

# "Time for Surrey"

## A mutual support timebanking network across the county

### What is it all about?

Timebanking is about people helping each other to build a stronger community. Timebanking UK are working in partnership with Surrey County Council. We will be working with partners and communities to plan, design and implement a network of local time banks across Surrey to mobilise young people, older people, businesses and communities to give and receive support within their community. This sharing of community resources will be facilitated through a currency of time credits. Timebanking can help to remove young people's barriers to participation, connect people within their community, improve wellbeing for all, and enable more older people to live independently at home in their community for longer.

Timebanking values everyone as individuals with something to contribute. Together we firmly believe that the assets we all have are all we need to create a mutual social and support network using time as a currency. People will be able to make their own decisions, becoming givers as well as receivers of support. Building relationships and working in partnership is key to the success of this time bank network.

Surrey time bank network will involve younger and older people at its heart but also maintain an open policy for all members of the community to join. Diversity is essential to ensure a wide range of offers and requests, using all 3 models of timebanking. Each time bank will ensure that all people swap and share skills, experience and knowledge, and that each and every person gains a positive and enjoyable experience which will enable the network to grow organically over time.



### What is timebanking?

- One hour = 1 time credit
- Everyone's time is equal.
- Everyone has assets and can make a contribution to their community or help someone.
- Giving and receiving skills, experience and interests.
- Person to person. Person with organisation. Organisations with other organisations.



## We are looking for partners and stakeholders

### Would you like to host a time bank? Or be part of your local working group?

**WORKING GROUP** - If you want to work in collaboration to create a time bank in your area where time is the currency, tell us you are interested and we will invite you to meet with us.

**HOSTING** - If you have some desk space and good access for local people, we want to hear from you.

We will be working in partnership with local groups, organisations and businesses to create a mutual support network which offers a variety of ways in which time bank members can earn and spend time.



### What's the offer from us to you?

- ✓ We will equip stakeholders and partners with the skills and knowledge to set up and plan each time bank.
- ✓ Timebanking UK (TBUK) will provide essential resources such as policies, procedures, start up documents and timebanking software.
- ✓ Each time bank base will have the opportunity to receive a small grant from Surrey County Council of between £200-500 to increase capacity, provide petty cash and any additional stationery items or local costs such as mobile phone or internet access.
- ✓ There will be regular workshops and training for those who want to share the role of co-ordinator for each time bank.
- ✓ Your time bank will be part of the regional network and the national timebanking network where you will receive newsletters and invites to national events via Timebanking UK.

### What we expect from you....

- ✓ Firm commitment to implement and develop the time bank that you will host in line with policy and best practice
- ✓ Regular progress reports to tell us how things are going
- ✓ Attendance at network meetings which we will organise
- ✓ To engage and involve your members and local people in the time bank

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