

Hello Time bank members. Welcome to the November Newsletter. Coming up this month we have our Annual Christmas/Eid Party Event. Also look out for the new offers including an exiting computer building workshop and driving lessons being offered by a new member. Our recent successes include a fundraising event for Children in Need and a Somali Cultural event by local six form members at Haverstock School in Kentish Town.

Member Profile

Dave Hoefling



Dave is a former Oasis centre Assistant Manager and life guard with extensive swimming coaching experience. He worked for Camden Council for 14 years. As a Time Bank member he organises bespoke swimming tuition by appointment. Dave specializes in teach non-swimmers although he would be happy to help those who are in need of a swimming refresher.

Anastasia Alura

Anastasia has been a Time Bank member for a year and a half. She previously worked in Business Catering and so can help with Bookkeeping/Accounts. She is now a qualified teacher specialising in Special Educational Needs. As well as practicing massage as a Time bank member she offers home tuition, personal fitness training and teaches sign language.

Anastasia currently walks her dog on Hampstead Heath and in Regents Park. She is keen to hear from other dog owners and has offered to walk member dogs with her own.



News in brief

Did you know that one of the benefits of being an active Origin Time Bank member means you are eligible to apply for a Training Grant? It's worth up to 100 pounds and can be used for education or training of your choice. This can pay for all or part of your training. It's really simple. Once you have 10 time credits on your account, you just do your own research and find a suitable course or training initiative then fill out our Training Grant form to apply for the training grant. The course will be charged to you in time credits e.g. a ten hour course will cost 10 time credits.

Haverstock School take control for Enterprise Week

Time Bankers at Haverstock School were asked to develop and deliver a project of their choice to celebrate Enterprise Week. After much project planning they came up with two original projects; A Taste of Somalia and Recycled Fashion. 5 Somali Sixth Formers ran two food tasting and cultural education sessions during the week to promote the positive aspects of Somalia. Excited students chomped on a delicious Somali Curry and Halwa, a lovely sweet desert seasoned with cardamom whilst learning Somali numbers and dancing to Somali music. The Recycled Fashion project started with a Donation from ASOS Fashion Company and quickly morphed into a whole week of activities. Time Bankers raised over £200 for Children in Need selling the clothes to fashion conscious teachers and taught students to customise clothes using accessories, ribbons, and buttons. The Haverstock Fashion Week culminated in a fashion show raising further money for Children in Need.

Contact Clare with any new exciting project ideas



Events to come....

Swap shop

As a new and keen Time Bank member I would like to set up a swap shop. Our older members will remember the TV show where contestants and viewers swapped items they no longer needed for things they wanted. This idea fits in well with our environmentally aware ethos. The idea is to encourage members to donate items they no longer wish to keep, or no longer use. Like Time Banking a point will be received per item which can be used to claim something in return. Please only donate items in good condition. We already have a tent and sleeping bag up for grabs from Clare and hopefully soon many more items from you all. This could help us all empty our cupboards of clutter, recycle items and benefit our members. Please tell us what you think of this idea. We also need volunteers to help run Origin Swap Shop.

Trainee Surveyor Vacancy

Origin Housing are keen to recruit locally for a new Trainee Surveyor Position to commence in the near future. It will be based at our offices in St. Richards House on Eversholt Street. Some knowledge of the construction industry would be desirable. If you know any one who may be interested contact Clare ASAP.

Build your own computer

Would you like to learn how to build your very own computer? think of how much money you could save! A basic home PC built from scratch can cost as little as £200! Ashley Adkins from Open Pathways is offering free 1 hour computer building workshops to Time Bank members starting next week.

Time Bankers will learn what all of the major components of a computer are used for, how they fit together, followed by a practical whereby they will be able to have ago at assembling a PC from scratch and see it working at the end of the workshop. Time Bankers will receive a certificate once they have successfully completed the workshop.

Ashley will run this workshop on demand so contact Clare to take advantage of this unique opportunity



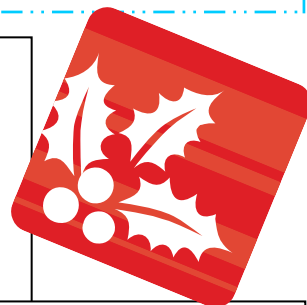
Steering Group Meetings

Future Meeting Dates:

November 2009 **16th at Basil Jellicoe Hall**
January 2010 **18th at Basil Jellicoe Hall**
March 2010 **15th at Basil Jellicoe hall**

Offers

- Spaces available on our Computer Building Workshop
- Driving Lessons
- Business Enterprise Support
- DIY training
- Training Grants
- Massage



Wants

- People to organise our Christmas Party
- Volunteers to help set up and run the Swap Shop
- Members to attend Steering Group Meetings
- Volunteer DIY/Decorator
- Yoga/Martial Arts Teachers

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