

Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition



# Showcasing the sector



## What we're covering:

- **Quick quiz** – what do you know?
- **Examples** - demonstrating the work the sector is delivering
- **Challenges** facing the sector locally
- What **T3SC** are doing about them



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**Quick  
Quiz**

# Quick Quiz

**Are you:**

**A  
Commissioner  
Or Procurement  
Officer**

**A Voluntary or  
Community  
Sector  
Organisation**



# Quick Quiz

**How many voluntary and  
Community sector  
organisations in Tameside?**

**Over  
800**



**500-600**

## Quick Quiz

**In Tameside, how many VCS organisations deliver public service contracts over £60,000?**

**15-20**



**20-30**

# Quick Quiz

**In Tameside, what is the value of those contracts p.a. ?**

Approx **£1**  
**million**

Approx **£1.5**  
**million** ✓

**T3SC**

## Quick Quiz

In Tameside, what is the proportion of the Supporting People funding that is delivered by the VCS ?

33%



42%



Examples of  
what the  
sector can do

## WISH – Women in Supported Housing

- Established over 10 years
- 11 housing units & 4 “move on” flats
- “Supporting People” funded
- Variety of Service Users
  - Young women leaving care; women with Learning Disabilities; women recovering from substance misuse



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# Miles of Smiles





## Miles of Smiles

- **Volunteer Centre Tameside** run for 2 years
- **Volunteer-run car scheme**
  - For passengers unable to use public transport
- **450 passengers, 25 volunteer drivers, 1718 passenger journeys last year**
- **£42k funding** from POPPS and PCT



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# Tameside Mind



For better  
mental health



## Tameside Mind – Topaz Cafe

- **Mind established for 30 years in Tameside**
- **Well being centre / Café opened last month**
  - Drop in, healthy food, group activities
  - 1-2-1 counselling service
- **Turnover £170k**
  - Grant from TMBC / PCT joint service



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Water  
Adventure Centre

## **Water Adventure Centre**

- **Over 30 years old**
- **Turnover £200k**
  - Grants from TMBC, Manchester CC, Connexions
- **Canoeing and Youth work activity**
  - Working with NEET group
  - Outcomes improved confidence, self esteem etc

## **What do all 4 have in common?**

- **Added value**
  - Holistic approach
  - Local focus
- **Contribute to quality of life in Tameside**
- **Innovative, flexible, creative**

## Challenges

- **Locally sector is mainly small organisations (<£500k)**
- **Resources needed to tender**
  - Doesn't favour small, local organisations
- **Procurement doesn't all have to be about contracting agenda**
  - *“The Grant Making Tango”,  
Julia Unwin*

# Final thoughts

- *“with an annual expenditure of over £150 billion, public procurement has an important part to play in furthering the Government’s agenda for tackling social issues”*

Buy and Make a Difference: How to Address  
Social Issues in Public Procurement,  
Office of Government Commerce

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**Cake from  
Mind's Topaz Cafe**



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**Bottled water from  
Water Adventure Centre**



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**Question time**

