



Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition

Newsletter

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Making a difference to Tameside's Communities

Tameside's over 50's voice has got stronger

The Providers Forum and Tameside Older Peoples Advisory Group (TOPAG) have joined forces to become one of the largest over 50's action and campaigning groups in Tameside .

The Providers Forum is a group of enthusiastic and passionate individuals who provide all types of over 50's provision in Tameside while TOPAG has a long history of positive action on behalf of the over 50's in the Borough. It makes sense for them to join together to strengthen the role of the Providers Forum and TOPAG's position as a key networking group in Tameside. The present officers of TOPAG have agreed to stand down in order for a new election process to be implemented that will recognise the merging of the two groups.



TOPAG Conference

We'd like to thank all the officers and representatives of TOPAG for all their hard work over the years supporting the views of the over 50's. There will be a joint celebration for the 'New Providers Forum and TOPAG' on **Monday 6 July** to celebrate the work done by TOPAG over the last few years and the emergence of the 'new voice for over 50's groups' in Tameside.

If you wish to take part in this exciting new development please contact Liz or Colin at T3SC on 0161 339 4985.

T3SC is coming to a town near you!

Throughout the rest of 2009 T3SC is planning a series of neighbourhood roadshows across Tameside.

We want to connect more with voluntary and community groups locally and let more communities know about T3SC's services and the support available.



So whether you want to find out more about what T3SC does, get help for your group (funding, training, information etc), meet other groups in your area or find out how you can have a voice about issues concerning you - then come down to one of the following sessions:

Denton South - 20 June, Yew Tree Children's Centre, 11am-2pm

Stalybridge - 28 June, Cheetham Park, 10am-3pm

Mossley - 30 June, 11.30am – 2.30pm, venue to be confirmed

Ashton - 14 July, Ashton Market, all day

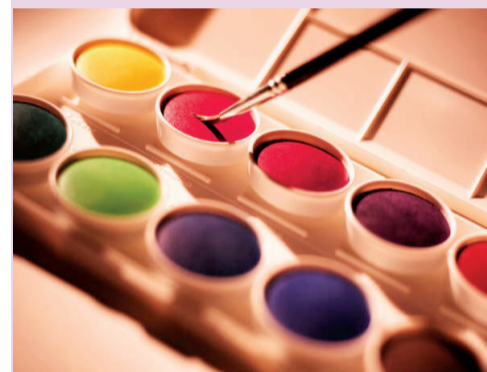
We will be going to Hyde and Droylsden in the Autumn and hope to get out to other areas next year too!

More information on the Autumn roadshows will be put on our website www.t3sc.org and sent out in our monthly E-Bulletins. If you would like to subscribe to the E-Bulletin please email hannah.powell@t3sc.org

Naomi Creed, Support and Development Manager

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Quick Questions with Cllr Brenda Warrington



Councillor Brenda Warrington, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, has been a Councillor for seven years and is currently Cabinet Deputy, Personal and Community Services.

How did you get to where you are?

Hard work, being in the right place at the right time and listening to people.

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

Arrange to surprise my husband with a whale watching cruise.

Who would you invite to a fantasy dinner party?

Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, Barak and Michelle Obama and Roy Oldham

What living person do you most admire and why?

Nelson Mandela - he has demonstrated the power of peaceful opposition and been hugely effective. He is highly respected as a World leader.

What would your super power be?

To be able to cure illness and disease, especially in children.

What was your worst job?

I am fortunate to have enjoyed the challenges that I have been set throughout my life so far, but I must confess to disliking having to clean out our cellar after a blocked drain caused it to flood.

What's your most treasured possession?

Memories of people (Mum and Dad) and pets (Maurice the Boxer) that have been important in my life, especially those no longer with me.

What's your favourite smell?

I have several, a freshly bathed and talcumed baby, roses, freesia, the aroma of my home baked scones (before they burn!).

What would you say is your greatest achievement?

Being happy and content in my marriage whilst having a demanding and busy career.

If you can think of someone in Tameside's community, voluntary or faith sector that you would like to see an interview with, contact Hannah Powell on hannah.powell@t3sc.org, Tel: 0161 339 4985



Improving support
for a stronger third sector

Capacitybuilders award £9,111 to T3SC for upgrade of resource centre and training facilities

With funding of £9,111 from national agency Capacitybuilders, T3SC is enhancing the level of training facilities available to local voluntary and community groups at its premises in Ashton-Under-Lyne.

Development work has already begun on upgrading the training facilities and the Resource Room, by fitting new equipment and purchasing furniture, software, and other equipment.

In addition, T3SC is also using the grant to fund the development of a new website that will feature an online resource area and interactive opportunities for groups to showcase their work and discuss and share ideas.

Mark Reading, Capacitybuilders Regional Manager said, 'I am delighted that T3SC has been awarded this funding and am sure that the improved facilities will encourage more and more local community groups to use the centre.'

'The funding will enable us to improve the quality of resources available to community and voluntary organisations in Tameside and increase the accessibility to our services via the new website', commented Tony Okotie, Director of T3SC.

Goodbye Kevin



Kevin Peel, LINK (Local Involvement Network) Co-ordinator, left T3SC at the end of April to start an exciting new role with an MP in Lancashire.

'I have really enjoyed the last seven months working with the T3SC team and building up the LINK from its infancy through to the position it is now at.

The LINK now has a strong governance framework and a diverse and experienced elected Board to take forward the work programme we have been pulling together through our survey work. The survey had over 500 responses. We have had a brilliant publicity campaign and over 600 local people and organisations have registered as members who want to get involved.

We have achieved great things since last autumn and I am confident that the LINK will be a force to be reckoned with in Tameside - representing the views of service users at all levels and fighting for better services. Special thanks go to Liz Welsh for her support to me since I started and to Fouzia Shaikh, Tahmena Khan, Hannah Powell and Lilian Peace for their work on making the LINK the success I know it will be.'

Kevin Peel

Are you over 60 and want to be creative?



I am very lucky. On Wednesday mornings, I can join a friendly like-minded group of men or women to pursue one of my pleasures. If you are over 60 and want to paint or draw, you can too!

We have no tutor, and members help each other to improve. Stalybridge Art Group meets at Stalybridge Civic Hall on Wednesdays between 9am-12pm with a cup of tea or coffee and room to work. At the moment, we are preparing for our exhibition at the People's Gallery in August, as well as developing our individual skills in pastel, pen or water colour. But I don't have to display my work if I'm still learning - I can just enjoy the company and the chance to exchange ideas. Another pleasure is that there is no charge, except for refreshments now and again. Why not join me? For more information contact Mrs Carole Anderson on 0161 344 2516.

Kate Booth, Stalybridge Art Group

To Riot or to Rot?

No! This is not another bad news story about economic recession. Rather it is the title of just one of over 35 articles, news reports and book reviews, in the latest edition of History Alive Tameside magazine.



This is the fourth edition of the annual magazine produced by Tameside Local History Forum.

Publicity Officer Bob Hayes said, 'This edition is packed with articles, written by local historians, about Tameside people and places. From the 'Flying Dentist' of Dukinfield to the administration of the Poor Law in Ashton and public order policing in Stalybridge ('To Riot or to Rot?') there is something for everyone interested in Tameside's history'.

The magazine is available, free of charge, from the Local Studies and Archives Centre at Ashton Central Library. Alternatively, it may be downloaded from the Forum's website at: www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk

New self build community group

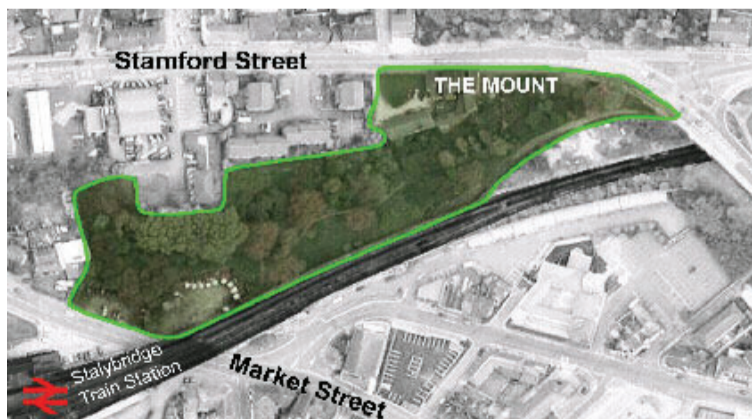
An exciting self-build initiative is looking to develop fresh housing models for workers within the craft industries; Carpenters, Tree Surgeons, Inventors, Physicists, those with an open mind. AKA Community is a collection of artists and architectural designers that promotes collaborative processes in its projects.

Over the coming months we will be working with local residents and interested parties to develop a new model for communities to thrive. We are interested in everyone who lives close to the site, or utilises the sites pathways, as we want to understand everything we can about the area, and local community. This is a rare opportunity to be involved at the inception stage of this exciting project. We want you to become involved and passionate in all aspects of the design, from briefing to building.

Get involved

The project is at pre planning stage so it is the perfect time to jump aboard. The emphasis of the project will be upon:

- The craft of construction
- Sustainability and the local environment
- Education and on site training
- Active participation



Invest in your future in Stalybridge. There are no restrictions on age/gender/money. **Register your interest** to keep informed of future meetings. Online: www.AKAcommunity.org Email: themount@AKAcommunity.org

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Goodbye from Maria

On 12 May I moved on to pastures new and will no longer be working for Tameside Community Radio. This is sad for me having been a founder member of the station, volunteered and been employed there for the last very happy six years. I have had a really great time supporting over 150 volunteers and of course meeting with so many community groups throughout Tameside.

I have made great friends and networked with lots of you and will miss you all. I will still be a Board member at Tameside Radio and may even do a spot of volunteering at weekends.

The system we have in place for broadcasting your information and pre-recording interviews will not change. If it's a community issue please send your information to community@tamesideradio.com or events@tamesideradio.com If you want an interview email news@tamesideradio.com

I will still be active in various ways throughout Tameside so am sure that many of us will meet again around and about. I send you all my very best wishes for the future and thanks for all your help and support over the last few years.

Maria L Bailey

Introducing Bernadette Ashcroft - New Chief Executive Officer Age Concern

On Monday 30 March 2009, I took up my new role as Chief Executive Officer for Age Concern Tameside. Having worked in third sector health and social care services for 17 years, this role provides me with new and exciting challenges and opportunities.



I am also inspired that my personal background is based around Tameside and this role gives me the chance to really help make a difference to the lives of many families and communities where I grew up.

I believe that excellent health and social care services can only be achieved by everyone working together to achieve what is right for the Borough. One of my first priorities was to spend the first few weeks meeting lots of people with an interest in the development of older people's services, and I have been made to feel very welcome to Tameside.

Bernadette Ashcroft, Chief Executive Officer, Age Concern

Support for Carers



Are you a luncheon club, resident's association or voluntary group? Have you heard of the Carers Centre? Our service is for any adult caring for a Tameside resident, including parents of disabled children, as well as those looking after partners or elderly parents.

If you would like the Carers Centre to visit your group either for a ten minute chat or a more in-depth overview of the service please contact Kay Robinson, Tel: 0161 342 4102/3344, email: kay.robinson@tameside.gov.uk

Kay Robinson, Carers Development Worker

Launch of UK's First 'Community to Community' Traded Coffee



The Oromo Coffee Company (OCC) has launched a totally unique coffee brand - a 'Community-to-Community' directly traded coffee. The initiative partners resident Oromo Ethiopians in the North West of England with Oromo smallholder coffee growers in Ethiopia.

The coffee brand was launched in May at Portcullis House, Westminster. The event was secured by James Purnell, Minister for Work and Pensions and Tadesse Meskela, star of 'Black Gold' travelled from Ethiopia in order to attend the launch and to show solidarity with the OCC and its members.

Garedew Yadessa, one of the Oromo community members involved in setting up the OCC social enterprise said 'We are very proud and excited that we have been able to bring our coffee to the market. This is very important for the Oromo community; we are learning new skills, moving towards employment and taking pride in who we are. It is very encouraging that local people are supporting us as a community. Through this company we can help people in our new area and help Tadesse from the OCFCU and the farmers he represents - back in Ethiopia.'

OCC is supported by the Lorna Young Foundation, Bolling Coffee and Tameside Council.

Uniting Tameside's South Asian groups

Tameside Asian Charitable Trust (TACT) was formed in December 2007, it came together to become the umbrella organisation for South Asian community groups in Tameside.



Each member group allocates two individuals to attend TACT meetings each month and then filter the information to their group. This keeps the groups informed of all up and coming events and meeting dates.

TACT is run by volunteers for the benefit of the community and their main aim is to acquire a cultural and diversity centre for all to access, which Ashton-under-Lyne lacks so desperately. This will engage community groups and break down ethnic and cultural barriers. This centre is long over due, which has caused many communities to work in isolation which causes problems with discrimination and stigmatisation. We want a new approach and need a cultural diversity centre to bring people together again. We hope to organise events and promote community cohesion along with making people aware of what services are available.

If you would like more information on TACT please contact Shazia Yaqub on 07794058266.

Committee members wanted

Tameside Action for Social Communication and Autism (TASCA) is a parent run support group for families in Tameside and Glossop with children with autism, communication and social difficulties. They offer somewhere for parents and carers to turn to for information or just for a chat with other families in a similar situation. Professionals come to give advice to parents and carers and the group arranges trips for families during the school holidays.

TASCA are currently recruiting committee members to help with all aspects of running this excellent group if you are interested please contact Valerie on 07931466417 or email: tasca4u@ntlworld.com

The Funky Lizard thanks Tameside's Councillors and Members of Parliament

The Funky Lizard is the collective term and logo for the networking activities for those who work with families, children and young people in Tameside.

This May, we held a fantastic event to celebrate third sector projects and the partners that we work with. The response was great, but our special thanks goes to Tameside's Councillors and Members of Parliament - whose support was fantastic. Those who could not come sent their apologies and best wishes, but the number who attended was remarkable!



There was also a special surprise for the representatives who work across the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership - a framed letter from David Heyes (MP) thanking them for their contribution - they don't often accept recognition for their work so we hope that they will hang these letters with pride! We want to make sure that all groups and organisations get this level of recognition. So if you are not member of the Funky Lizard please think about joining. You will have access to a key point of contact, loads of useful information, networking events and opportunities to promote your service - all this and its free!

For more information contact Veronica Hyde at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email funky lizard@t3sc.org

Veronica Hyde, Policy and Participation Officer - Children and Young People's Agenda

'Meet and Eat' - Faith and friendship walk

Sunday 28 June, 2pm - 5pm at Park Bridge Heritage Centre, The Stables, Park Bridge, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8AQ



Join Faiths United on a short riverside stroll followed by a shared picnic.

Faiths United (Tameside) in conjunction with the Tameside Countryside Service are holding a Faith and Friendship Walk to explore and appreciate our environment, in particular our sources of water.

The plan for the afternoon includes a good fairly easy circular walk that follows the River Medlock and the old canal to Daisy Nook and back. There is also an option for anyone wanting to do half the walk, to join the walk at Daisy Nook. We plan to have some 'water related' activities in and around the centre for anyone who cannot walk. The day will end with a shared picnic and is a real opportunity to make new friends and learn about others. This event is open to all Tameside residents irrespective of a faith or not. So come along and join us!

For more information contact Mohamed at T3SC on 0161 33904985 or email mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org

Mohamed Seedat, Policy and Participation Officer - Interfaith

Goodbye to Roy Potts

T3SC would like to take this opportunity to thank Roy Potts for his work and time as volunteer photographer for T3SC over the past couple of years. Roy has attended all the major events T3SC has promoted over the years in his capacity as volunteer photographer. All the staff wish Roy well and we know that we will still be seeing him at the various network meetings.

Colin Kirby, Policy and Participation Officer - Older People/Crime and Disorder

Network meeting dates

June

24 - Tameside's new Community Youth Alliance, 6.30pm - 8.30pm, venue to be confirmed dependent on numbers. Please ensure that you let us know you are coming! Contact: funky lizard@t3sc.org

25 - Tameside Community Union network, 10am-1pm at T3SC. Contact: funky lizard@t3sc.org

25 - Interfaith network meeting, 6.30pm at Trinity Church, Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw. Contact: mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org

28 - Faiths United - Faith and Friendship walk, 2pm-5pm from Park Bridge Heritage Centre. Contact: mohamed.seedat@t3sc.org

July

6 - TOPAG/Providers Forum, 10am-1pm with buffet lunch at 12pm, venue to be confirmed.

Contact: colin.kirby@t3sc.org

7 - Community Development Workers Lunch, 11.30am at T3SC. Contact: colin.kirby@t3sc.org

August

9 - Play day, Stamford Park, Ashton-under-Lyne, time to be confirmed. Contact: funky lizard@t3sc.org

10 - BME women's network, 10am-12pm at Holy Trinity Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Contact: hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org

13 - BME network, 6.30pm-8.30pm at T3SC. Contact: hakeel.queshi@t3sc.org

13 - Health and Social care network, 12pm-2pm at T3SC. Contact: anna.hynes@t3sc.org

For updated meeting dates check our website: www.t3sc.org

Encouraging under represented groups to join the police

T3SC has been working in partnership with the Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Positive Action Team to promote job vacancies to under represented groups which resulted in two attendees finding positions within GMP.

25 people attended and the Positive Action Team carried out a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of a police officer to the attendees. They highlighted the process involved in applying to become police officer and gave hints and tips on how to fill in a good application form. The event allowed for questions and answer session to take place. A draft application was left with applicants to bring along to the follow up workshop which will be held soon.



'I have learnt so much about filling in effective application forms which I never knew before, I attended the open day at T3SC for Greater Manchester Police.' *Mohammed Ali, Member of the BME network*

For more information contact: Hakeel Qureshi at T3SC on 0161 3394985, email: hakeel.qureshi@t3sc.org.

If you are interested in attending the follow up workshop or require an application form contact Kalpna Mistry on 0161 856 2363, email: positiveactionteam@gmp.police.uk

Tameside's LINK's first AGM

Want to find out what is happening with Tameside's new Local Involvement Network?

Come to our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **23 July**, 6pm - 8pm at Ashton Town Hall. There will be light refreshments available between 5.30pm to 6pm.

For more information and to book your place please contact the LINK Team on 0161 3394985 or email: tamesidelink@t3sc.org.

Are We All Equal conference

The Are We All Equal conference which took place in April had a fantastic turn out of over 100 people. The conference focused on equality and diversity legislation, how this affects the work we do in the community and how we can create a fairer society where everyone has the opportunity to fulfill their potential. The conference also discussed creating a culture that practices and recognises, respect and values differences.

Participants were involved in workshops focusing on the six equality strands age, sex, race, sexual orientation, disability and faith. Key note speakers on the day included Angela Mason from IDeA, Steven Pleasant, Acting Chief Executive of Tameside Council and John Schultz, Chief Executive from Stockport Council and the event was chaired by Alistair Macdonald.



The afternoon included a question and answer session with a panel comprising of Vivienne Stone from Equality and Human Rights Commission in Manchester, Angela Mason, IDeA

Gary Collins from Equality and Diversity Centre, Sian Payne from the Lesbian and Gay Foundation and Martin Miller from Manchester Diocese.

For more information regarding this event or to get a copy of the report of the day please contact Mohamed or Hakeel at T3SC on 0161 339 4985.

Local people make their voice heard

The winner of the LINK (Local Involvement Network) prize draw has been picked out by Councillor Brenda Warrington. Miss Pauline Barnes, from Ashton-under-Lyne, was one of over 500 local people who filled in our survey and gave us her views about local services. She was given the choice of winning either £100 of high street shopping vouchers or an iPod. Miss Barnes chose the shopping vouchers and decided to donate half to Alan Fish for the Scouts fund.

The survey aims to find out what people think about their local services - from doctors to dentists to hospitals, care homes and mental health services - and how they can be made better. Residents from across Tameside filled out the survey to give their views and tell the LINK - Tameside's new independent health and social care watchdog - how services need to be improved for patients.

Cllr Brenda Warrington, Tameside Council's Cabinet Deputy for Personal and Community Services, said, 'Public involvement is really important to health and social care service providers and commissioners as they need to ensure that services meet the needs of local people. I welcome the introduction of Tameside LINK and I am confident it will be a force to be reckoned with in championing the views of Tameside's service users. I look forward to the production of the report and to working closely with the LINK to make services the best they can be.'

For more information contact the LINK Team on 0161 339 4985 or email: tamesidelink@t3sc.org



Cllr Brenda Warrington and Kevin Peel. T3SC drawing the winner

Money brought into Tameside



In the last quarter, January – March 2009, T3SC helped 17 groups in Tameside raise £445,609.

Hyde Community Action secured £2,616 from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Health is for Life Grant Scheme. Lesley Connor, the Manager said 'the funding will be great in helping consult with young people in Hyde to find out about their needs and improve partnership working between agencies to improve the services available for young people in Hyde'



In the last round of the Youth Action Grants, a further six groups were successful

This means 19 groups in total have been supported in 2008/9. Here are some of the successful groups.



6th Stalybridge St Peter's Guides group were awarded a grant to buy equipment so they could produce impressive marketing material for their group.

This has been used by the Guides themselves to both improve their IT skills and to promote the benefits of Guiding to the wider community.

Hollingworth Juniors Football Club obtained a grant to send 18 members of their management and coaching team on various courses essential to the running of their football club.

Tameside Morris Dancing Association needed medals and trophies to reward successful teams at an annual dancing competition they organised.

St John's Mossley Band needed help with room hire and tutor costs for their junior band. They are steadily building up the skill and commitment of the junior band, which improves the confidence of band members and helps secure the bands future.



Droylsden Amateur Boxing Club do a great job encouraging young people from the area to take part in a positive activity, and to keep fit and healthy whilst doing it. Their grant enabled them to buy replacement equipment for members to use.

Stuart Vaughan, Development Worker and Naomi Creed, Support and Development Manager

For more information about funding for your group, please contact Naomi Creed on naomi.creed@t3sc.org or call 0161 339 4985

Participatory budgeting - a new way of grant-giving

Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget.

The people of an area (neighbourhood, regeneration or local authority area) participate in the allocation of part of the local Council's or other statutory agency's (health services, police) available financial resources to community projects.

Local communities prioritise the needs of their neighbourhood and aims to increase transparency, accountability, understanding and social inclusion.

For more information on participatory budgeting see www.participatorybudgeting.org.uk

Participatory Budgeting was adopted recently in the 'It's Up 2 U' initiative in St Peters ward of Ashton-under-Lyne (see article below).

Community decides funding

Joint organisers of the first ever 'It's Up 2U' event in the St Peter's ward of Ashton-under-Lyne are celebrating its success. Greater Manchester Police organised the day in partnership with Tameside Council, Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and St Peter's Partnership.

Residents from St Peter's have decided how the £35,000 - provided by the Home Office and Greater Manchester Police - is to be allocated to further improve their local area. Hundreds of people turned up to have their say at the event in Oxford Park Community Sports Centre in March.



Mayor Jack Davis with one of the winners

A family fun day was also held in conjunction with the event. **Up to £3,000 for community groups**



Anyone living in St Peter's could apply for funds of up to £3,000 to support non-profit organisations, voluntary groups and community safety projects.

On the day members of a number of groups gave short presentations on what they wanted to use the grant funds for and residents voted to choose the projects that they thought would benefit their community the most. Mayor of Tameside Councillor Jack Davis, who is also a Trustee for St Peter's Partnerships said: 'Residents of our local area really embraced the opportunity to have their say on how this money should be spent and we are now looking forward to reaping the benefits that these extra resources will provide.'

Free Home fire risk assessment

Last year in Greater Manchester there were 2,234 dwelling fires, 488 injuries and 11 deaths caused by fire. Although this is a substantial reduction from the previous year's figures, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue are seeking to reduce this further and have employed the help of the Community Action Team in Tameside.

The Community Action Team, a group of volunteers from Volunteer Centre Tameside are available now to visit your home and carry out a FREE Home Fire Risk Assessment. The team will fit smoke detectors if required, provide other fire prevention equipment where appropriate and offer advice and information. This service, including equipment, is provided FREE to all Tameside residents.

The team recently attended further training and a presentation at Ashton-under-Lyne Fire Station. The day included Andrew Ross (Fire Prevention Liaison Officer) giving the team a tour of Ashton's new station, a presentation made by Debbie Murray on bogus callers and doorstep crime, and Lesley Allen (Greater Manchester Police Authority Knock, Knock project) delivering an informative talk on crime prevention in the area.



Community Action Team Training

If you haven't yet had your FREE home fire risk assessment please contact Volunteer Centre Tameside on 0161 339 2345 and ask to speak to Paul or David.

Adrenaline Production, Manchester



Adrenaline Production are looking for a volunteer (Aged 16+) to help out with the project by managing workshops and meeting the performers of the future! You may be needed to assist with marketing, costume, refreshments, workshops and production.

Organisation Description:

Beat down Hip hop theatre. An urban musical which is aimed at developing performers and showcasing talents, as well as delivering a message through theatre. This show covers issues such as racism, violence, crime, gangs and communities. This project is directed by young people and it is run by young people. It is aimed at everyone in society and urging them that they should make a change and that they are capable of doing so.

Skills and Qualifications:

You are only required to be helpful, hardworking and be able to work with other people. It would be additionally useful if you had experience in performing arts although it is not necessary.

Do you need more Volunteers?

We are hearing lots of negative points about the economy during this difficult time, and it is true it is a difficult and often distressing time for many.



However on a positive note the Volunteer Centre on Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne, in common with centres throughout the country is experiencing a marked increase in enquiries, both by

people calling into the centre and expressing interest online.

Latest figures show an increase of over 50% more people making enquiries. There has never been a better time to ensure that your organisation is registered with the Volunteer Centre than now, especially if you have unfilled opportunities. It might even be a good idea to assess what volunteers in your organisation do and produce new role descriptions. If you need help with this contact the team at the Volunteer Centre for assistance or advice. Remember this is a rare opportunity with more people wanting to volunteer than there are opportunities.

To register or market new opportunities: call Volunteer Centre Tameside on 0161 339 2345 and speak to an advisor, or email: office@tamesidevb.org.uk

To find out more about volunteering opportunities

For more information on these volunteering opportunities and more please contact Tameside Volunteer Centre on 0161 339 2345 or see: www.tamesidevb.org.uk



Social Group Leader wanted Grafton Centre, Hyde

The Grafton Centre is looking for a volunteer to run a social group. This would involve organising board games, arts and craft activities or any other activity that the group would like to participate in. It would be a small group of people who like to play whist and card games. This is a new activity and could take place any week day Monday - Friday depending on the volunteers availability. There are other activities on going, so we would like to find a regular slot on the timetable for the social group. The group will meet fortnightly or monthly, whatever suits the group.

Organisation Description:

To support older people in remaining independent, healthy and to give them choice and opportunities to socialise with others. The centre provides trips out, bingo, keep fit, dancing and daily luncheon club. Whist board games, book club, poetry reading, pulmonary rehabilitation, armchair exercises and an art group.

Skills and Qualifications:

Ability to run a group, good interpersonal skills and good communication skills. Experience of working with people 55 years and above preferred. Reliable and good organisational skills.

Young people making a difference to local news

George Newton is aged 17, and runs a community magazine for Haughton Green and Denton, called 'The Village News'.

The Village News started life as a one sided news-sheet and has grown to a 10-12 page magazine informing the community of the latest events and news. It has been well supported by businesses, local groups, Councillors, and even our local Member of Parliament Andrew Gwynne. In 2006, George received the Children's Champions Award from Tony Blair for his work.

The Village News has raised thousands and thousands of pounds, for its favourite charity - Willow Wood Hospice!

For more information email: the.villagenews@yahoo.co.uk

Tameside's got talent

At the Funky Lizard event we were entertained by some very funky street dancers called Evolution.

These three young men are self taught and their very clever routine caught the imagination of everyone at the event. They were rewarded with rapturous applause and much cheering!



The support that they got was fantastic and Tameside's Youth Service is going to make sure that they have the support they need to go from strength to strength! They are going to be interviewed by Tameside Radio and will be putting themselves forward for Britain's got Talent - so watch out for Evolution.

The Funky Lizard would not have been the same without a young man called Sam. First he spoke to the Youth Service asking 'why isn't there anything for young people to do in Tameside?' When he found out that there were things to do, he asked Councillor Allison Gwynne to think about how services told young people what was going on. He also came up with great solutions like advertising events on buses. He put himself forward to get more involved in representing the needs of young people, but said that he would need support because he was not sure what he was doing. Actually, he looked like he was doing a great job to everyone there - well done Sam!

Veronica Hyde, Policy and Participation Officer - Children and Young People's Agenda

Ashton Allstars - Vision Women's and Girls Group

Mariam Zaman is a young woman with vision - along with her friends she set up a women and girls group in Ashton-under-Lyne over a year ago. They work in a deprived community with women and children who don't have many options and would like to do something different with their lives. They provide various activities such as: sports, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, team building, self defence etc. Many women and children that come and attend the session leave with a new skill.

So, if you would like to enjoy life and do things that you have never done before come and join the Vision Women's and Girls Group every Sunday 1pm - 3.30pm at Holy Trinity Community Centre.

For more information contact Safia on 07706177513

Integrated Youth Offer

The Integrated Youth Offer is a new project led by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council's Youth Service. There will be new funding available to ensure young people have places to go and positive things to do outside of school hours - particularly on the weekend.



For more information please join us at the Tameside Community Youth Alliance, 24 June, 6.30pm -8.30pm at T3SC.

Tameside Community Youth Alliance

24 June, 6.30pm-8.30pm at T3SC

This is a brand new network that will bring together people who provide, or want to provide services/ activities for young people.

It will celebrate young people and strengthen our partnership with the borough's youth service, ensuring that young people have something positive to do, especially on the weekend!

Come along and make it your alliance!

If you are over twenty five years of age please bring at least one young person with you - we're not starting anything without the voice of young people!

For more information and to book a place please contact Veronica Hyde at T3SC on funkylizard@t3sc.org or call 0161 339 4985.



T3SC free training programme

June

Monitoring and evaluation-outcomes

11 June, 10am-1pm

Show everyone how well you're doing! This session will help your group get to grips with providing the right information about your activities/projects to prove to funders and your members how good you are and how to improve your services.

Child Protection Training

17 June, 5.30pm-8.30pm

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 in contact with children, young people and parents require this training.

By the end of this 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 at T3SC on 0161 339 4985, email: veronica.hyde@t3sc.org

Introduction to being on a management committee

18 June, 10am-2.30pm

This course covers 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 and pick up new skills and tips!

July

Assertiveness

9 July, 10am-1pm

Would you like to contribute more to meetings? Do you say too much or find it hard to get your message across? This interactive and fun course explores your preferred style and develops your assertiveness in meetings and looks at how to deal with difficult situations.

Confidence building

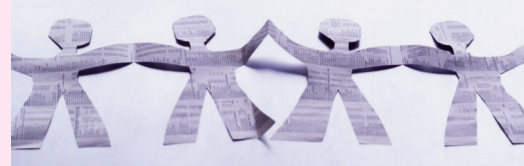
16 July, 10am-1pm

This is a fun and friendly course for anyone who wants to develop their confidence and start making the most of themselves. In fact it's designed for people who usually don't do this sort of thing because it's unknown and scary.

Where?

The sessions will all 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 courses, contact Dawn or a member of Support and Development Team, Tel: 0161 339 4985, email: dawn.acton@t3sc.org



T3SC Bespoke Training

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

If you don't find what you are looking for here we can come to your group and deliver a training event free of charge. We cover training on a range of topics including:

- **Committee roles and responsibilities**
- **Funding**
- **Setting up a group**
- **Business planning etc.**
- **Free organisational health check**

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

New training qualification for T3SC staff



Ten members of T3SC have recently completed the PTLLS (Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector) City and Guilds training qualification, which was run by Tameside College over six weeks this spring. The course has given the staff team greater confidence and new skills in planning and delivering training to local voluntary and community groups.




'I really enjoyed learning with people from different organisations and being back in the college environment, the PTLLS course covers all the basics and helped to put into context my experience as a trainer. I've definitely used what I've learnt since,' said Liz Windsor-Welsh, Deputy Director at T3SC. Dawn Acton, one of T3SC's Development Workers agrees, 'Within weeks of completing the course I was able to use the skills and practical techniques to deliver improved training to community groups.'

This is the first time that T3SC has worked in partnership with Tameside College and Hugh Rogers, Teaching and Learning Manager at the College said, 'It's good to see an organisation investing in its staff and the training it delivers. All of the participants successfully completed both a theory and practical assessment - delivering a 30 minutes teaching session to the rest of the class. The quality of these teaching sessions was high for every member of the group and there was clear evidence of well-developed planning skills. In addition, the written work submitted for the theory assignment was of a high standard.'

Dates for your diary

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June 2009 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Monitoring and evaluation	12	13	14
15	16	17 Child Protection training	18	19 	20 T3SC Roadshow - Denton South	21
22 	23	24 Community Youth Alliance	25 Tameside Community Union	26	27	28 Faith and Friendship walk
29	30					

July 2009 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5 
6 New Forum for the over 50's	7 CD Lunch	8	9 Assertiveness training	10	11	12
13	14 T3SC Roadshow - Ashton	15 	16 Confidence Building training	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 LINK AGM	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2009 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Play day
10 BME Women's network	11 	12	13 BME network HSC network	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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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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 600. They provide a great opportunity to shout about your group or promote an event or training.

If you are interested in having an article in the T3SC Autumn Newsletter (September-November) the deadline is **6 August**. The next E-Bulletin deadline is **25 June** for the July E-Bulletin.

If you have an idea but need help writing the article please email me at hannah.powell@t3sc.org or 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-under-Lyne 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



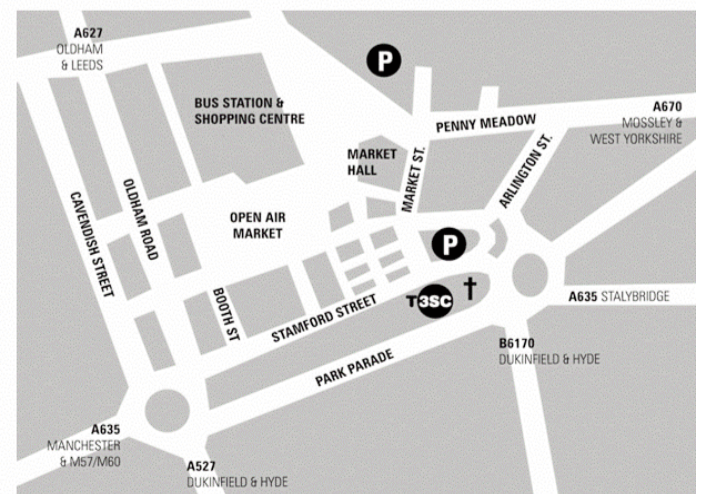
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