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Tameside Radio will help you publicise your event. All you have to do is...

Volunteer Centre Tameside

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www.tamesidevb.org.uk

Wanted: Trustee Board Members

Registered Charities are run and managed by a Board of Trustees, sometimes called a Management Committee. The board is made up of individuals who are recruited because they have a specific skill or area of expertise i.e. finance, personnel or have an interest in the activities of the organisation. The board is made up of volunteers who will receive training and all out of pocket travel expenses. Volunteers come from all walks of life and from a variety of backgrounds.

Volunteer Centre Tameside, along with other charities in the Tameside area, are currently looking to recruit new board members. We are looking for people with the following characteristics:

Essential:

1. Live or work in Tameside.
2. Share the project aims.
3. Are committed to equal opportunities.
4. Have enough time and enthusiasm to be involved in the management of the organisation.
5. Have the commitment to attend meetings – usually 9 per year and prepare for them by reading background papers.

Desirable:

1. Experience of Management, Finance, Personnel or the desire to learn more about working with a registered charity.
2. Knowledge of the Voluntary Sector.
3. Experience of fund-raising.

For more information contact Sue Vickers
0161 339 2345, sue@tamesidevb.org.uk.





A Little Help From Goldstar Expert Bank

A little help can go a long way when you're trying to perfect your good practices. That's where the GoldStar Ambassador Bank comes in.

You get access to a range of support from individuals who have many years experience relating to good practice in the world of volunteering, mentoring and befriending – particularly where it relates to including volunteers from socially excluded groups.

From October 2007, the Ambassador Bank is being piloted with the list of experts below:

Manchester Event Volunteers
Refugee Action
Volunteer Centre Carlisle
Volunteer Centre Tameside

If successful, the Bank will extend to include an ever growing list of support 'gurus'. So don't hold back if you need support. Get in touch.

It's Free. And It's Easy. Just browse the list and find a GoldStar Ambassador whose knowledge can assist your specific aim or enquiry. They will be happy to help through advice and consultancy by phone, email and even face to face.

Just click the contact of your choice and send a message relating to your good practice enquiry. You will receive a reply and can continue a dialogue with your chosen GoldStar Ambassador.

For more information visit:
www.goldstar.org.uk



A meeting/training room is available, located at the front of the Volunteer Centre on Penny Meadow, Ashton-under-Lyne. The room is available for hire at the competitive rate of £15 per morning, afternoon or evening session. This is the cost to voluntary and community groups, if you are a statutory organisation the cost is £30 per session. Features of the venue include:

- Private access
- Boardroom layout for 14
- Theatre style for 40
- Accessible venue with disabled toilet
- Kitchen, including drink making facilities and fridge
- Overhead Projector
- Flip chart
- TV/Video
- Laptop computer with projector
- Screen
- Access to VCT resources during the meeting
- Whiteboard

Please direct all enquiries to Irene Platt on 0161 339 2345 or email irene@tamesidevb.org.uk



Hospice Shop Sells Priceless Antique

What a wonderful headline that would be, but we have to be realistic. However, you would be surprised what you can find in a hospice shop.

We would love to sell your priceless antiques or discarded diamonds to raise funds for the Hospice! However it is not uncommon for donated designer wear to appear on the sale rails. With the old jumble sale image of the old charity shop now a thing of the past - Armani, Gucci, Chanel, Emanuel, Royal Doulton, Wedgwood and even Claris Cliff can now be found at any one of our seven retail outlets.

Good quality at reasonable prices continues to be the name of the day at the Hospice furniture shop in Ashton. So if you are looking for a three piece suite, display cabinets, dining room furniture, wall units, the Hospice shop on Old Street is the place to go.



Selling a wide range of pre-loved items...why not pay one of the shops a visit...you'll be surprised what you could find.

- Ashton (furniture) - 13-15 Old Street, Tel: 0161 330 7445
- Ashton - 78 Old Street, Tel: 0161 339 2662
- Denton - 6 Stockport Road, Tel: 0161 320 3011
- Droylsden - 122 Market Street, Tel: 0161 301 3356
- Glossop - 57 High Street West, Tel: 01457 853049
- Hyde - 25 Clarendon Place, Tel: 0161 368 7005
- Stalybridge - 35/37 Grosvenor Street, Tel: 0161 338 4599

Please support these shops with your unwanted ladieswear, menswear, bric-a-brac, games, toys and even furniture. In fact, there's little we can't sell but contact the shop first if you are not sure.

Willow Wood goes Global!

Supporters of the Hospice can now donate online when they sell items on eBay. At the touch of a button, between 10% and 100% of any sale proceeds will go directly to the Hospice. All you have to do to use this scheme is visit www.ebay.co.uk/ebay-for-charity and register for eBay and Mission Fish seller accounts. Mission Fish, a not for profit service provider, will send all donations to the Hospice. This is an exciting new way to support your Hospice from the comfort of your home.

Adult Learners' Week 2008 Awards

Celebrate your learners



Adult Learners' Week Awards 2008 now open

Do you know an adult learner whose achievements could inspire others?

Does your organisation, company, community group or learning centre offer a creative programme of learning that reaches out to adults?

Do you know a group or family who are working together towards a common goal or purpose?

If you know someone whose remarkable learning achievements deserve recognition and could inspire others, then nominate them for an Adult Learners' Week Award. We want to hear the remarkable stories of how learning has transformed people's lives.

The awards are a great way of celebrating the achievements of learners and, in doing so, encouraging others to get involved as well. Our winners come from a variety of backgrounds, but all have remarkable learning stories which inspire others to have a go.

We have a variety of awards for learners who have learnt as individuals, in a group or as a family, as well as the Opening Doors Awards for projects whose innovative approach motivates and inspires learners.

Everyone nominated will receive a Certificate of Achievement, and the winners will be invited to an awards ceremony and receive a learning voucher.

Making a nomination is straightforward and easy - visit www.alw.org.uk

Cross-sector Policy Group Partners Promoting Volunteering

The Compact group recently changed its name to the Cross Sector Policy Group. One of the central aims of all the members of the group is to raise the profile of volunteering across Tameside, recognising the massive contribution volunteers make and increase the numbers of people volunteering.

The October meeting of the group was dedicated to volunteering and presentations from Adam Allen, Head of Sport & Cultural Services at TMBC, the group were given a taste of volunteering opportunities within Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council. Sue Vickers, Manager of the Volunteer Centre Tameside, provided the group with an overview of the national volunteering Compact, and highlighted the benefits of volunteering, both to the individual and society.

So you might be reading this and thinking great, but what are the next steps?

A delivery and marketing plan is being produced by all partners of the Cross Sector Policy Group.

Volunteer Centre Tameside has recently produced a draft volunteering code of Tameside's Compact. This is currently out for consultation and the final version will be presented to the Tameside Strategic Partnership in 2008.

Thanks to everyone who responded, watch out for the final Compact to be launched in Volunteers' Week.



Tameside Radio will help you to publicise your event. All you have to do is complete this form, return it to us at the address below or email the details to maria@tamesideradio.com and we'll tell all our listeners via the Community Notice Board, which is broadcast daily Monday - Friday.

Organisation Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Event Name: _____ Event Date: _____

Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Venue: _____

Further Information: _____

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