, to convert one of their TV sets to digital in the run-up to switchover in their region. The Help Scheme writes to all eligible people three times to let them know what help they can receive. It costs £40, or for those entitled to certain income-related benefits it is free.

Pebble Enterprises and Digital Outreach have teamed up to offer training to help organisations who deal with the following groups who might not fall within the Help Scheme criteria, but who will still need assistance with switchover:-

- Older People
- People with sensory, mobility and/or dexterity impairments
- People with learning difficulties
- People who are socially isolated
- People who speak English as a second language
- People who have experienced mental health problems

### **Booking your free training place**

Training sessions are available designed to raise awareness and understanding of switchover and the Help Scheme in your organisation, and is aimed at staff and volunteers who then can cascade the information to your staff and volunteers, and to your clients. Sessions will be held at the following dates and locations. There is no charge to attend. Sessions will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and lunch will be provided.

- Tuesday **5 May** at T3SC
- Thursday **14 May** – Stalybridge Civic Hall, Trinity Street, Stalybridge, Tameside, SK15 2BN

To book on a training event or for more information please contact: -

Sarah Cole, Digital Outreach Coordinator, Stockport, Rochdale, Bolton, Oldham and Tameside, Email: [sarah@pebbleenterprises.org.uk](mailto:sarah@pebbleenterprises.org.uk)  
Telephone: 07598 329 692.

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## **Dates for your diary**

- **How your voice will impact and influence! New Voice meeting**
- **The Funky Lizard**
- **IDAHO Day walk and picnic**
- **Network meeting dates**

- **Copperas Field Fun Day**
  - **Free Community Information Workshops on the new North West Regional Strategy**
  - **Race night for 4C Community Centre**
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**How your voice will impact and influence! New Voice Meeting  
12 May 2009, 5pm - 7:30pm at Hyde Town Hall**

'Voice has given encouragement, and the opportunity to integrate activities with other networks.'

Feedback from a Voice participant

Voice is the meeting place for all community, voluntary and faith groups. Voice enables Tameside groups and communities to influence key decisions that affect the community and voluntary sector. Don't miss your chance to:

- Get informed
- Meet others
- Have your say

**Please let us know if you are coming** - Tel: 0161 339 4985 or email: [voice@t3sc.org](mailto:voice@t3sc.org)

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**Do do do the Funky Lizard!  
6 May, 2pm - 7pm at Dukinfield Town Hall**

A celebration of the contribution of the third sector to the lives of families and young people in Tameside.

See great partnership work in action.

A great free networking opportunity, loads of information and advice for community groups - including a funding guide.

Great entertainment from Tameside's children and young people.

Announcement of the five £200 learning awards.

And if that wasn't enough Wayne Kay will be broadcasting his show - In the afternoon - live from the event between 2pm-4pm.

**For more information and to book a place** contact Vee on [funkylizard@t3sc.org](mailto:funkylizard@t3sc.org)



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## **IDAHO Day walk and picnic** **16 May, 1pm at Ashton Town Hall**

Proud Tameside (with the support of T3SC) is organising a walk and picnic to mark IDAHO Day. IDAHO stands for International Day Against Homophobia.

IDAHO is needed because 86 countries still criminalise homosexuals and in 7 of those countries it is punishable by death.

We are holding the walk and picnic on the 16 May at 1pm and plan to walk from Ashton Town Hall to Stamford Park. Everyone is welcome just bring your picnic along.

If you are interested in coming along please contact Anna at T3SC for more details, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email [anna.hynes@t3sc.org](mailto:anna.hynes@t3sc.org). Look out for the rainbow flags on public buildings across Tameside. These promote the positive work that is happening in Tameside to support the LGBT community.

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## **Network meeting dates**

### **May**

**6 May – Funky Lizard**, 2pm - 7pm at Dukinfield Town Hall  
Contact: [funkywizard@t3sc.org](mailto:funkywizard@t3sc.org)

**11 May – BME Women's Network**, 11am - 1pm at T3SC  
Contact: [hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org](mailto:hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org)

**12 May - New Voice**, 5pm - 7.30pm at Hyde Town Hall  
Contact: [voice@t3sc.org](mailto:voice@t3sc.org)

**13 May – Health and Social Care Network meeting**  
Contact: [anna.hynes@t3sc.org](mailto:anna.hynes@t3sc.org)

**14 May – BME Network meeting**, 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Contact: [hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org](mailto:hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org)

**18 May - FaithsUnited Agm**, 5pm - 7pm at Dukinfield Town Hall  
Contact: [mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org](mailto:mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org)

**28 May - Community Development Workers Lunch**, 11.30am start at T3SC  
Contact: [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

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**Copperas Field Fun Day**  
**Saturday 23 May, 2pm - 5pm at Copperas**  
**Playing Fields, Droylsden**

**Everyone is welcome to the fun day which will include:**

- Ice Rink
- Climbing Wall
- Penalty shoot-outs
- Football Tournaments
- Karate
- Tombola
- Barge Trips
- Face Painting
- Clowns
- Dancers
- Ice Cream
- Burgers



And much more!

Access from: Fairfield Rd, John St and Copperas Lane, Droylsden.

**For more information:**

<http://sites.google.com/site/friendsofcopperasfields/>

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## **Free Community Information Workshops on the new North West Regional Strategy**

NW Planning Aid, 4NW and the NWDA are hosting FREE Community Information Workshops on the new North West Regional Strategy

To find out more about the new Regional Strategy, the consultation process, and 'If, When, Why and How' community organisations should get involved, then come along on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at Friends Meeting House Manchester

Registration and refreshments 5.30pm, session starts 6pm and concludes 8pm. Numbers are limited - please book to ensure your place.

**For more information or to book a place** contact Rita Codd on 0161 969 3672 or email [nwadmin@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk](mailto:nwadmin@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk)

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**Race night for 4C Community Centre**  
**8 May, 7pm at Albert House, Jowetts Walk, Ashton-under-Lyne**

As part of The 4 C Community Centre's continued efforts to raise the money for the construction of a brand new, eco-friendly community centre in Ashton-under-Lyne, we are hosting a Race night. We are looking for local companies to sponsor races at £250. Anyone in the community can buy horses at £10 each and it will cost £5 to get in which includes a tasty supper!



If you are interested in getting involved or looking for a fun night out to raise money for a great cause, please contact Mike at [mike@4ccommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:mike@4ccommunitycentre.org.uk), Tel 0161 343 1261.

**For more information** on the community centre please visit: [www.4ccommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.4ccommunitycentre.org.uk)



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