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A Time Bank in the news

Congratulations to Mal Thompson and the "Take Time to Make Time" Time Bank for their successful and High profile launch on Monday 7th June. Mal is employed 3 days a week and the scheme is being run by the Daventry Volunteer Centre and mental health group Changing Minds, with funding from the East Midlands Innovation Fund. Good Luck for the future!

Timebanking UK AGM

All the planning has been sorted, and Timebanking on Tor is fast approaching. All invitations and information packs have been sent out. And, hopefully, returned so we should know numbers soon. Response has been very good so far and we look forward to seeing many of you there! If you have not booked a place yet, you still can - Just use the booking form that can be found on the website at http://www.timebanking.org/downloads/Tor_Booking_form.pdf. Mail it to Timebanking UK. More information can be found on the website http://www.timebanking.org/TB_on_tor.html Some quick answers to frequently asked questions:

Q. How much does it cost?

A. Nothing - There is no cost at all for the weekend save paying for your food

Q. Are there places to stay?

A. Yes - Camping site has been provided. However, for the less adventurous, there are B&B's and Hotels in the local area. However, due to a crop circle convention being held at the same time - you might need to spend some time phoning around now.

Q. Does the camping ground have facilities?

A. Yes - Tor Leisure have said they will leave the toilets and showers open for campers.

CRB - Changes halted

As you may be aware, the Government has announced their intention to remodel the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS). As a result, the ISA registration phase has now been stopped and therefore will not launch on 26th July 2010.

As a result, the CRB has had to consider the impact on its application process. We had been given an initial stock of new purple forms in readiness for the planned launch. And, although this phase has been stopped, the new forms will still need to be used from the 26th. To ensure we can send them in for that deadline Timebanking can only accept old forms up until the 19th of July

Tweeting from Stroud



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A Strange thing has happened to the website recently - A new Icon has appeared in the top right hand corner - Yes, Martin is now Tweeting for Timebanking UK. We are going to create a real buzz around Timebanking. So sign up and follow us at the following URL: <http://twitter.com/TBUKMartin>

Stop Press!

The "Moneyless Man" will be giving a presentation at 6:00pm on Saturday 24th July at the AGM. He has lived without using money for the last 18 months. And has a great story to tell. Not To Be Missed!

Digital TV Timebanking in Newsome

Time bankers in West Yorkshire can now publicise their work including the latest news and events via digital interactive TV. By using the remote control from the comfort of their sofa people interested in finding out about Timebanking UK can get information on how Timebanking works, find out what is going on locally and how to get in touch with their local Timebanking coordinator.

Looking Local is a public sector portal which brings together a wide range of local service providers as well as voluntary and community groups to give people without internet access, free 24/7 access to a range of local services; everything from GP appointment booking, housing services, to the latest transport & traffic information, job vacancies, health advice as well as information about local community groups.

A key tool in the fight against people being left behind digitally, Looking Local is working with service providers, community and voluntary groups across the UK to give access to key local information and support without needing to be online at home.

Newsome Time Bank is currently piloting access via DiTV and mobile partnership with Kirklees Council. The service has just been launched and is currently being publicised to Time Bankers across the region. It is hoped that giving DiTV access - for free - will bring a range of benefits such as raising awareness among a wider range of people and increasing participation.

A range of marketing materials can be found <http://lookinglocal.gov.uk/digitv/cds/INTouch/Netgem/screen.html?id=137021> which is being used locally to promote the service. For more information please contact Jane Hancer on jane.hancer@lookinglocal.gov.uk

Timebanking Information Days

As you all know, there are new time banks setting up all the time with hundreds of people learning about Timebanking. To make life easier for all of you who try to help people by informing them about Timebanking and offering support, the London hub have decided to run regular information days on "Timebanking – what it is and things to consider when setting up and running a time bank". The next one will be in September in central London. The one after that will be in November 2010, again in central London. Places are limited, so if you are interested, please contact Sarah Bird (sarahb@timebanks.co.uk) to book a place. The training itself will be FREE OF CHARGE.

