

Timebanking UK

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Hello everyone



As we embark on a sunny summer period Timebanking UK want to wish all member time banks a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season no matter what you may be doing. It is the time for bringing the time bank members together at BBQ's, picnics and walks to strengthen those social networks too!

Sarah Bird, CEO Timebanking UK

Welcome to...



Kaaren Morris, our new Regional Networks Project Manager has extensive timebanking experience and is already a valuable asset to TBUK. She is establishing new regional networks and also meeting with existing networks to see how we can help support our members and enhance the service already offered.

We would love the regions to be more connected and we know you would too. By tailoring training and events to our members and by our members we are strengthening the networks and working in collaboration. Timebanking will be stronger and more resilient than ever before. Already there are dates in the diary for the South West, Midlands and North West – please check the members area for future regional meeting dates.

"Thank you to everyone who replied with interest to host a regional meeting. I've been in touch with some of you already to plan meetings, and I'm looking forward to working together with all our members to plan a schedule of dates throughout the year."

To make contact with Kaaren, email her on Kaaren@timebanking.org



Andreas Weide is currently working on IT, websites and design work for Timebanking UK and our members. He is updating our website and involved in numerous projects that we are implementing. We would love to see your photos, videos and newsletters to share with other time banks around the country so please send them to andreas@timebanking.org to showcase the fantastic work the time banks are doing.

Andi is also the broker for Fair Shares South Cotswolds Time Bank.

Best practice of publicity and promotion by a council!

Further to our development of a timebanking network across the London Borough of Barnet, the council helped by designing a great poster to show at bus stops across the area. Come on councils, follow this great lead!



"The council are committed to supporting Timebanking UK to develop a social and support network across the borough of Barnet as part of our co-production and ageing well programme. We aim to be actively involved in the network alongside local people and organisations giving and receiving time."

Barnet Council's Coproduction and Ageing Well Programme

2 DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER

Date:
6th and 7th November 2014.

Venue:
The Mechanics Institute, Manchester.

Key Note Speakers and guests – hOurworld, USA.

Training on ideas around time banks
generating income plus much more!



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DWP – Department of Work and Pensions

Timebanking UK are collecting information from across the UK on job centres that are signposting people on benefits to their local time bank. If your job centre is supportive of your time bank please get in touch. We are interested in hearing more about why they see it as a valuable resource (eg increasing skills/confidence leading to better chances of employment). Email info@timebanks.co.uk



Results of Recent Member Survey

Timebanking UK recently conducted a survey of member time banks to find out some key information about funding. The questions we asked were:

1. Do you have a paid broker?
2. Who are your funders?
3. What are your annual costs?
4. What do you pay for?
5. What do your Brokers do?
6. What would make you more successful?

Results will be published at our annual conference in November (6/7 November in Manchester).



Timebanking UK is looking for a Treasurer as a Trustee

If you are interested please write to info@timebanks.co.uk



A social innovation forum held in France of time banks and complementary currencies from 12 countries

Sarah Bird met with a group of international like-minded people in France who came together to share ideas, suggestions and challenges around their countries using timebanking and community currencies.

Those in attendance were from UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Tunisia and Brazil.

One of the opening comments was that “The world has a social and economic crisis so we need to change behaviour to build a better world.....if you want to plough straight, tie your plough to a star.”



Although timebanking is being used in many countries, many seem to be facing the issue of exchanges being taxed. In Finland they have decided to address the problem by agreeing to provide 2% of time as payment in tax – a ‘time tax’ which is donated to organisations or groups of choice. In Belgium they swap time alongside a complementary currency.

One of the newest networks of time banks is in Paris where they are called Accorderies. They operate in a very similar way to UK time banks.

Sarah will provide more information at the national conference in November this year.

Timebanking UK will be exploring ways in which time banks could work alongside complementary currencies to strengthen their impact and support the aims of both movements.

Our USA partners will giving key note talks on timebanking and also delivering training on ways that time banks can become more sustainable by generating income. There will be a variety of other workshops and plenty of opportunities to meet time banks from the UK. More information to follow....

Timebanking UK is now CHAS compliant!

What does this mean?

The Scheme assesses companies against strict health and safety criteria, and CHAS is recognised nationally as a health and safety standard for use in the assessment of potential contractors and suppliers in terms of tenders for public and private sector business.



Latest Quality Mark achievers

More success for time banks in achieving the Timebanking Quality Mark. The Trustees of Timebanking UK felt that these were excellent examples of good practice where time banks are being run and developed in accordance with our policies and procedures.



Time 4 U, Preston & South Ribble, Lancs.

Christine Hartley said "We are pleased the Time 4 U Timebank in Preston and South Ribble has achieved the Timebanking UK Quality Mark. This award not only recognises the huge amount of work by Help Direct in association with Age Concern Central Lancashire in the development and everyday operation of the timebank, but also the energy and enthusiasm of time bank participants who provide and receive support on the timebank. The timebanking model we operate is fast becoming a vital resource locally for people wishing to develop their wellbeing and lifestyles."

Help Direct is funded by Lancashire County Council

Lee Fair Share, London

Lorraine Spenceley said "Lee Fair Share is delighted to be awarded the Quality Mark. The Quality Mark will show that Lee Fair Share adheres to the principles of time banking and reciprocity. It will also show our funders and members that Lee Fair Share strives for best practice. By applying for the Quality Mark it helped Lee Fair Share complete the Lewisham Council Traffic Light Monitoring."



A NEW Broker Discussion Forum is now being designed

TBUK are currently getting a new forum underway as a place for BROKERS who are running time banks that are members of TBUK. This will be a confidential space for you to ask advice, ideas or share concerns. Everyone can share documents, photos or films to benefit other time banks across the country.

How will it work?

1. Use your TOL/TnT log in codes to access the forum
2. If you don't have one email andreas@timebanking.org to get log in codes.

Do you have ideas for the structure or what might be useful for you as a Broker? If so email andreas@timebanking.org

What are the main topics you feel to discuss – funding? – making your time bank sustainable? – involving the members? We need some good discussion threads to get it started.



Introduction to Timebanking

This 3 hour session will cover key messages on timebanking, things to consider when starting one within your community/organisation and an opportunity to view our timebanking specific software.

Date: **Wed 17th Sep**
Time: **1.30pm - 4.30pm**

Venue: **Petit Miracle Interiors, First Floor, West 12 Shopping Centre, Shepherd's Bush Green, London, W12 8PP.**

To book, email:
Kaaren@timebanking.org

Cost: **FREE** for community/voluntary groups, £50 statutory agencies.

Time and Talents Webinar Training Dates

We now have 27 Timebanks using Time and Talents with several more due to start in the very near future. I will also be adding more training dates to the current ones. The new dates are as follows:

Web I: What Now?

6th Aug – 16:00 hrs
17th Sep – 14:00 hrs
1st Oct – 16:00 hrs

Web II:

Beginners Admin / Member

13th Aug – 14:00 hrs
24th Sep – 14:00 hrs
8th Oct – 16:00 hrs

Web III:

Reporting / Refresher

20th Aug – 16:00 hrs
1st Oct – 14:00 hrs

Web IV:

Advanced Admin / Member

27th Aug – 14:00 hrs
8th Oct – 14:00 hrs

If you would like to join one of these webinars, please contact Ian Toplis at ian@timebanks.co.uk