

Timebanking UK

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Dear All,

Happy New Year to you all! Timebanking UK are hoping that 2019 will see huge growth in the timebanking movement. We are delighted to announce that we will be having a new website created to be screen reader friendly so that people with sight loss can become more involved in timebanking. We will have a generic handbook produced in Braille and this is all thanks to funds from the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

David Warren is our new Operations Manager and he will be getting in touch with each and every time bank to improve our communications and to help us review our services and support for all our members. Our newsletters will include a feature spotlight on a different time bank every issue, so if you would like to be the focus please email David on david@timebanking.org.



Sarah Bird
CEO, Timebanking UK



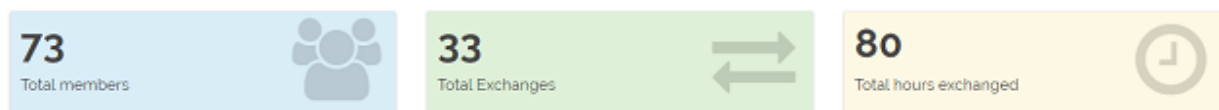
Thank you to all our member time banks that have used and given feedback regarding the software. Your comments, suggestions and thoughts are invaluable to the team and new features and improvements are being implemented all the time.

There are several updates that have happened recently within the software which have been updated in the Administrator, Broker and Member manuals (which can now be viewed in the control panel for admin/broker level and in 'My Account' for members) Please refer to these guides regularly as new functions and changes will be shown here.

A few highlights are:

Improvements to Page Editor

Administrators editing their home and member pages can now view the page that they want to change and click edit buttons which appear at the top right of each segment. The process for choosing what you want displayed has also been changed so you can see a graphical representation of each segment including a new addition of 'Time Bank Stats'. This allows the time bank to display the statistics for your time bank on either the public and/or member home page should you wish. The stats are live data which means every time your page is refreshed, the software displays data as of that moment (this includes transferred data).



More reports added

We have added a couple more reports to the system, so now you can do both age and gender breakdowns. Other reports have improved functionality, including the ability to run reports on selected groups.

Services

Administrators can now select additional services (or take options away) from their pull down lists – these can also be flagged as requiring approval prior to taking place.

Group Exchanges

Time bank brokers can now create group exchanges to save time when several members are part of the same exchange – for example if 10 people attended an arts and crafts group. The exchanges go through the community pot by default so that the member in receipt of the credits will receive the number of hours given and the community will get the remainder. However, it is also possible for this to be overridden.

Create Group Exchange

Here you can setup the details for your Group Exchange and create it. Once you have done this you will be able to add members to it.

Group Exchange

Category Service

Title

Date Hours Status

Description

For any Time Online 2 queries please contact us on tol2@timebanking.org in the first instance and we will respond as soon as possible. If you are not yet using the software and would like to give it a go, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or telephone 01453 750952.

Goodbye and good luck to Lex!

Lex Karlin started working for Timebanking UK in March 2014 to set up time banks in Barnet. With funding initially from Barnet Council, Lex grew an appetite for timebanking in Barnet and engaged residents in the scheme, which was well received in the area.



He has spent the last couple of years supporting Syrian refugees in a resettlement programme supported by Barnet Homes, enabling refugees to learn and improve their English language, navigate the area, engage with local residents and find employment opportunities including a new venture 'The Syrian Kitchen' which has

proved successful not only in making delicious food for dinner parties and school groups, but also learning how to set up a business.

Sadly the funding has now finished and Lex has moved onto pastures new.

Thanks for all your hard work Lex and we wish you all the best in your new job!



Timebanking Thailand?

On Wednesday 23rd January we welcomed visitors from Thailand who have come over to find out how timebanking works and to understand how Timebanking UK supports its network of time banks across the country. They were a group of 9 health professionals who had been advised by the government in Thailand to visit and learn about the concept in order to create a time bank network in Thailand. They spent 3 days visiting Timebanking UK and time banks to meet and digest the stories in an attempt to take back the learning.

The picture below is from their visit to Fair Shares Gloucester but they also visited Paxton Green and HOurBank in London. We have suggested a return visit might be required to help support their setting up and running! We will keep you informed about developments in Thailand!



Disclosure Scotland

We have received a response from Disclosure Scotland on the issue of whether time banking activities require a disclosure. Their view is that only a basic disclosure could be requested, i.e. timebanking activities do not constitute regulated work – or even work, as in the legal definition, at all.

They said "Timebanking seems to be more based on 'friendship' than a professional service being provided. This is in line with the response we had from the Disclosure & Barring Service in October, details of which were in our last newsletter.

If you need more information or need a check done, we can facilitate this via an online service. Please contact Reli – membership@timebanking.org or call us on 01453 750952.

Broker Training

We are delivering Broker & TOL2 training in Dartford on 26th March. If you would like to book please contact Reli on membership@timebanking.org or call us on 01453 750952.

Time Bank Brokers Forum

The forum has been running for a few months now and has 54 members already. There have been some really interesting posts and conversations so if you haven't joined yet please do!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1974171936212940/> Please note, requests to join will only be accepted from brokers of time banks. If you are not listed as the main broker please contact membership@timebanking.org to confirm your broker status.

Welcome to our new Time Banks!

- West Cork Development Partnership
- Melbourn Timebank
- Sawston Timebank
- Dartford Community Network

We would like to do some more, further north possibly, in July. If you would be interested and/or have a venue for up to 20 people we could use, please get in touch!