



# Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition

# Newsletter

## September - November 2008

*Making a difference to Tameside's Communities*



## T3SC host LINK

**T3SC is delighted to announce that we will be the host organisation for the Tameside LINK, the Local Involvement Network.**

The LINK will be a network of individuals and groups which will enable the community of Tameside to influence how health and social care services are provided. This is an exciting new national initiative funded by the Department of Health. There will be a LINK in all local authorities across England.

### Your network

Tameside LINK is your network. The new T3SC LINK team will support you in deciding how you want your LINK to be organised. The LINK will be open to all members of Tameside's diverse community. Any person can get involved and have their say. T3SC are currently working with a development group made up of community representatives to start this work. T3SC will support Tameside LINK to have a real impact on increasing the quality of health and care services across the borough.

To get involved or to find out more contact the LINK team at T3SC on 0161 339 4985.

## Tameside has a quality service

### T3SC is formally recognised as a quality service.

T3SC is celebrating this week after receiving a prestigious quality award from the national body - NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action). We are now in the top 1% of the UK's 350 CVS' (Council for Voluntary Services).



### What does the award mean?

The Quality Award demonstrates the impact the organisation has working with local voluntary and community groups and communities in Tameside. T3SC has been recognised for delivering quality and the standard will be regularly assessed to ensure this standard is maintained. T3SC has been working towards the award for the last few months and was judged by an inspector who gathered evidence and interviewed staff and stakeholders.

Tony Okotie, Director of T3SC commented, 'This is a fantastic achievement for the organisation and demonstrates the positive effect we are having in Tameside's voluntary and community sector. The team have worked really hard to evidence the work that we do.'

For more information: contact Tony Okotie on 0161 339 4985, email [tony.okotie@t3sc.org](mailto:tony.okotie@t3sc.org):

**Tel: 0161 339 4985**

**[www.t3sc.org](http://www.t3sc.org)**

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# Quick Questions With... Jules Mambu



**Jules set up TARA (Tameside African Refugee Association) in May 2003 and is now the Chair. TARA provide information on immigration, housing**

**and health to African refugees in Tameside. Jules also recently qualified as a Barrister.**

## How did you get to where you are?

'I set up TARA in 2003 because I saw there was a need. When I came to Tameside there was no African Organisation - TARA was the first.'

## What one thing would you like to do in the next 12 months?

'In the next 12 months I would like TARA to become a strong Tameside group working in partnership with statutory services to improve our services. If we could get more paid staff that would be great.'

## Who would you invite to a fantasy dinner party?

'Mandela - he is an icon and has changed the face of Africa, he's very important. I'd want to invite people from the local communities - Moira Cunningham. Jose Mourinho - I'm a big fan.'

## What living person do you most admire and why?

'Moira Cunningham [first Director of T3SC]. I worked with Moira for three years. She has a lot of courage - if she needs to do something she does it, she has focus. T3SC is now a big organisation in Tameside. In the future maybe TARA could become like T3SC. I saw T3SC from the beginning when it was small.'

## What would your super power be?

'Something that would help people.'

## What was your worst job?

'Teaching. I was a teacher at secondary school and University. I taught Philosophy at University. Teaching's not easy, there is too much to do and read.'

## What's your favourite smell?

'Cheese - French cheese, especially Camembert'

## What would you say is your greatest achievement?

'Bringing TARA from the beginning to becoming a big organisation in Tameside. Also completing my studies - from coming to England and not being able to speak English, I have completed my studies and received a Distinction.'

## Who would you like to see an interview with?

'You.'

# Welcome Anna



Welcome to Anna Hynes who has joined T3SC Health and Social Care Team as the Community Networker (Health).

'I'm really looking forward to engaging and supporting voluntary and community groups on the health and social care agenda. I am settling in well and have now arranged my first Health Network meeting and the next one will be on 11 November. I am also currently working on World Class Commissioning with the PCT (Primary Care Trust).

Before taking up this post I worked for Age Concern, Tameside as Events Co-ordinator for the POPP's (Partnership for Older People's Project)'

I look forward to working with you and if you would like to contact me please ring 0161 339 4985 or email [anna.hynes@t3sc.org](mailto:anna.hynes@t3sc.org)'

## Decommissioning of Tameside Community Webspaces

T3SC is discontinuing the Tameside Community Webspaces. The website contained amongst other things a directory of voluntary and community groups in Tameside. The site wasn't fulfilling its aims. Much of the information available on it is now available on the main T3SC website [www.t3sc.org](http://www.t3sc.org) which is updated regularly.

The directory of groups contained on the Community Webspaces was very limited. It signposted people to T3SC for further information instead of giving the contact details of the organisations, which was very frustrating. Tameside Library has a great database of groups: Local Groups and Organisations Database ([www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/index.html](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/index.html)). If you are part of a group it is easy to add your details to the database. If you did have your details on Tameside Community Webspaces please add yourself to the Library database where we will be directing enquiries (Tel: 0161 342 2031).

**If you have any queries** please contact Hannah Powell on 0161 339 4985 or email [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org)



## New Development Worker for Droylsden

**Just a reminder to all community groups/voluntary organisations based in Droylsden.**

I am now in post to help groups with: funding, support for your management committee, training, developing policies, setting up a community group, anything that helps you run your community group better. If you would like to contact me call 07979 700682 or email [ruth.madden@t3sc.org](mailto:ruth.madden@t3sc.org)

## Do you have a room to hire?

T3SC has many requests from groups and agencies looking for a venue to run their activities or hold an event. We're calling all Tameside community centres, church halls and other venues to add your room to our new Room Hire Directory. If you've got rooms (large or small), halls or other space available for hire, we want to hear from you! Contact Dawn on 0161 339 4985 or email [dawn.acton@t3sc.org](mailto:dawn.acton@t3sc.org) **by the 12 September 2008.**

## Tameside's residents build Kashmir school

In 2005 a devastating earthquake hit the Azad region of Kashmir. The epicentre, Birpani was virtually destroyed. Initially £11,000 was collected from Tameside's communities and was used to build five new houses for families made homeless by the quake.



Remains of the old school

Yasmen Sadiq and her husband went to visit Birpani in 2006 to see the impact the earthquake had had and how the money was being spent. Yasmen commented, 'the devastation broke my heart'. She saw a pile of rubble and chairs and was told it had been a school and a landslide had killed a teacher and 50 children.

'It was very emotional, that's why I started the school project - the thought of 50 children being buried there.' Yasmen came back to Ashton and started collecting for a new school. After a series of fundraising events and generous donations from Tameside's residents a further £9,500 was raised.



Three new classrooms

### New classrooms and water supply

Four school rooms have now been completed using these funds. They were officially opened in April 2008. As well as the classrooms one Tameside family donated funding for a water supply which will supply Birpani's hospital and houses.

### What next?

Yasmen is now focussed on finding funding for an assembly hall for the school that could also be used as three classrooms. Currently a lot of the children are studying in large tents.

'I am proud of Tameside's community for giving so much and they are still giving. Someone gave me £50 yesterday. Without the donations we couldn't have done it. It's not just down to me.'

For more information contact Yasmen Sadiq on 0161 344 5567

## Guiding you through the Health Maze

The Patient Information Centre (Infopatient) is now situated in the front entrance of the Hartshead Building at Tameside Hospital.

### What is the Patient Information Centre?

The Patient Information Centre is a joint project between Tameside Council's library service unit and Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. It gives members of the public up-to-date health information which can supplement that given to patients by their hospital doctor or GP, and will also provide the hospital with a new reception desk. It's a one-stop-shop for information about health and related services at an easy to understand level. It has been officially recognised by the Department of Health as a 'model of good practice'.

### How can you contact us?

You don't have to be a patient at the hospital to use the service. You can have information posted to you or we can email you. All enquiries are confidential and information is provided free.

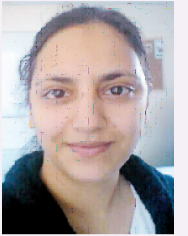
The Patient Information Centre is open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm. Tel:0161 331 5332, email [infopatient@tgh.nhs.uk](mailto:infopatient@tgh.nhs.uk)

## Support for BME people with learning disabilities

Are you from a black or minority ethnic community?

Do you have a learning disability?

Are you a parent of an adult who has a learning disability?



I support groups and individuals to speak up about what matters to them. This could be about abuse, housing, money or crime. People First is a user led organisation speaking up for the rights of learning disabled people in Tameside.

For more information call 0161 308 3699, email [robina.ilyas@pftameside.org](mailto:robina.ilyas@pftameside.org)

## Treading the boards

Young people sometimes get a bad press but there are many young people that do some great work.

Starseekers is a group of young people who attend their club at Hurst Community Centre in Ashton so that they can learn about the theatre, how it works and how to perform on stage.



Starseekers at Ashton Town Hall

The group led by Lindsey Kingsley worked hard over the summer to put a production on the stage at Hurst. They also had a practice when they held a preview at Ashton Town hall on the Volunteer Awards Celebration. It was loved by the audience and the Mayor, Jack Davis. Some of the young people from Starseekers did have stage fright but they didn't show it, and the songs they did were great.

If any young people would like to join Starseekers contact Lindsey on 0161 330 3362

Alan Fish, Chairman, Hurst Community Centre

## CASPER is now online!



CASPER (Communities Across St Peter's) now have a website:

<http://casper.stpeters.googlepages.com/home>.

Find out their latest events and fundraising activities and post your comments and suggestions online.

CASPER is a local community group, based at St Peter's Children Centre, set up by local families for local families. They work with families in Ashton's West End and Holy Trinity areas to make a difference within their community and develop activities and services. CASPER is also looking for volunteers who would like to help out with events and activities

For more information contact Nikki Spiers at [casper.stpeters@gmail.com](mailto:casper.stpeters@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday to Khush Amdid

This year Khush Amdid celebrate 10 years of service to the elderly Pakistani community of Tameside. From small beginnings, the group has grown to become a force to be reckoned with.



Khush Amdid supplies home cooked and wholesome lunches to its members twice a week, whilst also providing opportunities for elderly and often isolated members to socialise and learn about topics of interest. 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** call Stuart Vaughan on 0161 339 4985

## The 'Really Important Questions' (RIQ) Annual Conference

**Tuesday 21 October, 9.30am - 3.30pm at Dukinfield Town Hall**

Meet the people who manage social care services in Tameside. This conference is for anyone aged 50+ interested in local health and social care services. It is an opportunity to find out about health and social care services and have a greater say about how these services should develop. Managers from a wide range of services in the Council, health organisations and the voluntary sector will be at the conference to hear what people need. The conference is free and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Access needs can also be arranged.

**For more information and to book :** Contact Sandy Parkinson or Penda Garnett on 0161 370 1179, email: [haveyoursay@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@tameside.gov.uk)

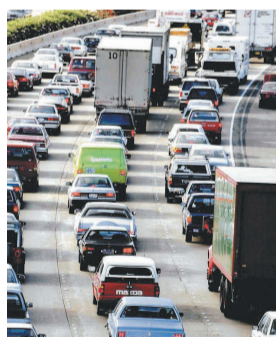
## Have your say about the congestion charge

Voluntary and community sector representatives are invited to attend an information event to hear and discuss the Greater Manchester congestion charge proposals at George Hatton Hall, Dukinfield Town Hall, Tuesday 9 September from 10.30am - 12.30pm

The proposals - an investment in public transport paid for, in part, by a peak-time congestion charge - are likely to have both positive and negative effects on voluntary and community organisations. Concerns have already been raised that the congestion charge may impact on volunteering and on volunteer car schemes in particular. Equally, the large investment in public transport, including the Metrolink extension to Ashton-under-Lyne, has been broadly welcomed.

The event will feature a presentation from the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (GMPTA), followed by a question and answer session, with an opportunity to put your comments and concerns directly to the people that matter. There will also be time to discuss the proposals and put forward your views to the Transport Resource Unit, who will be responding to the consultation on behalf of the voluntary and community sector. The meeting will be followed by a light lunch. There is no charge for attending but please contact Hakeel Qureshi on 0161 339 4985, email [hakeel.qureshi@t3sc.org](mailto:hakeel.qureshi@t3sc.org) to confirm your place beforehand.

**For more information:** [www.gmfuturetransport.co.uk](http://www.gmfuturetransport.co.uk).



# Looking after all our MINDs

The new Topaz@Mind Well Being Centre based on Katherine Street in Ashton-under-Lyne opened in May and is busily catering for the mental health needs of the community in Tameside and Glossop.



For better mental health



Topaz cafe

Anyone can come in and use the cafe, whether for a coffee and cake or for lunch. There's free internet access in the cafe area. The courses range from Tai Chi to painting to singing and are open to all residents of Tameside and Glossop over the age of 16.

Free counselling is also available. Rooms can be hired for social care organisations, whether statutory or voluntary sectors, as well as small community groups.

There are also plenty of exciting volunteering opportunities, whether it is running a course, working in the kitchen, or counselling, why not offer your skills and talents to Mind?

Opening times: Monday - Thursday, 10am - 4pm, Friday 10am - 3pm.

**For more details** and to join the monthly course mailing list, call 0161 330 9223, email [office@tgmind.co.uk](mailto:office@tgmind.co.uk) or pop in.

*Ingrid Galbraith, Group Services Manager Mind and Topaz*



## It's here for you- Threshold BME

The new Threshold BME Floating Support Service, funded by Supporting People, providing housing support to BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) people living in Tameside is up and running. Are you from the BME community, aged 16+, and a tenant or owner occupier in need of housing support? We provide a cultural and language specific service and if you need support in the following: housing issues, benefit and debt advice, life skills, health issues, education and training and more, then contact us.

**For more information** call 0161 652 9584. If you want to speak to someone in Urdu, Punjabi or Bangla then ask or alternatively visit us on [www.thp.org](http://www.thp.org).

# Faith Fun Day

Having fun and building positive cross faith relationships through shared activity was the message of the FaithsUnited (Tameside) Fun Day held on the 12 July at the King Georges Playing Field, Ashton-under-Lyne, Tameside.

The deputy mayor of Tameside Councillor Brenda Warrington officially opened the free event.

Children and families took part in a host of activities throughout the day - including face painting, bouncy castle, cricket, henna painting, dance, music and much more. Food was provided by caterers from Khush Amdid, a local voluntary sector organisation.



## Something for everyone

The event also allowed numerous faith and none faith organisations to display their activities and achievements in a fun and inclusive way. Organisations attending included the Police, New Charter, Tameside Radio, Tameside Community Safety Unit and Tameside Scouts, to name but a few. The day had something to offer everyone who attended. This was the first event of its kind in Tameside and the organisers are planning to deliver a bigger and better event for next year.

The event was organised by FaithsUnited (Tameside) with support from Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition and the Tameside Arts and Events team. Thank you to the community-led steering group and volunteers from faith organisations who planned and delivered the day as well as everyone who attended. The day was a great success.

*Mohamed Seedat, Interfaith Worker T3SC*



## The Disability Network, Tameside 2nd Annual Conference - Maintaining Independence

**20 September 2008, 10am - 4pm, Alder Community High School, Gee Cross, Hyde**

There will be workshops covering physical health, emotional health, money, support, housing, getting out and about, jobs, feeling safe, holidays, choice and control.

**For more information or to book a place**, please contact Peter Denton on:  
Tel: 0161 370 1179, Minicom: 0161 301 2490



## LGBT's first open meeting

T3SC are holding their first LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans-gendered) open meeting on **Wednesday 8 October at T3SC** office at 6.30pm-9pm. Refreshments and food will be provided.

The meeting is open to anyone who is lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or trans-gendered or who has an interest in LGBT issues. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss gaps in service provision for LGBT communities in Tameside.

**If you would like to attend** please contact Hameed Khan on [hameed.khan@t3sc.org](mailto:hameed.khan@t3sc.org) or 0161 339 4985

## Network meeting dates

### September

**9 September - Community Development Workers lunch, 11.30am-1.30pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

**16 September - Health Partnership Board (Strategic Partnership)**  
Contact: [anna.hynes@t3sc.org](mailto:anna.hynes@t3sc.org)

**24 September - Steering Group FaithsUnited, 11am-1pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org](mailto:mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org)

**Date to be confirmed - Voice meeting, 6.30pm-8.30pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [tony.okotie@t3sc.org](mailto:tony.okotie@t3sc.org)

### October

**2 October - Tameside Older People's Advisory Group, 10am-12pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

**7 October - Older People's Partnership at TMBC**  
Contact: [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

**15 October - Tameside Community Union - Core representatives Network (for those working with families and young people), 10am -1pm, at T3SC**  
Contact: [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)

**16 October - Tameside Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership**  
Contact: [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)

**16 October - FaithsUnited Network meeting, 11am-2pm at the St John's Church, Vicarage Drive, Dukinfield**  
Contact: [mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org](mailto:mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org)

**21 October - Community Development Workers lunch, 11.30am-1.30pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

### November

**11 November - Health Network, 6pm-8pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [anna.hynes@t3sc.org](mailto:anna.hynes@t3sc.org)

**11 November - Voice meeting, 6.30pm-8.30pm at T3SC**  
Contact: [tony.okotie@t3sc.org](mailto:tony.okotie@t3sc.org)

For updated meeting dates check our website [www.t3sc.org](http://www.t3sc.org)

## ContactPoint - Information sharing for all

Are you a voluntary organisation working with children, families or young people? Do you know about the introduction of ContactPoint?



**ContactPoint** will be the quick way for a practitioner, paid or voluntary, to find out who else is working with the same child or young person, making it easier to deliver more coordinated support. It will be a basic online directory, available to authorised staff, who need it to do their jobs.

Previously, there was a directory called JASPER, but voluntary organisations could not access this.

### Learning lunch

Consequently, David Hoyle, who is the new Information Sharing Agenda Project Manager for children's services, will be hosting a learning lunch on ContactPoint here at T3SC on the **28 October**, 11am-1pm. You can learn everything you need to know about the new system and tell David how he can best support you to access it in the future.

Contact Vee to book your place on 0161 339 4985 or email [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)

## Free Lunch

Food glorious food! **The Community Development Workers lunch** is a very informal affair with no agenda and no minutes taken.



### Information sharing

The idea is to share information and network over what is in effect the only free lunch you will ever really get (honest). As well as that we have been known to have a bit of a laugh on more than one occasion.

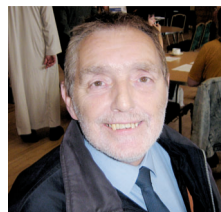
We occasionally have invited guests to address the meeting on pertinent issues and welcome suggestions as to whom we should/could invite.

If you work in the community with groups or individuals, either in a paid or voluntary capacity, and you would like to attend just put the next date, **Tuesday 9 September**, 11.30am-1.30pm, in your diary and turn up at T3SC offices where you will be made very welcome.

We are happy to 'go on the road' with the CD lunch, so if you would like to host it (and provide the buffet) contact Colin at T3SC to discuss. The lunches are on an approximate six weekly cycle.

**For more information** contact [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org), call 0161 339 4985

## TOPAG Elections



*Stuart Eyres, Jim Pinder and Bill Ormsby*

The Tameside Older Peoples Advisory Group (TOPAG) held their elections this summer and the results are as follows; Stuart Eyres elected as Chair with 37 votes, Jim Pinder elected as Vice Chair with 27 votes and Bill Ormsby elected as Secretary with 22 votes. There were 41 returned ballot papers which is equal to an election turn out of 26.3%. Colin Kirby, on behalf of TOPAG, would like to thank everyone who participated in this election process.

### Have your voice heard

TOPAG is actively seeking new members so if you wish to have your voice heard on issues relating to the over 50's age group come to our next meeting on **2 October** 10am-12pm at T3SC.

**For more information** contact Colin Kirby on 0161 339 4985, email [colin.kirby@t3sc.org](mailto:colin.kirby@t3sc.org)

## Quest for Success 2008

**2 October, Festival Hall Denton**

Each year the Tameside Children and Young People's Partnership holds a conference to explore workforce development for everyone working with children, families and young people. This year the theme is '**training for working with young people**'.



Organisations working with young people will have the opportunity to showcase the training they give to their paid workers and volunteers. They will also be able to express their views regarding what future learning and development opportunities should be available to workers and volunteers in the future.

The guest speaker will be Camila Batmanghelidgh, Founder and Chief Executive of Kids Company, a charity based in London. Kids Company provide practical, emotional and educational support to vulnerable inner-city children and young people.

**If you are interested in having a stall, or participating**, contact Linda Sheridan, Children's Workforce Development Adviser on 0161 337 0246, or email [linda.sheridan@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:linda.sheridan@tameside.gov.uk)

## The Big Cheese

The first meeting of the Chairs Network in July was a huge success with over 20 Chairs attending. Thanks to all who came along and showed such enthusiasm for the network now known as The Big Cheese!



We gathered lots of ideas of what people want from the network including how to recruit committee members, problem-solving and training. If you're a Chair or Vice Chair and are interested in getting involved in the network then please contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985 or email [naomi.creed@t3sc.org](mailto:naomi.creed@t3sc.org)

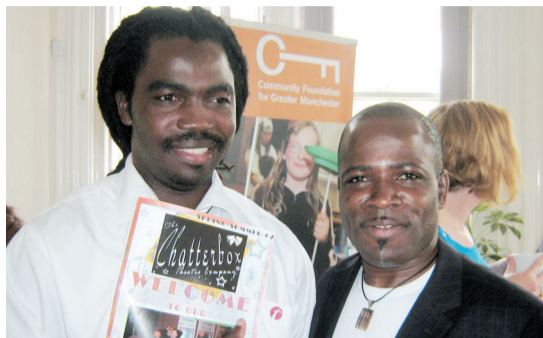
*Naomi Creed, Team Leader Support and Development T3SC*

# Meet the Funder -

## European Social Fund/Community Grants - Project Towpath

Thursday 18 September 2008, 2.30pm - 4pm at T3SC

Greater Manchester Voluntary Sector Learning Consortium has been awarded the contract for the community grants project - Project Towpath. These grants are aimed specifically at all small voluntary and community sector groups within Greater Manchester that help people return to work.



T3SC's last Meet the Funder event

**Grants up to £12,000** can be used to provide support to 'hard to reach' communities and individuals, to enable them to access employment or further learning and training.

Some examples of the type of activity that can be supported by a grant are:

- Initial help with basic skills.
- Taster work experience, including voluntary work.
- Training, advice and counselling.
- Job search assistance.
- Confidence building and personal development.
- Engagement activities that support individuals to overcome barriers to learning or employment

If you are interested in applying for a grant we are encouraging all groups to attend this event. **For more information** go to

[www.gmcvo.org.uk/projecttowpath](http://www.gmcvo.org.uk/projecttowpath). **If you are interested in attending**, please contact Naomi on 0161 339 4985 or email [naomi.creed@t3sc.org](mailto:naomi.creed@t3sc.org)

## New pot of cash up for grabs in Tameside

Do you run a community or voluntary group in Tameside?



If so then help could be at hand from the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester through a brand new pot of money called the Grassroots Fund. The Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the Grassroots Fund. Over the next three years the Office for the Third Sector has made £97,553 available to Tameside through the Community Foundation.

**Who for?** Groups must have been formed before 31 December 2006, have an average income of less than £20,000 over the last three years, and must be volunteer led. The Fund is open to a wide range of groups - playschemes, sports teams, lunch clubs or tenants and residents associations.

**How much?** Up to £5,000 over the next three years, either as a one off payment, or grant. Grants can be applied to cover a range of activity including new equipment or for renovating buildings.

**Deadline:** The funds will be allocated throughout the year so the sooner you apply the better.

**To apply** please call 0161 214 0940 or visit [www.communityfoundation.co.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.co.uk)

## Tameside's Funding successes

Here are some of the community groups that T3SC has recently helped find funding.

### T3SC can help

If you want to find out more about the funds below or would like help in looking for and applying for funding for your group please contact Naomi Creed on 0161 339 4985, email [naomi.creed@t3sc.org](mailto:naomi.creed@t3sc.org)



### Manchester Guardian Society - Successful applications

**St James' Church, Ashton-under-Lyne** was recently awarded £800 for some new tables and a trolley to move them. This will enable them to make better use of their community space, allowing more groups from the wider community to access the building, and sparing the aching backs of existing users who previously needed to lug around heavy and unstackable tables.

The Rev Roger Farnworth has described the award as great news, both for the church and the local community, as it will allow the building to become a valuable and much needed local community resource.

**2nd/1st Hurst Scout group** were awarded £933 to take a party of scouts to Gilwell Park, the home of scouting. The award will enable up to 16 scouts to attend the event - an opportunity which only comes around every so often - and to put into practice many of the scouting skills they have been learning over the years. John Horton, Group Scout Leader was delighted with the award, as it will enable the group taking part to develop further as responsible and independent members of the community.

### YAG (Youth Action Grant) awards £975 to Denton Explorers

The Mad Hatters Explorer Unit in Denton was recently awarded a grant to attend the Essex Scout Jamboree 2008. They would like to thank YAG: 'We came home with some amazing memories and the knowledge of different countries that were represented. We met some German, Japanese, African, American, Canadian, Indian, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss, Welsh, Irish and French people that we are going to keep in touch with. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity which allowed us to go.' *Becky, Becky Leigh, Adele, Hayley and Ashleigh*



If you've been successful with securing funding for your group and want to shout about it then let us know!

# Volunteer award and Compact Code

## Volunteer Awards

Volunteer Centre Tameside held its annual volunteer awards ceremony at Ashton Town Hall in June. The evening was designed as a thank-you to volunteers, and was an opportunity to relax, meet other volunteers and enjoy a varied range of entertainment and delicious food. The Civic Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Jack Davis presented certificates to volunteers registered on Volunteer Centre Tameside's Award Scheme, who have, in total, volunteered for an impressive 95,436 hours!

## Compact Code for Volunteering

Volunteer Centre Tameside has been active in promoting good practice in volunteering for many years, and has taken the lead in the production of the Compact Code on Volunteering on behalf of the Tameside Compact Group.



The Tameside code will move forward the development of a cohesive borough-wide volunteering policy, which will expand the public perception of volunteering by improving the profile, status and range of volunteer activity.

The Tameside code will be presented to the Tameside Strategic Partnership in the autumn.

*Michael Withington, Volunteer Centre Tameside*

## Training Administrator

### The organisation

2nd Stalybridge Scout Group provides activities for young people aged between 6 and 25.



We focus on fun, challenging and adventurous activities. As part of the Scout Association, we follow the progressive training scheme and the Policy Organisation and Rules (POR).

### The opportunity

2nd Stalybridge Scout Group is looking for a volunteer to help administer Adult Leader records and training within the group. There are currently approximately 60 young people aged between 6 and 25. They are supported by a team of between 12 and 14 volunteer adults including young leaders aged 14 to 18.

### We need someone who is able to:

Meet and work with the existing Volunteer Leaders within the group; create and maintain a list of adults working within the group; ensure that appropriate application forms and CRB checks have been completed; maintain training records and encourage leaders to update their training where necessary; attend occasional Group Executive committee meetings to report on progress and outstanding issues; update and maintain group records with the Scout Association.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in activities and events organised by the Group Leaders. No specific skills required - a willingness to work with young people is important.

## Dance Leader

### Tameside Sports Development Unit - Volunteering Scheme

#### The organisation

Coaching and leading sports within schools, clubs and communities enabling sport to be accessed by all individuals.

#### The opportunity

To lead dance sessions for adults, input all information, plan and implement dance sessions. Must be confident and currently undertaking a dance qualification (BTEC or Level One Dance) have a passion for dance, be enthusiastic, have good people skills and be reliable and trustworthy. It's an opportunity to gain experience and qualifications.

# Volunteer hairdressers

## Willow Wood Hospice



### The organisation

Provides care for people with a life limiting illness. The hospice also provides alternative therapies such as Aromatherapy, Reiki and head massages for patients. A Hydrotherapy pool is also available.

### The opportunity

Cut and blow dry or roller set hair for patients. Experience of hairdressing is essential. Qualifications preferred. Need to be reliable, have good communication skills and be friendly and approachable.

## Early Years Pathway Volunteer

### Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council Play Development



### The organisation

Tameside Play Development already run and will be setting up more play sessions aimed at 0-5 year olds and their families throughout Tameside.

We also provide one off sessions throughout term time.

### The opportunity

The project consists of a range of structured play activities targeting children aged 0-5 years with key outcomes around social, emotional and physical development.

This project involves direct delivery of sessions in children's centres, nurseries and schools.



## Volunteering opportunities

For more information on any of the volunteering opportunities on this page please contact Tameside Volunteer Centre on 0161 339 2345 or see: [www.tamesidevb.org.uk](http://www.tamesidevb.org.uk)

## Meet MESS

On a nice sunny day I went to meet MESS - Micklehurts Elderly Social Scene- a group of older people who meet at All Saints Institute, Micklehurst, Mossley.



MESS is an independent organisation run by community volunteers. They meet every Thursday at 10am-2pm at All Saints Institute, Micklehurst Road, Mossley.

I asked a group of ladies, Peggy, Annie and Alice what they do at the group.

'We get together and have a chat and exchange experiences,' commented Alice. 'A lot of us went to school together but new people are very welcome. There are lots of new houses being built and new people moving into the town so we would be happy if they joined us' added Peggy.

There are members with a mix of interesting backgrounds and lots to chat about. Annie Robinson, the eldest member of the group at 93 years old, used to run a confectionary shop in Mossley for 32 years so she knows a lot of people. Another lady in the group worked at Bletchley Park during the war, where the Enigma Code was broken. She was a wireless operator relaying coded messages for the Air Force.

The group play bingo and dominoes, celebrate each other's birthdays and always have a two course meal with a drink of their choice - including sherry. They also have trips out funded by a raffle they hold.

Minnie Appleyard is the newest member. 'I knew a lot of people from the area and it's nice to meet up and talk to people.'

**If you would like to join MESS** for a chat, a cup of tea, some games and a nice meal please contact Mrs Wright on 01457 835 780 or Mr Wally Kay on 01457 836 179

*Hannah Powell, Information and Marketing Worker, T3SC*

**townswomen**  
tomorrow's women today

## Droylsden Townswomen's Guild wants new members

**Come and join us** every other Tuesday. We are a friendly group of women and many good friendships have been made. Come free for the first few meetings to see if it's for you.

**Different speakers** come to talk about anything from making teddies to Droylsden in Bloom. We also have humorous tales of music halls and childhood antics.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm at Moorside Methodist Church, Droylsden and from October will be moving with the church to new premises on Dunkirk Street, Droylsden.

We welcome every woman from 18 years upwards, so come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

**For more information** contact Kathleen Dunn on 0161 370 9056

## Droylsden Time of their Life

Time of your life was established about 14 years ago and meet every Thursday in the Concord Suite, Droylsden. They are a group for the over 50's and have a number of activities and trips.

**Frances Conneely**, has been attending for 12 years. She told me 'it has a nice pleasant atmosphere, we have half an hour of keep fit - Tai Chi - then a tea or coffee break. Then we have a speaker, singer, quiz or bingo.' Frances started when she was 72 and taught keep fit to pop music for over 7 years until she was 80. The group is very important to Frances as she lives alone.



**Rita Acheson** arranges all the holidays, trips and shows. 'We've been to New York, Italy, Croatia, Spain and France. Our favourite is Italy, we've been to Sorrento a couple of times and Florence and Venice. The members pay out of their own pocket... We also have trips in the UK including a mystery weekend. The coach is always full, about 30 people, and leaves from Ashton.

People try and ask me where we are going but only the coach driver knows. Everyone looks out the window and tries to guess and we have a quiz on the bus and some clues and whoever guesses where we are going first gets a bottle of wine.

'The group is lifeline for a lot of people who only belong to this group.'

Time of your Life is a group for people who are 50 plus. They meet every Thursday morning between 10am-12pm at the Concord Suite, Droylsden. Activities include talks, keep fit, bingo, line dancing, holidays, trips, singing, bowling, badminton and much more.

**For more details** on Time of Your Life contact, Jean Brazil on 0161 370 9433

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# T3SC Training programme

## Raising your profile - Marketing Training

16 September 2008, 10am - 3pm

This course gives an overview of how to publicise your group with handouts of top tips.

We cover:

- Why marketing is important
- Writing press releases - what have you got to say?
- Local contacts - what channels can you use to get your story heard
- Tips for radio interviews
- Websites - the benefits and how to get a quick and easy web presence
- Leaflets - putting together a snappy leaflet



## Top tips on making funding applications

24 September, 12 - 2pm

A really useful session on how to write fantastic funding bids covering the key ingredients all funders want to know!

## Raising Awareness of Safeguarding Adults

8 October, 12 - 2pm

Do you work with adults, adults with a physical or learning disability, older people? Would you know what to do if you suspected they were being abused and how to spot abuse? Come along to this session to learn more.

## Outcomes training

6 November, 10am - 1pm

What are they and how to go about measuring them to prove to funders, commissioners and others the difference your organisation is making!

## Management Committee Skills Training

11 November, 10am - 2pm

A one-day course covering the roles and responsibilities of a committee, the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and other committee members and how to run successful meetings. A great course for anyone who is new to committees or someone who wants refresher course or to pick up new skills and tips!

## Where?

All session will take place at T3SC, St. Michael's Court, St. Michael's Square, Stamford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6XN

**To book** on any of the above courses 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)

## Child Protection Training dates at T3SC

25 September 2008 - 1pm - 4pm

11 December 2008 - 10am - 1pm

This is a basic awareness raising session on promoting welfare and safeguarding children.

Its aim is to enable participants to recognise concerns about children and respond appropriately. By the end of the course you will:

- Be aware of what is meant by child abuse and neglect
- Be aware of your role in keeping children safe
- Be able to take the right steps to protect children
- Be able to provide a safe environment for the children you work with.

**For more information:** contact Veronica Hyde on 0161 339 4985, email [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)



## T3SC Free Training

**Free bespoke training for your group - at the level, venue and time that suits you!**

We will come to your group and deliver a training event free of charge on a topic that suits you. We can host 12 of these events throughout the year. If the training isn't filled by the group who requested it we will open up the course to others to ensure all groups get a chance to attend.

We can deliver training on a range of topics including:

- **committee roles and responsibilities**
- **child protection/safeguarding**
- **funding**
- **setting up group**
- **business planning etc.**

This list is not exhaustive so if you're in need of support or would like us to help your group develop, please contact us at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email [naomi.creed@t3sc.org](mailto:naomi.creed@t3sc.org)

## Youth groups think big

**Do you provide a service/activity for young people aged 11- 19?**

T3SC is holding a joint session with Tameside Council's Youth Service and local voluntary, community and faith groups working with young people in Tameside. In order to provide the best service we can for young people we need to put our heads together and think big! **17 September, 5.30pm-7pm at T3SC, Meeting Room 1**

**Do you know what the young people of your area want to do?**

What service could you be providing for young people now, in the near future and, even in five years time?

We will be looking at all sorts of opportunities where we could work together in the future, including funding (myplace and other sources) and learning opportunities.




**For more information and to book a place** please contact [veronica.hyde@t3sc.org](mailto:veronica.hyde@t3sc.org)

Veronica Hyde, Community Networker  
T3SC (Children's agenda)

# Dates for your diary

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## September 2008 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9 <b>Congestion Charge event</b>  <b>CD Lunch</b>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <b>Health Partnership Marketing Training</b>	17 <b>Youth Groups think big, 5.30-7, T3SC</b>	18 <b>Meet the funder, 2.30-4, T3SC</b> <b>VOLCON, 12-2, T3SC</b>	19 	20	21
22	23	24 <b>Steering group FaithsUnited Funding application tips</b>	25 <b>Child Protection Training, 1-4, T3SC</b>	26	27	28
29	30					

## October 2008 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 <b>TOPAG, 10-12, T3SC</b>	3	4	5 
6	7 <b>Older People's Partnership, TMBC</b>	8 <b>LGBT meeting Safeguarding adults training</b>	9	10 	11	12
13	14 <b>T3SC AGM, Hyde Town Hall</b>	15 <b>TCU, 10-1, T3SC</b>	16 <b>TCYPSP FaithsUnited</b>	17	18	19
20	21 <b>RIQs Conference CD Lunch</b>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <b>Contact Point Learning lunch</b>	29	30	31		

## November 2008 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4 	5	6 <b>Outcomes Training, 10-1, T3SC</b>	7	8 	9
10	11 <b>Health Network Voice meeting Committee skills training</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 	21	22 	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30

For more information on the events in the calendar please see the relevant article inside this Newsletter



## What can T3SC do for you?

T3SC was established in 2001 as the Council for Voluntary Services in Tameside. It is an independent voluntary organisation and a registered charity (Charity Number: 1094744). T3SC helps local community groups with, amongst other things, setting up, applying for funding and general support and training. We help Tameside's community have a voice to make changes locally through our networks.

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### LINK - Local Involvement Network

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## Tell your story!

Did you know the T3SC Newsletter goes out to over 2000 people quarterly and the monthly E-Bulletin goes to a growing group of over 450? They provide a great opportunity to shout about your group or promote an event or training. Don't throw your newsletter away give it to a friend or recycle it.

If you are interested in having an article in the next **T3SC Newsletter** which covers December-February the deadline is **Tuesday 4 November**.

The **October E-Bulletin** deadline is **22 September** and **November's** is **22 October**.

If you have an idea but need help writing the article please contact me at [hannah.powell@t3sc.org](mailto:hannah.powell@t3sc.org), call 0161 339 4985. Articles need to be around 150 words or less and it would be great if you could also send me a photo or two.

Thank you to everyone who provided articles for this Newsletter.

Please note that whilst T3SC make every effort to ensure information that we provide is accurate you are advised to check details with service providers as appropriate. The views expressed within are not necessarily those of T3SC, our staff or board.

### How to find us

T3SC's office is in Ashton Town Centre, about 10 minutes walk from both Ashton bus and train station. It is located in St Michael's Square at the end of Stamford Street, next to St Michael's Parish Church.

Car parking is available on Church Street for up to three hours and Wimpole Street for more than three hours. Please don't park in the courtyard of St Michaels Court. Disabled parking is available on premises, please ask for details. Tel: 0161 339 4985



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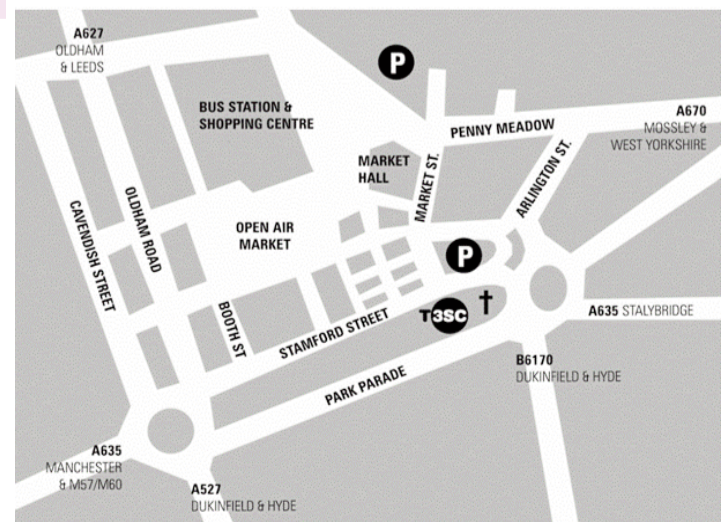


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