Welcome to our latest Timebanking UK newsletter.

There have been lots of exciting developments for time banks across the country, including the latest partnership with CADW, Wales, which you can read more about below. Every time bank that is a member of Timebanking UK can benefit!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lex Karlin, who runs the Barnet network on his recent marriage, and mention the superb work carried out by Angela Butcher implementing the Surrey time bank network and Sylvia Hutchins who ran the Portsmouth time bank project.

The DWP continue to celebrate the benefits of timebanking with the publication on their Daily Jobseeker Website (please note that job centres will only be contacting time banks who are members of Timebanking UK and who
appear on our website). We have a health and wellbeing blog on the Primary Care Today website and are offering SROI (social return on investment) training to member time banks to follow the lead of the Community Time Bank in Manchester.

I know what a hard job it is to run a time bank, as well as the rewards it brings seeing the difference you are making to people’s lives by bringing people together. To all the brokers you have my respect and admiration. We will celebrate all your achievements at our next annual event!

I will finish with a big welcome to those new start up time banks and to remind all existing time banks that we are here to support you and to provide opportunities wherever we can. We remain hopeful on bigger projects to provide grant payment to our time bank members so watch this space...!

If you have any requests for articles or topics to appear in our next edition, please email membership@timebanking.org.

Sarah Bird
CEO, Timebanking UK

Welcome to our new members...

- Stockmoor and Wilstock Time Bank
- Age UK North Tyneside
- Warboys Parrish Council
- Morley College
- hOur:Bristol Creative Timebank
- Harpurhey Time Bank

Congratulations!
TIMEBANKING IN TAMESIDE

the latest time bank to be awarded our Quality Mark

“This is fantastic news, thank you so much. Wish we had applied sooner. We are so thrilled.”

Julie Cunliffe
Time Bank Broker
Timebanking UK is partnering with Cadw, the Welsh Government’s historic environment service.

We are working with Cadw to devise a special Timebanking UK free entry reward scheme, based on the hours you have banked. This will be a first for us. Watch this space for details of this, and more!

Cadw offers a range of exciting places to explore. These include some of the best and most beautiful castles in the world. You can also visit abbeys, churches and chapels and some of the most atmospheric ancient monuments that visitors have been seeking out for thousands of years.

There are 129 monuments and sites in Cadw’s care, including a number of World Heritage Sites.

So why not get your timebank group together and enjoy a day out at a Cadw site? If you do, do send us your photos. And if you use social media, remember to tag @timebankinguk@cadwwales or #TimebankingUK#Cadw.

SOCIAL VALUE MASTERCLASSES

The first Social Value regional Masterclasses took place in Manchester and Edinburgh. Attendees were introduced to the seven principles of social value and how they had been applied and/or were being applied to timebanking. During the Masterclass, it was identified that time banks, with their emphasis on human assets and community connections and development, are well placed to talk about their social value. It was also established that the measurement, and description, of any social value needs to follow a methodology that requires the input of a diverse range of stakeholders. Attendees were also introduced to the HACT

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Home Office has started a fund for organisations combating hate crime. Are you in an area where this is a problem? Find out more at the link below.

http://bit.ly/2cSYfVF

The Big Lottery Fund are offering grants of between 300 and 10,000 for groups to hold one-off events or activities which celebrate their local community. Find out more about the Celebrate grants at the link below.

http://bit.ly/2cLq0MB

TIME AND TALENTS TOP TIP

If members are having problems logging in, one of the first things to check is that they have been activated on the software.

Active Member? YES
tool, produced by social housing, to measure social value. A report by The Community Timebank, South Manchester, provides detail of how the HACT tool was used to support a social value evaluation in one time bank.

Part 2 of the Social Value Masterclass will take place on the 18th of October, in Newcastle. Get your tickets [HERE](#).

**RESEARCH REQUEST**

You will all know that we get many researchers asking to interview time banks and their members. We try to field these requests to time banks that have already told us they are happy to be part of these evaluations and also to time banks that are not the usual suspects.

One of the most recent requests has come from Cambridge University (Dr Gemma Burgess) who has been involved in several research papers recently. Further to discussing with our Board, they felt the benefits to time banks and the timebanking movement were unclear.

The policy of TBUK is to support research collaborations so long as research is framed, designed and conducted in ways that do not preordain or bias research outcomes and so long as research methodologies are open to independent critique and verification prior to implementation. Our Board considers that these requirements, which are needed to assure research quality, are not met in this case.

We relayed this to the University and remain open to dialogue with Dr Burgess if she is able to address our concerns. For the time being, however, we have concerns still outstanding.
We would appreciate you letting us know if you are contacted by Dr Burgess or any of the Cambridge University team and if you have decided to submit a response.

TBUK is currently seeking a partner to help create a nationwide document collating best practice, impact assessments and to highlight the role of the essential broker including evidence of SROI and potential cost savings to statutory services. We hope that this report will enable time banks to get the credibility they deserve which will lead to more opportunities for funding.

We will of course keep you updated on progress.

INTRODUCTION TO TIMEBANKING

A 3 hour session for anyone new to timebanking (individuals and organisations).
Tuesday 18th October, 10.30am - 1.30pm
Carers Together, Romsey, Hampshire
FREE OF CHARGE
This session will cover (with plenty of time for questions):
The basics of timebanking
What are the models of timebanking
Case studies and examples
TBUK resources and support
Safeguarding, policies and procedures
Software
BROKER TRAINING

This course will give those of you setting up your own time banks the knowledge needed to help get your time bank up and running efficiently.
Friday 21st October, 10.30am - 4pm
Gosport
Places are limited. Please book ASAP. FREE FOR TBUK MEMBERS (max 2 per time bank)

Course content will include:
Top tips when starting your time bank
The role of the broker and coproduction
The joining process/paperwork/handbook
Pitfalls to avoid
Insurance/DBS
Organisational timebanking
Creating your action plan

Booking is essential membership@timebanking.org