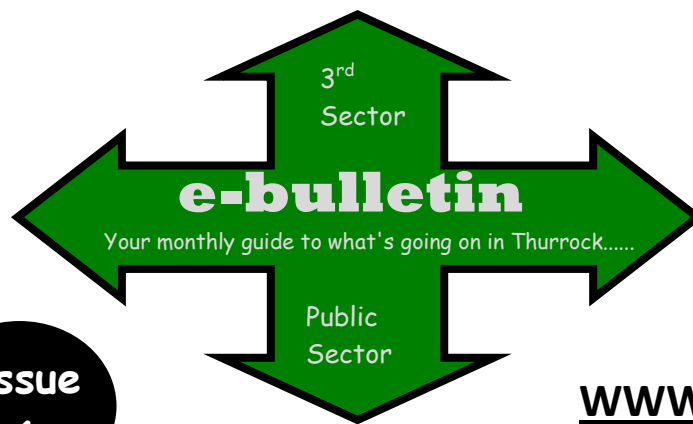


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## Thurrock Community Empowerment Network

Thurrock Community Empowerment Network (TCEN), is an organisation that works to enable individuals and groups in Thurrock to have their say and get involved in the decisions that affect them.

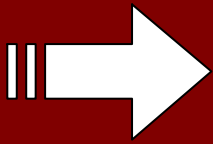
As an organisation we have developed a network of over 500 organisations in Thurrock, who we look to support and share information with, we also have a growing mailing list of individuals in Thurrock who want to be kept up to date with community activity.

We have access to all the major authorities and groups in Thurrock and have created a close working relationship with them. It can be a complicated process to understand and know everything that is going on in our area, and that's where we come in.

We aim to be a one stop shop for information and communication and enable all residents to get involved if they want to.

The information in this bulletin can be found in more depth on our website [www.tcen.org.uk](http://www.tcen.org.uk) this e-bulletin is designed to act as a signposting tool only.

## Introduction



[Click for community events calendar](#)

## Funding & Grant info

### Faiths in Action

Faiths in Action is a £4 million grant programme, distributed over two years in two rounds of funding

For information on how to access the [GRANTfinder](#) website where you can input your own criteria for your project and it will search approximately 4,000 Funders to find ones that are suitable.

Other grants available can also be found on [this link](#), two local grants from TTGDC Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation can also be accessed via the link along with other longstanding funding opportunities. If you become aware of any funding opportunities please inform TCEN at [info@tcen.org.uk](mailto:info@tcen.org.uk) so that we may feature them on the link.

## Shaping Thurrock Information

**Shaping Thurrock** is the Local Strategic Partnership for Thurrock. Their aim is to bring together the leaders of strategic organisations and representative networks of the Voluntary Community and Faith (VCF) sectors in the planning of service provision and local development. Please follow the link to the programme board of interest.

**Sustainable Communities Programme Board- (SCPB)** of the Shaping Thurrock partnership covers a broad and diverse range of topics including Thurrock's economic development, culture, the environment and infrastructure.

### **Healthier Communities Programme Board (HCPB)**

The Healthier Communities Executive has been established as a programme board of Shaping Thurrock since September 2005. The overarching aim of the board is to develop and drive the strategic direction of health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock.

### **Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP)**

[Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Funding Bids!!!!](#)

### **Creating a Cleaner Environment for Thurrock Council**

The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership is working hard to help make Thurrock a cleaner more pleasant place to live and work but it needs residents and visitors to the borough to do their bit too. Dropping litter can result in a £75 on the spot fine and litter includes anything including cigarette butts. Dog fouling also carries a £75 fine and for fly tipping the maximum fine is £50,000.

**The message is clear - find a bin or take your litter home.**

For more information visit [www.thurrock.gov.uk/cleanstreets](http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/cleanstreets).

The latest issue of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership's newsletter Safer Thurrock is available to read online at:

[Safer Thurrock Newsletter](#)

### **Thurrock Children's Trust (TCTB)**

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families in a shared commitment to improving children's lives.

### **The Community Involvement Board (CIB)**

The CIB works with both the public sector and the Third Sector in Thurrock to ensure communities and voluntary sector organisations can have their voices heard.

There are 2 current consultations.

Consultation [Thurrock's Draft Children & Young People's Plan 2010-2013](#)

Consultation on the [Proposed closure of Quarry Hill Junior School](#).

29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Your choice of GP practice: a consultation on how to enable to register with the GP practice of their choice 4<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> May [Your Choice Consultation](#)

For more information and to take part in the above consultations click on links above. Better

## THURROCK PLAY NETWORK

is a registered charity that gives Independent Advice, Support and Resources for Play and Recreation in the community.

TPN has a variety of current exciting projects operating around Thurrock, please visit individual pages for more information visit our website [www.thurrockplaynetwork.co.uk](http://www.thurrockplaynetwork.co.uk)

If your organization would like to take advantage of advertising your group on this page please contact [Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk](mailto:Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk)

## Consultations

## Feature Organisation

## Opportunities & Training

### Link to Opportunities & Training Take Part Pathfinder

This page gives information on over 35 ways local people can become more active citizens. Whilst we realise you may already be heavily involved yourself, please pass this information on to members of your group. If you have any opportunities within your organisation where local people can become involved or you would like someone to give a short presentation on the many varied opportunities and training available in Thurrock, please let us know by contacting Terry Piccolo at [Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk](mailto:Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk)

## Success Stories

This page is designed to highlight any ways that local people or groups have had an impact on their neighbourhood or area of interest. Bringing this type of success story to people's attention will help motivate them into becoming more active citizens and reduce the sense of things being "a done deal".

## Do you have any success stories you would like to share?

If so please contact us at 01375 389892 or  
Email [terry.piccolo@tcen.org.uk](mailto:terry.piccolo@tcen.org.uk)

If you have any examples of where you have influenced a decision, no matter how small it may seem to you, we would like to know about it. If you are not sure if your success warrants a mention or you have a story for us, please contact [Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk](mailto:Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk)

## Links & Forms

### Links Page:-

This page gives you a list of very useful links to many organizations and information websites we are always interested in adding links so if you have information on a website that will benefit our members please let us know by contacting [info@tcen.org.uk](mailto:info@tcen.org.uk) Last updated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

### On line forms:-

Links to useful forms including, membership forms for Thurrock CVS, ngage, TCEN. Consultation update requests etc.

## ngage

Please follow this link to the ngage regular update page, their updates include the latest neighbourhood watch figures, information on any scams & con tricks operating in the area, training, and much more, it is well worth the visit.

[Ngage update](#)

This e-bulletin is intended to assist our members in accessing information relevant to their needs and keeping them informed of current developments. It is also intended to increase the opportunities to Take Part and influence local policy and decisions. We are here to empower you not overpower you so please let us know of any other topics you would like included in this bulletin, and also whether you find it useful.