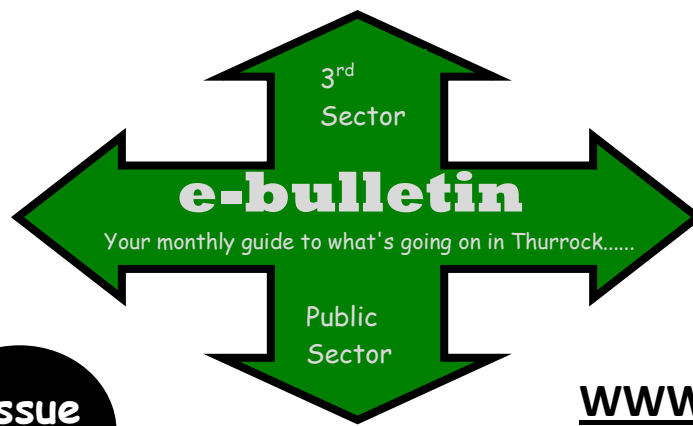


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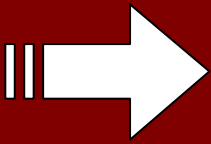
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Introduction

You should have recently received an email informing you of the launch of our new e-bulletin and website, this is the first of the joint bulletin issued by TCEN and the Take Part Pathfinder project.

The objective is to enable Thurrock's residents and communities to be aware of, inform and influence local policy and the provision of services. This bulletin promotes this objective by providing information on upcoming events and consultations as well as news and updates that may affect you or your organisation group or club. Through building awareness it enables the community to exert a voice on the issues that matter.

The information in this bulletin can be found in more depth on our website www.tcen.org.uk this e-bulletin is designed to act as a signposting tool only.



[Click for community events calendar](#)

Funding & Grant info

For information on how to access the GRANTfinder website where you can input your own criteria for your project and it will search approximately 4,000 Funders to find ones that are suitable.

Other grants available can also be found on [this link](#), two local grants from TTGDC Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation can also be accessed via the link along with other longstanding funding opportunities. If you become aware of any funding opportunities please inform TCEN at info@tcen.org.uk so that we may feature them on the link.

Shaping Thurrock Information

Shaping Thurrock is the Local Strategic Partnership for Thurrock. Their aim is to bring together the leaders of strategic organisations and representative networks of the Voluntary Community and Faith (VCF) sectors in the planning of service provision and local development. Please follow the link to the programme board of interest.

Sustainable Communities Programme Board- (SCPB) of the Shaping Thurrock partnership covers a broad and diverse range of topics including Thurrock's economic development, culture, the environment and infrastructure.

Healthier Communities Programme Board (HCPB)

The Healthier Communities Executive has been established as a programme board of Shaping Thurrock since September 2005. The overarching aim of the board is to develop and drive the strategic direction of health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock.

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP)

The TCSP works to make Thurrock a safer place- click link above for news and updates.

Thurrock Children's Trust (TCTB)

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families in a shared commitment to improving children's lives.

The Community Involvement Board (CIB)

The CIB works with both the public sector and the Third Sector in Thurrock to ensure communities and voluntary sector organisations can have their voices heard.

Consultations

There are 2 current consultations, [Consultation On Homelessness, Phase 2](#) – Strategy which runs from 13th October to the 15th December 2009.

A consultation on the [Local Transport](#) Plan runs from 2nd November and finishes on 14th December 2009.

For more information and to take part in the above consultations click on links above.

Feature Organisation

This issue looks at the work of [ngage](#), an organisation who assist local community & resident groups to become more effective.

If your organization would like to take advantage of advertising your group on this page please contact

Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Opportunities & Training

Link to Opportunities & Training Take Part Pathfinder

This page gives information on over 35 ways local people can become more active citizens. Whilst we realise you may already be heavily involved yourself, please pass this information on to members of your group. If you have any opportunities within your organisation where local people can become involved or you would like someone to give a short presentation on the many varied opportunities and training available in Thurrock, please let us know by contacting Terry Piccolo at Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Success Stories

This page is designed to highlight any ways that local people or groups have had an impact on their neighbourhood or area of interest. Bringing this type of success story to people's attention will help motivate them into becoming more active citizens and reduce the sense of things being "a done deal". A prime example of local people mobilizing to change a policy that would have an adverse effect on their neighbourhood was when the residents and shopkeepers of Stanford le Hope & Corringham organised themselves to fight the proposed changes to the parking conditions in their town centres proposed as part of Thurrock Council's 2009/2010 Budget. The outcome was that Thurrock Council removed the proposal from the final budget put before Cabinet.

Whilst this was a major success covered in the local press we are keen to inform local people of other less high profile success stories. If you have an example where you have influenced a decision no matter how small it may seem to you we would like to know about it. If you are not sure if your success warrants a mention or you have a story for us, please contact Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Links & Forms

Links Page:-

This page gives you a list of very useful links to many organizations and information websites we are always interested in adding links so if you have information on a website that will benefit our members please let us know by contacting info@tcen.org.uk

On line forms:-

Links to useful forms including, membership forms for Thurrock CVS, ngage, TCEN. Consultation update requests etc.

This e-bulletin is intended to assist our members in accessing information relevant to their needs and keeping them informed of current developments. It is also intended to increase the opportunities to Take Part and influence local policy and decisions. We are here to empower you not overpower you so please let us know of any other topics you would like included in this bulletin, and also whether you find it useful.

