

BULLETIN

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2005

YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Centre Tameside goes from strength to strength following the Big Lottery's quarter of a million pound funding. The money, to be used over 3 years will fund 3 posts. We will have a training officer to look after the needs of both volunteers and organisations. There will also be funding for an outreach worker to spread the word about volunteering in Tameside.



The project will be supported by a project support worker. The new chair of the management committee Stuart Eyres said "This is a great day for the Volunteer Centre Tameside and all the people that will benefit from this big lottery grant. Without the dedication of Sue Vickers, Irene Platt and members of the management board this grant would not have happened. To achieve this funding in the year of the volunteer is very fitting"

Have you got a similar idea, or do you want to do something completely different to support young people in your local community but need some financial help to get it up and running? If so then contact The Community Foundation for Greater Manchester, because they might be able to help you get started.

Contact John on 0161 214 0947 for more information.

Do you run a project for young people in the Tameside area?

Over the next two years, The Community Foundation will deliver money through the Local Network Fund, a government scheme that supports initiatives that open up new opportunities for young people and make a real difference to their lives.

Money awarded so far is being used for a wide range of activities, including a mother and toddler's group, a youth disco and arts groups for the children and a support group for children with learning difficulties.

Volunteer Co-ordinators Network

This event will take place quarterly and look at issues relating to volunteering.

The first event will see the launch of "Valuing Volunteers in Tameside"

There will be the opportunity to set the agenda for the coming year and look at a local compact on volunteering good practice.

Contact Sue on 0161 339 2345 for details.



Volunteer Centre Tameside

COULD A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT YOUR WORK IN SUMMER OR AUTUMN 2005?

Concordia, a registered youth charity, is seeking worthwhile UK based volunteer opportunities for groups of international young people.

The international volunteers are aged 18-25 and they work on a community project for a period of 2-3 weeks. In return for basic accommodation and food the team of volunteers work 6-8 hours per day in order to make a worthwhile contribution to the community in which they are based. The projects enable young people from many different cultures and backgrounds to live and work and at the same time local people experience working alongside a very diverse international group.

Projects can involve conservation, renovation or socially based work. Some typical examples are:

- Conservation work such as footpath maintenance, fencing, drystone walling, way-marking, shrub clearance etc.
- Decorating or renovating a local youth club/community centre or play area.
- Supporting playscheme/out of school activities for young people in disadvantaged areas.
- Helping to run holiday schemes for adults or children with physical or learning disabilities.
- Helping to organise community based festival/cultural events.

If your organisation could benefit from the help of a group of international young people next summer, please contact Helen Pheasey, UK Volunteer Programme Co-ordinator at Concordia for an information pack.

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BUILDING BRIDGES END OF FUNDING

Home Office funding for the Building Bridges project finished on April 1st. Since then we have undertaken the evaluation and we are now preparing the end of project report, this will be available for anybody to see and will be part written and partly in the form of a film presented on DVD.

We have received feed-back forms from volunteers and volunteer coordinators over the past 6 weeks. The results will be used as part of our final report. We hope to find funding to continue the supported programme, we are however pleased that a new worker has been employed to promote disability and volunteering. Vashti Moss will be joining the Building Bridges project here at the Volunteer Centre in May and will introduce herself in our next newsletter.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT PARTNER?



If you are a registered charity, not-for-profit, community or voluntary organisation, you can benefit from pro-bono one off advice or ongoing help through our online matching service. Over 1,500 established PR, communications, marketing, design and web professionals from the media industry are ready to volunteer their time and skills.

Simply register your request at www.mediatrust.org (click on voluntary or not-for-profit organisation) or contact Rosie Nagle or Dominic O'Reilly on 020 7874 7610 to discuss how our media matching service can help you.

The Media Trust works in partnership with the media industry harnessing support to help the voluntary sector with their communications needs. We do this by:

- Organising seminars, workshops, media training and matching.
- Producing audio visual solutions.
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dia coverage, www.communitynewswire.org.

- Giving charities a UK-wide TV platform with an interactive service through www.communitychannel.org.



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1. Events and Media Matching
2. Productions
3. Community Newswire
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TAMESIDE BLIND ASSOCIATION WINS "BIG LOTTERY" FUNDING

Community Support Project to continue for 3 years.

Services for all Visually Impaired people in Tameside to be developed to increase personal independence and reduce isolation.

Young adults and BME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) groups encouraged to take advantage of support services.

Tameside Blind Association were delighted to be awarded a further grant from the "Big Lottery Fund" to run their Community Support Project for the next three years. The grant covers 75% of the costs of running the project which was set up by TBA 3 years ago. The remaining 25% of the costs will be met from the Association's funds.

Tameside Blind Association exists to promote the interests and needs of all Visually Impaired people in Tameside and aims to provide access to information and services to improve personal independence and reduce isolation.

The Big Lottery Fund were clearly impressed by the achievements of the Community Support Project so far and recognised the work done by the TBA committee, Project staff and Project volunteers in promoting independence in people with Visual Impairment. The new funding will enable the project to continue its activities and develop them in new ways. Services include information, befriending, guiding, leisure activities, training in the community (Visual Impairment Awareness courses) and advocacy. These services will be promoted amongst all visually impaired people in Tameside and new emphasis will be placed on the needs of young adults and to ensure that the BME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) communities are fully aware of the services available and encouraged to make use of them.



There are around 3000 visually impaired people in Tameside. Project manager, Philip Singleton, said "We are very pleased to be able to continue and develop our services supporting Visually Impaired people in the area. The grant recognises the work and commitment of our committee, staff and band of volunteers who make the services a reality and offer independence to individuals".

More information about the project services, volunteering and community training courses can be obtained from the Project Office at 3 Wellington Parade, Dukinfield (0161 343 4090).

FREE ADVERTISING SPACE

Do you want the opportunity to advertise your organisation and recruit volunteers? If the answer is yes, why not use the windows at the Volunteer Centre. For anybody who hasn't visited us (why not?) we are situated on the very busy Penny Meadow In Ashton and we have 2 large windows available. The windows are themed for the year of the Volunteer and are available for groups to use for up to 1 month. You need to provide the materials we can help with the setting up and assistance with ideas.

Why not use our media project to create new eye catching material for the display. As usual the number to ring is 0161 339 2345 and ask for Sue, Irene or David.