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International Seminar to be hosted in Nizhny Novgorod

The first EECA initiative of timebanking was set up in Russia, Nizhniy Novgorod in 2007 and now one of the objectives of the project is looking for the best practices of timebanking working with youth.

The seminar is scheduled for April 24-30, 2010 and will be hosted in Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia. Financial support is provided by the European Youth Foundation. All costs will be covered except for 25% of the international travel costs and a participation fee of EUR 60. The seminar will be held in English.

You need to apply by March 1st (details on our website: www.timebanking.org)



Suggestions for Time Online

After it's successful launch 4 years ago our bespoke timebanking software, Time Online is currently undergoing some new additions to it's functionality (more on this to come!)

This is an ideal opportunity for Time Brokers who use it everyday to come up with suggestions for improvements that will benefit the whole network.

Please email sarah@timebanks.co.uk with your suggestions, or join the Skype discussion on Friday, March 5th at 2pm.

Britain's Oldest Time Bank Member?

Salford Time Bank would like to introduce you to Betty Yardley.

As a Time Bank member, Betty bakes apple pies for other members (which are delicious!) In return, he uses her time credits to have her garden tidied.

Having served in the Women's Royal Naval Service, Betty is also a member of the ex-WRENS Association (Manchester branch).

Betty recently celebrated her 91st birthday. They would like to know if Betty is the "most mature" time bank member in Britain.

If you have any older time bank members, please email chris.dabbs@unlimitedpotential.org.uk



EcoStars Make the News

The EcoStars are a group of teenagers from South London involved in a food gardening and Eco School project within their local area in return for receiving time credits.

They've recently hit the headlines after their word of mouth got them an invite to do the Christmas Winter Garden for the Royal Festival Hall. You can read the article here if your Italian is up to it: <http://www.marieclaire.it/magazine/controcorrente/vivere-al-verde#pag-4>

For more information about the EcoStars, contact Simon Gharthey: progress.g@googlemail.com



Time Broker Training in Scotland

Following on from the huge demand for the Time Broker training in London, Tam Cassidy of Volunteer Development Scotland has offered to run his one day training course in the Central Belt area.

Please contact him directly if you'd like more information: Tam.Cassidy@vds.org.uk

Youth Exchange Visits Across Europe

Adriana Casini, Secretary of the Time Banks of Florence would like to find out if the idea of exchange visits in Europe for young time bank members is a popular one?

They already have at least one member of the time bank (speaking English, French and Spanish) who would like to take part in such a scheme, subject to safety and supervision issues being discussed beforehand.

If you or anyone in your time bank might be interested please email Vico (vicohems@libero.it) copying in Adriana: adrianacasini@email.it

