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# Tamworth CVS Network News

## Tamworth Centre for Voluntary Services

**(Tamworth CVS) is the voluntary and community sector's local support agency.**

We provide specialist information, advice, guidance and development support for voluntary organisations, community groups, the community work of faith groups and social enterprises and community interest companies.



**This publication for our wider network of voluntary and community groups** will let you know about the support and services which we can provide to groups, benefits of membership of Tamworth CVS, highlight some of the work that we've been involved in, and provide information about funding streams available to the voluntary and community sector.

**WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF TAMWORTH CVS? Membership is open to local voluntary and community groups.**

### Benefits of Membership include:

- **Know how** - stay ahead with the latest information, advice and quality accredited support to help secure the future of your organisation.

- **Finding the right people** - we receive around 700 volunteer applications a year which we carefully filter and match to ensure that you get the right people with the right skills to help your organisation.
- **An influential network** – together, our combined voice has real strength. Tamworth Voluntary and Community Sector Forum and our links to Staffordshire Third Sector Network help provide access to local and countywide decision-makers.
- **Raising your profile** - get your message out there! We can help with publicity and document design, along with providing opportunities to place articles and adverts in our regular *Tamworth Connects* newsletter, and to have a stand at events.
- **Saving money** - keep your costs down. Members benefit from reduced rates (often free) for all our services.

**Contact us for details** – ring 01827 709657 or email: [enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk)

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# News & Events

## Dates for your Diary

### 2012 Funders Fair

**Thursday 9th February 2012, 1pm-4pm at the Assembly Rooms, Corporation St, Tamworth.**

This FREE event is open to any organisation or group looking for funding, working in either the voluntary or community sector, or social or community enterprises. No need to book, just drop in any time between 1pm and 4pm.

*This event is organised by Tamworth CVS in association with Artswitch, Tamworth's Arts Network.*

More details at:

<http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/2012fundersfair>

### 'Warm Homes, Healthy People' Event

**Wednesday 22nd**

**February 2012 at the**

**Assembly Rooms,**

**Tamworth** - if your

organisation works

with older people,

people with disabilities

or ill health, families,

people living in or at risk of poverty/fuel

poverty, then this FREE event is for you. *This*

*event is in association with Beat the Cold.*

More details and a booking form at:

<http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/warmhomeshealthypeople>



### Tender Ready Workshops

There is a significant change in funding culture for voluntary organisations. SCIO partners are collaborating to put on a series of workshops, which will help you to understand what you need to do differently, identify actions that you need to take in order to get your service funded and to know what commissioners are looking for in tender applications.

**The Tamworth Workshop is taking place on**

**Monday 27th February, 10am-4pm at**

**Tamworth Library** - to book your FREE place

please contact us on 01827 709657 or email:

[enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk)

More details at:

<http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/tenderreadyworkshop>

### Tamworth Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

**Monday 12 March, 10am-12.30pm at the Carnegie Centre Corporation St, Tamworth.**

Our guest speakers at this forum will be Hayley Darlington, Senior Commissioning Manager from South East Staffs Clinical Commissioning Group, and Hester Parsons from Staffordshire LINK. There will also be the usual opportunities for information sharing and networking, and a free buffet lunch.

More details at:

<http://www.tamworth-cvs.org.uk/info/VCSforum12March>

### FREE 2012 Community Games workshops

As part of the Community Games support programme, Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SASSOT) have organised the following FREE workshops to help organisers plan and market their own Community Games between now and September 2012.

#### **How to Organise Your Community Games (CG1)**

- **Tuesday 21st February 2012** - 6.30pm to 9.30pm @ Stafford Sports College, Wolverhampton Road, Stafford, ST17 9DJ
- **Tuesday 28th February 2012** - 6.30pm to 9.30pm @ Rawlett High School, Rawlett Community Sports College, Comberford Road, Tamworth, B79 9AA
- **Wednesday 14th March 2012** - 6.30pm to 9.30pm @ Shobnall Leisure Complex, Shobnall Road, Burton, DE14 2BB

For full details of these and other workshops available visit:

<http://www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/CommunityGames/FREE2012CommunityGamesWorkshops>



## Tamworth Scouts and Guides Gang Show

Tamworth Scouts and Guides are again joining forces to stage their third Gang Show in February and March. The 2012 show, entitled 'Reaching for the stars' will feature a variety of songs and sketches performed by young people aged between 6 and 18 years together with adult leaders from Tamworth Scouts and Guides movements. The Tamworth Scouts and Guides Gang Show runs for four nights from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will take place at the new Landau Forte Tamworth Sixth Form Academy. Tickets are available by calling 01827 317574, and more details can be found at [www.tamworthscouts.org.uk](http://www.tamworthscouts.org.uk)

## Do you have stories to share? ....

*... about the Castle, The Moat House, The Castle Hotel & Annexe and the recently closed Registry Office?* Shoebox Theatre c.i.c. is currently supported by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to work with a group of young people to discover stories associated with 5 Tamworth buildings which have a long history: The Castle, The Moat House, The Castle Hotel and Annexe (which was a Brewery within living history), and the building that was most recently the Registry Office but before then the Arts Centre, a WWII British Cafe and a Baptist chapel. As part of the project, the group are hoping to be able speak to adults who have memories of these places. Although they are interested in hearing stories from all generations, they would especially like to hear from those whose memories go back a long way. **If any individuals or groups would like to get involved, please contact us:** TagTamworth Project, Shoebox Theatre, email: [mail@shoeboxtheatre.co.uk](mailto:mail@shoeboxtheatre.co.uk) phone: 01827 701844, write: 26, Alexandra Mews, Tamworth B79 7HT

## CHANGES – 12 Steps to Mental Health

CHANGES is a user-led mental health charity providing a unique recovery service to those in mental distress, based on users attending

weekly mutual help groups and following CHANGES 12 step recovery programme. New Health and Wellbeing Centres have been opened in Tamworth, Lichfield, Burntwood, Burton and Uttoxeter, events coming up soon include:

- **Tamworth Open Day - Tuesday 14th February**, 10.30am-3pm at No 6 Ladybank (opposite the Castle Hotel on the raised walkway) - more details at: [http://www.changes.org.uk/html/tamworth\\_meetings.html](http://www.changes.org.uk/html/tamworth_meetings.html)
- **South East Staffordshire Wellbeing, Launch Day - 9th March 2012**, The Pavillion, Beacon Park, Lichfield, WS13 6QZ - more details at: [http://www.changes.org.uk/html/lichfield\\_meetings.html](http://www.changes.org.uk/html/lichfield_meetings.html)

## CRB portability

The CRB have produced briefing packs on the proposed new continuous updating service for CRB certificates. This service is intended to make CRBs more portable. Please note these are not definitive statements of how it will work but give a good idea of what is envisaged. Details at: <http://www.navca.org.uk/safeguarding-reforms>

## BIG Lottery Fund: Village SOS National Conference

Monday 27th February, The Burlington Hotel in Birmingham. The Big Lottery Fund's Village SOS national conference will draw on the widest range of experts from across the rural and social enterprise sectors to give communities the support they need to rejuvenate their villages by setting up community enterprises – from shops and pubs to local food and transport projects. This landmark FREE conference builds on the BIG's pioneering Village SOS campaign and BBC One series. For further details or to book your FREE place visit [www.villagesos.org.uk](http://www.villagesos.org.uk) or for specific queries email: Monica Dolan, [monica.dolan@plunkett.co.uk](mailto:monica.dolan@plunkett.co.uk)



# Funding

In these difficult times, we know how important it is to find funding opportunities which will help you to continue to deliver your valuable services to the local community.

## The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Community Grants Level 1

The Trust's Level 1 grant Programme can award grants from £500 up to £5,000. It is targeted at community and voluntary organisations who can demonstrate that a grant will impact positively on people living in coalfield communities. Eligible coalfield wards in Tamworth are: Amington, Belgrave, Bolehall, Castle, Glascote, Mercian & Stonydelph. Applications can be submitted at any time. <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/englandgrantinformation/default.asp>

## The Steel Charitable Trust

The Steel Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust supporting general charitable purposes. Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are made to registered charities in the UK within the areas of: arts and culture, environment, health, education, disadvantaged. Grants are made at regular intervals during the year and the total level of grants is approximately £1,000,000. Applications can be made at any time as there are no application deadlines. <http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

## The Steven Gerrard Foundation

The Steven Gerrard Foundation, launched at the start of 2011, has issued its first call for grant applications from projects that have a long-term impact on disadvantaged children. These can include those affected by illness, family breakdown, disability, involvement in the streets, or educational disadvantage. Applicants can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The closing date for this first round of applications is 5.00pm, 9 March. <http://www.stevengerrardfoundation.org>

## BIG Innovation Fund - Round 2 open for applications

The BIG Innovation fund is specifically about supporting new projects that test new ways of tackling emerging and existing social problems. The idea is considered as 'new' if it hasn't been tried anywhere else in the UK. By innovative, they mean projects that:

- Create new kinds of activity and service to tackle new or emerging social needs
- Create new ways of addressing a current social problem

The programme will award grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects running up to five years that seek to achieve both of the following outcomes:

- New solutions are delivered which better address emerging and entrenched social problems
- Learning from innovative approaches is used to inform wider policy and practice.

Stage 1 application deadline is 23 February. [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_big\\_innovation](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_big_innovation)

## Time to Change

The Time to Change grants fund will distribute £2.7 million to approximately 75 projects across England from April 2012 to March 2015. The fund will support projects which challenge stigma and discrimination around mental health in innovative ways. <http://time-to-change.org.uk/grants>

## Concertina - Music Grants for Older People

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2012.

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>



## Sports Grants

The Tamworth Community Sports Network is an organisation that has been allocated funds by Tamworth Borough Council to administer 3 grant schemes;

- **Coach/Official Education Grant** - To assist in the development of coaches and officials by enabling them to improve their qualifications and experience
- **Sports Club Grants** - To increase the availability of sporting opportunities by assisting existing organisations to develop their sports programmes, encouraging the establishment of new sports groups/clubs/sections and encouraging Clubmark
- **Talent Support Fund** - To recognise individual talented sports performers in Tamworth and encourage them to develop their full potential

Applications and further information can be found at:

[http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/community\\_and\\_living/funding\\_and\\_grants/sports\\_grants.aspx](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/community_and_living/funding_and_grants/sports_grants.aspx)

## Crisis - Changing Lives Programme - Up to £2,500

A programme to empower homeless people to change their own lives through providing funding which can push them ahead in achieving their vocational and career objectives in the UK, deadline - 16<sup>th</sup> February. <http://www.crisis.org.uk/pages/crisis-changing-lives.html>

## The Nominet Trust - Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people,

primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. The next closing date for applications is on the 1st May.

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>

## Baron Davenport's Charity

The Charity gives grants to organisations established for the benefit of children and/or young people aged under 25 years of age situated within 60 miles of Birmingham Town Hall, next deadline 15<sup>th</sup> March.

<http://www.barondavenportscharity.org/>

## Staffordshire County Council - Opportunity to Tender

Advocacy Service (Ref: SCHG00051), Department: Social Care and Health. Staffordshire County Council is carrying out a tendering exercise for the provision of a Generic Advocacy Service across the County of Staffordshire. The Contract area is a combination of the administrative area of the County Council. **Tender closes on 12 April 2012.** For details go to:

<http://apps.staffordshire.gov.uk/ContractPublic/Details.aspx?ContractID=1403&SearchCategory=0&SearchType=2&SearchText=CHG00051&SearchDept=0&PageID=0&RecordCount=1>

Tender documents must be requested from [commissioning.team@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:commissioning.team@staffordshire.gov.uk)

**For more information on funding, and for support in completing funding applications** please contact Wil Summers, Development Officer on 01827 709657 or email: [enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk)

To get more funding opportunities sent direct to your inbox every week, why not become a member of Tamworth CVS? Our weekly e-bulletin is packed with news, information about training, jobs, volunteering and funding, and is FREE TO MEMBERS. Contact us for more details.



# Development

## Case Study – Dyslexia information group in Tamworth (Dig-iT)



Julie Cappleman–Morgan contacted Tamworth CVS in June 2011 after undertaking a number of courses on how to recognise and assess dyslexia in children after her own daughter was diagnosed the previous year. After obtaining the appropriate qualifications Julie wanted to set up a support group for other parents and dyslexia sufferers and contacted Tamworth CVS as she had no idea how to do this.

After assisting with the organisational structure and development of the group and helping with the adoption of a constitution, Tamworth CVS provided support in the promotion and organising of a one off event in September 2011.

This event was very well attended and the group has come back to Tamworth CVS for support on how to develop its organisation, setting aims and objectives and to look for funding. The group now meet once a month to progress its aims and to provide support and assessment clinics for those with dyslexia.

# Volunteering

## Do you need volunteers to help deliver the aims & objectives of your organisation?

Then register with Volunteer Centre Tamworth. We will:

- carefully match prospective volunteers to your organisation and the opportunities you have available.
- help you to support, manage and retain your volunteers, with the best advice, information and support available in this region.
- support you in developing new volunteering roles to support your organisation.

- promote your volunteering opportunities to potential volunteers.

If your organisation relies on people to help, then Volunteer Centre Tamworth can help find you that extra pair of hands.

**For details contact Volunteer Centre Tamworth**, 8 Aldergate, Tamworth, B79 7DL on 01827 736090, or email: [info@volunteercentre tamworth.org.uk](mailto:info@volunteercentre tamworth.org.uk)

## Volunteering for All

Volunteering for All is a supported volunteering project and is looking for Volunteer Partners.

### ARE YOU:

- patient and understanding?
- interested in Health and Social care?
- looking for a rewarding and varied volunteering opportunity?

**COULD YOU** help us to support others to volunteer?

**ARE YOU** able to empathise with people who lack confidence or struggle to communicate due to mental ill health or disability?

Interested in knowing more?



**Please call Kerry at Volunteer Centre**

**Tamworth on 01827 736090.** *Please note: due to the nature of this opportunity volunteers will be asked to provide references and agree to a Criminal Records Bureau check.*

## CONTACT US:

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