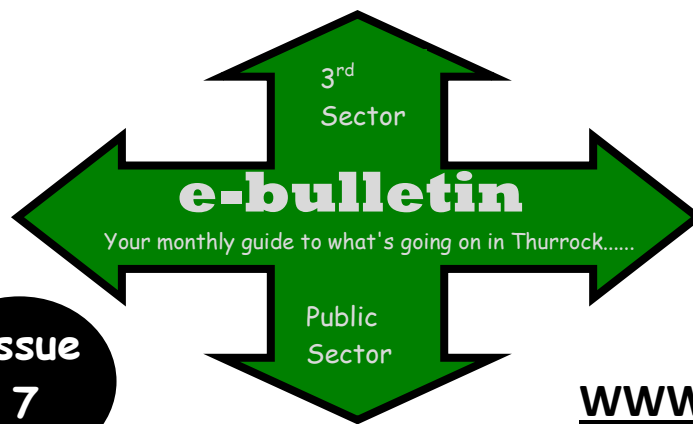


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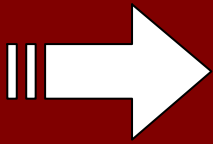
Thurrock Community Empowerment Network

Since our May issue of this bulletin there has been a change of both national and local Government and with this change concerns and uncertainties regarding what is in store for the many voluntary, community and faith groups that operate in Thurrock. Talks of financial cut backs which will have an effect on all types of voluntary groups in Thurrock is a concern for many of us. Hopefully within the next couple of months policy will have been decided at both national and local level and at least we will know where the voluntary, community & faith sectors are expected to contribute to easing the present financial situation.

It is perhaps more important in times like these that all groups and organisations look at where they can tighten their belts and make savings, even if this means cutting some activities or maybe forming an association with other groups in their area to spread costs and resources. It is in this area that TCEN may be able to help, with information or contact details of over 400 groups and organisations in Thurrock we can help you make contact to explore the possible benefits of working together.

If you would like to make contact with other groups either to offer a resource or to look for assistance with your own activity then contact Terry.Piccolo@TCEN.org.uk

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



[Click for community events calender](#)

Funding & Grant info

The Social Investment Business

The Social Investment Business organisation would be of more interest to larger groups looking for funding and business expertise.

For information on how to access the [GRANTfinder](#) website where you can input your own criteria for you 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 so that we may feature them on the link.

Local Strategic Partnership

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 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.

There are many courses available to help with the following. [Click here for details](#)

Free 6-week self-management programme for people living with a long term condition.
Looking After Me' course for carers.

Looking After Me' course for parents/grandparents/guardians of children with special needs.

Challenging Pain' workshop – free 2-week self-management workshop where participants learn skills and techniques to help them challenge pain

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP)

The Community Safety Partnership exists to build and maintain relationships across the Borough so that those involved in community safety in its widest sense can support each other in the shared pursuit of our strategic aims

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

CHILD SAFETY

Young people are the focus of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership's campaign for June [click here](#) for more information.

NUISANCE MOTORBIKES WILL BE SEIZED

Reports of nuisance motorbikes have fallen by a fifth this year following the installation of more than 200 signs across Thurrock warning vehicles would be seized and even crushed. [Click here](#) for more information.

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. **Find out more about the children's trust at an open meeting on the 15th June 5.30 till 8.30 for information [click hear](#)**

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.

[Open meeting with the Children's Trust](#). This is an open meeting for all voluntary, community & faith groups in Thurrock. Come along to learn about the Children's Trust, what it is, who's involved, what they are responsible for & how they plan to carry out their role. There will also be a question and answer session.

Consultations

There are 4 current consultations.

Consultation regarding new arrangements for [Mayor and Leader of the Council](#)

A change in the law means we must change the way the Council is run. The Council has two options, both of which are different from the current system.

Consultation [Consultation On Homelessness, Phase 3](#)

Changes are to be found within chapter 10 of the review document. We are consulting to ask for comments on the updated versions of the documents

Consultation [Basildon And Thurrock University Hospital \(BTUH\) Review](#)

This is an overview and scrutiny consultation established to seek the views of residents on the quality of Basildon Hospital services, in line with the improvement activity the Hospital is undertaking following recent inspections

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

29th March 2010 to 10th May 2010

For more information and to take part in the above consultations click on links above. Better still [sign up](#) to receive automatic emails when new consultations are added.

Feature Organisation

Second Generation is a Thurrock's Re-Use Project

Second Generations supplies furniture and electrical items at low cost mainly to people on reduced incomes, to enable them to do this, they collect these items from residents of Thurrock, refurbish, repair and test for safety and suitability.

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

The TCEN website www.tcen.org.uk now has a section dedicated to youth opportunities including, training, employment, volunteering and leisure why not take a look or pass the information on to someone who would benefit.

If you are interested in being informed of new training opportunities as they become available please email 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

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

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 Last updated 23rd 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.