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## Paxton Green Launch in the Sunshine Fifth National Timebanking Gathering

This month saw the launch of the Paxton Green Time Bank in south London - run by Sarah Burns, Alison Paule & Suzanne Worrica.

A great day out was had by all in the glorious sunshine and there were plenty of activities for all the family in the grounds of an old mansion house. We wish them all the success in the future.



As most people will already be aware - we're holding our fifth national timebanking conference this year in Blackpool. We've had a tremendous interest from people not only in the UK but abroad too, so all places have now been taken.

We will also be holding our AGM on the Friday of the conference, and so any members of Timebanking UK are very welcome to come along just to that, and add any items to the agenda.

Official notice went out by post this week, along with instructions on how join or make suggestions for the agenda. Contact [martin@timebanks.co.uk](mailto:martin@timebanks.co.uk) for more information.

## Business Case for Timebanking

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the request to fill out our survey last week.

This is all about finding out who has received funding from whom, and more importantly how they did it. The information gathered in the survey will help us to identify people to speak to within government/PCT departments, with a view to being able to present a business case for timebanking in every area that wants one.

A huge step forward for the timebanking movement we hope.



## ***Timebanking in Islington North London***

## Finsbury Arts Festival 2009

The first ever Finsbury Arts Festival at the end of February was a celebration of painting, crafts, film, photography, poetry, comedy, music and dance in south Islington.

The 1st of this yearly event was a great success and was launched by St Luke's Time Bank. A Children's Crafts and Tea Party was run by St Luke's Time Bank where creative activities including glass painting, fun with felt, card and jewellery making workshops took place.

This was once again, a great opportunity to show how Time Banking is versatile and can be applied in many different types of events. Lots of people from the Time Bank and local organisations volunteered over the 3 day event and many hours were traded.

Over 800 people turned up to this event. This was certainly a great opportunity for people to take a break from their usual routines to appreciate art, to express their own creativity and to celebrate local art!

Time Banking in Islington has proven to be very popular over the years. The range of services across the Islington Time Bank Network (ITBN) is expanding rapidly! The seven Time Banks in the borough currently have over 500 members on their books. Volunteers are offering help in a wide variety of areas that include: Health & beauty therapies, gardening, basic painting, languages and befriending skills as well as a number of career development subjects like computer training, book-keeping, mentoring and life coaching.

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