

***TOPAG is a network of community, voluntary and faith groups that provide activities for people who are over 50 in Tameside. It gives opportunities for people to meet and discuss issues which are important to those who are over 50 so that they can be presented to decision makers. It can provide advice and information on a wide range of related issues.***

**Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition (T3SC)**

is the development agency for voluntary, community and faith groups in Tameside. We are a registered charity and work throughout Tameside.

**What Do T3SC Do?**

T3SC help local voluntary, community and faith groups to:

- set up and apply for funding
- get support, advice, information and training
- have a strong, clear and independent voice to make changes locally through our networks

**To join TOPAG,**

or find out more information, please contact:

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# **Tameside Older People's Action Group (TOPAG)**

***A network for community, voluntary and faith groups that provide activities for people who are over 50 in Tameside***

### **Who Is It For?**

Anyone who runs or organises an activity, lunch, social or other type of group for people who are over 50.

The more people that get involved the more we will achieve together.

### **What Does It Do?**

TOPAG can offer information and advice on a whole range of issues from funding to benefits.

TOPAG has an excellent reputation locally for speaking out on issues for people over 50 - help us make it stronger!

### **How Does It Work?**

TOPAG is a well established Tameside network that meets quarterly for two hours with a buffet lunch provided.

The meetings are formal but friendly which offers a great opportunity to build links to other groups and networks. We can also provide free transport for people to attend.

TOPAG links to local decision makers through its attendance at the Older People's Partnership and the Tameside Strategic Partnership through Tameside Voice – the 'network of networks'.

### **Benefits**

- A unique opportunity to meet others and make new friends.
- The chance to learn about other's work.
- Time to share your stories and experience.
- Be part of creating a voice on behalf of those over 50.
- Specialist support when you need help.