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Your monthly guide to what's going on..... in Thurrock

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Introduction

Welcome to the March edition of the Take Part Bulletin.

The last month has seen ups and downs, challenges and opportunities and a great big sigh of relief at the survival of ngage. So on we move towards the end of the year, this Taking Part in Thurrock e-bulletin will provide you with the usual information on funding local policy, events, news and updates effecting Thurrock.

Hot press in this issue...

Funding- see green section

As we approach the end of the financial year most of us in the Third Sector are either facing the dreaded underspend or are looking to secure funding going into 2010/2011, have a look at our funding section for advice that may help your organisation.

Events- see red section

There are numerous events and conferences going on over the next month see the red section for details and for the events which are not to be missed including the final *designing out disability conference on the 19th March*

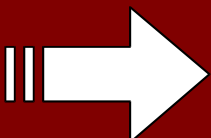
Feature Organisation- See orange section

We are here to help you, so If you have any information that you feel will be useful to other groups in Thurrock please [contact us](#) so that we can include it on our website and also our next e-bulletin. So why not visit www.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.

- 1) Designing Out Disability Conference- 19th March 2010 @ Orsett Hall [click here for more information](#)
- 2) CVS Stakeholder Event 23rd March- Are you a voluntary sector group who wants to have a say? [Click Here for more information](#)
- 3) Taking Part Easter Fun Day- Corringham Village Hall- 29th March 2010 [Click here for more information](#)

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL EVENT
CALENDER**



Funding & Grant info

As we are flying towards the end of this financial year funding opportunities are hard to come by, take a look at some of these we have come across over the past few weeks.

Thurrock to get a Credit Union

A Credit Union is a community based banking service. Volunteers are needed to run collection points where residents can join the Credit Union and arrange a secure place for savings as well as affordable loans.

1. 1000 Days to Go Grant deadline extended till 28th March

2. Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Funding Bids

3. Grant Finder

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.

4. **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.

Shaping Thurrock Updates

[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!!!!

The Thurrock Community Safety Partnership is inviting funding bids for 2010/11 for projects which address crime and disorder, Anti-social Behaviour and improve confidence – in particular those that protect our vulnerable adults and young people.

For more details contact Michelle Cunningham on micunningham@thurrock.gov.uk
[newsletter_issue8.pdf](#)

[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.

Consultations

There are 2 current consultations.

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

29th January 2010 to 12th February 2010 & 29th March 2010 to 10th May 2010

Consultaion [Core Strategy and Policies for Management of Development LDF](#)

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

This month's featured organisation is [Batias](#)

Basildon and Thurrock Independent Advocacy Service is a voluntary organisation based in South Essex which provides advocacy support for people with learning difficulties. They provide formal advocacy, self-advocacy and citizen advocacy in a variety of ways, empowering service users to speak up and have more choice and control in their lives. There are offices in Grays, Brentwood and Southend which cover the whole of South Essex. For more information visit our website at www.batias.com. You can also e-mail us at batias@batias.demon.co.uk or telephone our Grays office on 01375 389869.

If your organization would like to take advantage of advertising your group on this page please contact Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Opportunities & Training

[Become a Life Coach!! Would you like to support younger people to achieve their full potential through the transformation programme? Click here for details.](#)

[Link to Opportunities & Training Take Part Pathfinder](#)

“Look Before You Leap”

Would you like to know more about becoming a Councillor or School Governor, but don't want to make a formal approach?

TCEN have set up a panel of 11 Councillors' and 30 School Governors who are willing to have a casual chat with anyone interested in finding out more about their roles and what they entail.

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

Success Stories

ngage funding secured for another year!!

Success comes in many forms and it cannot always be put down to one particular action. This is certainly the case when it comes to the re-instatement of ngage's funding.

In the 10 days since they learnt of the funding cut, until the Full Council meeting on 24th February 2010, **ngage** had been in a constant state of shock; along with the many organisations and individuals they support. To make matters worse, Ngage were unable to start any type of action until the proposed budget was passed by cabinet on the 17th February 2010. In the remaining 5 days they managed to set up an on line petition as well as have petition forms printed. **Within just 3 days they received over 340 signatures and numerous letters of support and encouragement.**

Click here to read further.....

If you have an 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

On line forms:-

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

ngage

We are still here. Thanks to all those who signed our petition.

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.

Click here for 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.