

# Timebanking UK

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## Hi Everyone



Firstly, thank you to everyone who has supported me in my new role with Timebanking UK – I hope to make a positive difference and am keen to hear your ideas and suggestions from across the country.

2014 has proved an exciting time for Timebanking UK with even more developments planned for later this year! If you would like to host a regional meeting of time banks this autumn please let us know. We are keen to hear your views and suggestions on making regional networks bigger and better (for those that exist already) and if you don't

know of a regional network but would like to be part of one, let us know! Partnership working is essential so we also want to link up with organisations and people who are helping grow the timebanking movement. We would like to offer advice, training, social opportunities and resources to you all as part of your membership package, so let us know what you are interested in. Email [info@timebanks.co.uk](mailto:info@timebanks.co.uk) with the heading 'regional network ideas' and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sarah Bird, CEO Timebanking UK

## A Message from Martin Simon

**'The Timebanking Magic...'** Several times, on most days, the Media, in one form or another, regurgitates the message that we now live in a fragmented and broken society. That people don't care anymore. Every hour that I spend involved with timebanking convinces me that this is simply not true. When I deliberately ignore this negative 'propoganda' and instead approach each new relationship at the time bank and in the community as a chance for a meaningful, fulfilling and productive exchange, (what enlightened psychologists call "a happening"), then I find that almost everyone I meet responds in an equally positive manner.



And this is true for all of us involved with Timebanking. Time Banks give people opportunities to feel good about themselves and their community and by doing so they generate a local 'buzz', an environment that gives us permission to change and to get excited by what we might achieve and enjoy together. Keats, the poet, once wrote, "Every person is in some way my superior." When we introduce this sentiment into our everyday lives we become automatically open to new possibilities and more aware of the uniqueness of those around us - and of that little bit of magic that each of us brings to our lives, in our street and in our village.

Martin Simon, Founding Advisor for Timebanking UK



### Welcome to Lex...

Alexis (Lex) Karlin is our latest new member of staff appointed in London to manage new timebanking developments in the London Borough of Barnet.

The project is funded by Barnet Council's Ageing Well/Coproduction Programme and they want Lex, with the support of Timebanking UK, to develop a number of new time banks and a network across the borough.

Lex is an experienced time bank Broker and project manager who will be working over the next 2 years to promote, implement and develop the network.



Hear the BBC Radio programme about timebanking with Alison Paule, Chair of TBUK. The BBC Radio 4 programme about timebanking in Japan with Sarah Bird and will be available soon.

[www.timebanking.org/news](http://www.timebanking.org/news)

## Associate Consultant/Trainers Event

Timebanking UK welcomed the 'real' experts in timebanking who want to join forces and share their knowledge and skills to help roll out timebanking across the country on behalf of Timebanking UK. The networking events were held in March and April 2014 in London and Manchester to update those that are interested in the latest developments and growth for Timebanking UK and it was a chance for TBUK to see the ability and talent that exists as part of the membership already.

Sarah Bird, CEO of Timebanking UK said "It was wonderful to see so many people who want to work with us by mentoring, advising and supporting timebanking development across the country. The enthusiasm, professionalism and ideas to scale up timebanking was incredible. We are looking forward to involving them in our future project opportunities."



If you are interested in being part of this team you will need to attend our next event and apply with statement via our website. Watch our website under 'opportunities' for dates and location of the next one. [www.timebanking.org/contact-us/vacancies/](http://www.timebanking.org/contact-us/vacancies/)

## Congratulations to the Latest Batch of Time Banks to Achieve the Quality Mark

Hourbank Peckham, London  
Paxton Green Time Bank, Lambeth, London  
St Ives Time Bank, Cambridgeshire

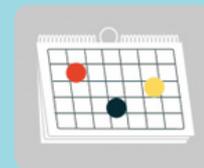


Our Trustees felt that these 3 applications were excellent examples of time banks with robust policies, using all models of timebanking, good management structures and evaluation procedures.

**Hourbank said:** "We are so glad to receive this quality mark from TBUK. Timebanking works on so many different levels that sometimes it is hard to know if you are hitting the right spot. It is great to have an endorsement by an outside body that understands all these levels and sees the quality in them."

**Paxton Green TB said:** "We are very proud and excited to have been awarded the Timebanking UK Quality Mark. It's a great recognition of our 5+ years of experience here at Paxton Green Time Bank, and an award we can share with the whole team of staff, trustees and of course our members. Having the award will help us prove our credentials when talking to funders, and adds a professional status to our organisation in the eyes of the wider community."

**St Ives TB said:** "St Ives Time Bank, only 5 months young, was delighted to be awarded the Timebanking UK Quality Mark. It cements everything the founder has been working towards and gives her the confidence that her values and goals, shared with St Ives Time Bank's members, are in line with those of Timebanking UK."



## 2 Day Broker Training

**Day 1:**  
**Wednesday 9th July**  
(11.00 – 4.00pm)

**Day 2:**  
**Thursday 10th July**  
(10.00 – 3.00pm)

The Brocklehurst Room  
The Heritage Centre  
Roe Street  
Macclesfield  
Cheshire East  
SK11 6UT

For more information, visit:  
[www.timebanking.org/what-we-do/training-programmes/](http://www.timebanking.org/what-we-do/training-programmes/)



## CAN THEY FIND YOU?

**We are updating our search links to our time bank members across the UK.**

As well as people and organisations being able to search for a time bank by location they can also search by 'theme' using the TAG words on the right hand side of our search page.

Please ensure we have your time bank descriptive words so that people can find you and contact you. For example if your time bank is a rural youth time bank then you need 'youth' and 'rural' as tag words.

Email [andreas@timebanking.org](mailto:andreas@timebanking.org) to find out more information or fill in the on-line form at the following link:  
[www.timebanks.co.uk/survey.html](http://www.timebanks.co.uk/survey.html)

We will update your information onto our website and send you an email to confirm.

## TOP 10 mistakes when DBS checking your members – DON'T FALL INTO THE TRAP

(check our website for a step by step guide)

1. A3 - Please ensure that any middle names are included on the application – An easy way to double check is, if they show you their driving licence – look at the driver number. For example: ABCDE123456GH9IJ. The 2 letters after the series of numbers will match their first and second initials (if applicable).
2. A5 - Applicant's details  
If the applicant has been known by another surname (usually a maiden name) section 5, 6 and 7 must be completed – **do repeat the applicant's forename in section 6** – DBS do not assume that the forename has stayed the same and will return it.
3. Make sure the dates follow the correct format eg. MMYYYY – ensure applicants have completed both the month and year fields.
4. A18/19 – Town and COUNTRY the applicant was born in – this is commonly mistaken for COUNTY.
5. A24 - If the applicant does not hold a current passport, **please omit questions 25 and 26 – forms are returned if the nationality field has been completed but no passport number.**
6. C38 – Address. Make sure that the TOWN is on line C39
7. W59 - Have you checked the true identity - **tick the box!**
8. X 61- Apply for a DBS Check  
**LINE 1** - Ensure this line contains the 'workforce' eg. Adult, Child, Adult and Child or Other Workforce  
**LINE 2** – Position applied for - DBS do not like 'Volunteer', although mentor, befriender, support worker are often used by time bank members.
9. X64/65/66 – DO NOT assume that you can check anyone against the barred lists – this is illegal, as is a person who is barred against working with adults/children applies for a post where a barred list check is required. There are specific roles that qualify an applicant to be eligible for such a check and it is the broker's responsibility to ensure they are checking against the correct criteria.
10. Y - Statement by Registered Person  
This is to be signed and dated by the countersignatories at Timebanking UK.  
**Please leave blank.**

## Welcome to new time banks The membership is growing.....



WELCOME to 10 new time banks that have joined Timebanking UK in the last 2 months! 1 in Yorkshire, 4 in London, 2 in Scotland, 1 in the South West, 1 in the East and 1 in the North West.

WELCOME also to 15 time banks that have started exploring and using the new software Time and Talents. hOurworld (the creators of the software) are thrilled to have UK time banks as part of the global timebanking network. If you want to change from TOL to TnT (we can transfer your data) email [ian@timebanks.co.uk](mailto:ian@timebanks.co.uk) to start the changeover.

See right column for information on webinar training and snapshot demos on our website.



## Online Training Dates for Those Now Set Up to Use Time and Talents

If you wish to start using Time and Talents, and have already registered your interest to do so with our head office, we have on-line group training set up until August 2014. This training is split into 4 sessions for you to choose and join in (all free as part of your membership package with TBUK)

We will also be setting up live demos in the regions from July 2014 for you to come along and explore more about TnT. Timebanking UK will help you get started and help you to tailor your software to the way you need it. We have a variety of on-line demos so you can continue to explore the software and its many capabilities. See: [www.timebanking.org/what-we-do/training-programmes/online-training-for-time-and-talents/](http://www.timebanking.org/what-we-do/training-programmes/online-training-for-time-and-talents/)

## WEBINAR DATES FOR TIME BANKS THAT HAVE DECIDED TO USE TIME AND TALENTS.

**Booking is essential** if you wish to attend. Email [ian@timebanks.co.uk](mailto:ian@timebanks.co.uk) (You can mix and match your dates)

### TnTWeb I: What Now

7 May – 2.00pm  
4 June – 4.00pm  
9 July – 2.00pm

### TnTWeb II: Basic Admin / Basic Member

21 May – 2.00pm  
18 June – 4.00pm  
23 July – 2.00pm

### TnTWeb III: Reports and a Refresher

4 June – 2.00pm  
9 July – 4.00pm  
6 August – 2.00pm

### TnTWeb IV: More Admin / Member

18 June – 2.00pm  
23 July – 4.00pm  
20 August – 2.00pm