

This update keep you informed of upcoming engagement activity, including PEN events and consultations, across Tameside which may be of interest to you.

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## Events

### Partnership Engagement Network Event

Date: Wednesday 21st February, 6:00pm-8:00pm

We are pleased to inform you that the next **Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) Conference** will be held on **Wednesday 21st February 2024, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**.

This will be a hybrid event, giving you the choice of either attending in person at the **George Hatton Hall in Dukinfield Town Hall**, or online through **Microsoft Teams**.

During the Conference you will have the opportunity to hear about and give your views on the following projects being launched.

**Healthy Places:** Tameside's Public Health service is interested in your views on how we can work together to make Tameside a healthier place to live. Topics of discussion will include food and nutrition, physical activity, healthy weight and smoking.

**Enforcement Policy:** The Council is developing a new overarching Enforcement Strategy which will set out the general principles of how we enforce a variety of our regulatory powers, including; Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Housing, Planning, Building Control, Parking, Waste and Litter and many others. We're keen to hear your views on our proposed approaches to these essential functions.

We look forward to seeing you in February. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at [pen@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:pen@tameside.gov.uk).

## Registration

Register for your tickets on our Eventbrite page [here](#).

### Healthwatch Tameside Outreach Events

Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Healthwatch Tameside's staff and volunteers are out in the community on a regular basis to gather your feedback on local services and talk to you about the help they can offer – come and say hi at one of the following events:

#### **Tameside General Hospital, Hartshead Entrance**

- every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month
- 1pm-3pm
- Feb 2024 dates: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Stalybridge Library**

- every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- 2pm-4pm
- Feb 2024 dates: 21<sup>st</sup> February

### Diversity Matters North West Community Learning Hub, Hattersley

Date: Every Tuesday, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

DMNW have launched a free group session, which offers support to women who want to

improve their digital skills. They can support you with using a laptop, getting support from their learning mentors, searching for jobs, filling in application forms, creating a CV, writing a cover letter, WhatsApp, zoom and much more! The sessions take place every Tuesday, from 1-3pm at the Hattersley Hub, Stockport Road, SK14 6AF. If you would like to join please contact Hasina on: 07591572844 or email [Hasina@diversitymattersnw.org.uk](mailto:Hasina@diversitymattersnw.org.uk) or Samantha Powers on [Samantha.Powers@onward.co.uk](mailto:Samantha.Powers@onward.co.uk)

### **Willow Wood Hospice: Dementia Carers' Support Group**

Willow Wood recognise that as a carer of someone who is living with dementia, there are particular stresses and worries to face. With this in mind, they run a small therapy group for people in similar circumstances, caring for someone living with dementia. Hosted by the Family Support and Bereavement and Dementia Teams at Willow Wood Hospice, the Dementia Carers Support Group meets once a week for eight weeks and the two-hour-long sessions are aimed at partners of people living with dementia. They host three new Dementia Carers Support Groups each year, with a maximum of eight people in each group. Their Dementia Carers Support Group is unique in that while you attend the group, they provide activities and support for your loved one in the safe environment of Willow Wood Hospice. If you would like more information or you are interested in attending, please contact the team for an informal and confidential chat, or send the team an email.

Main switchboard: 0161 330 1100

Email: [familysupport@willowwood.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@willowwood.org.uk)

### **Parent Carers Seminar**

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm-8:00pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for Parent Carers to find out about what they need to think about when it comes to protecting their family. It will be a whistle stop tour of Wills, Lasting Power of Attorney, Trusts, and Court of Protection. Covering options on protecting your assets, guardians, executors, trustees, funding care and much more. At the end of the session, you will be clear about where you might want to go next. The online seminar takes place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 between 7pm – 8pm. Register interest by emailing [carerscentre@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:carerscentre@tameside.gov.uk) or calling 0161 342 3344.

### **African Heritage and Arts Centre – Now Open!**

[West African Development](#) (WAD) is proud to announce the Official Public Opening of Tameside's First African Heritage and Arts Centre in Ashton-Under-Lyne. To support cultural integration and social cohesion, WAD has been developing a plan to create an African Heritage and Art Centre over the past five years to educate and ensure African culture and heritage is celebrated for all and future generations. The Centre is located at 336 Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 9AU and is open from 10.30am - 5pm Monday to Saturday and visits can be booked [here](#).

### **Tameside Pride**

Date: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Save this date for your diary. Further information will be communicated in due course.

### **University of York: Caring for the Grey in LGBTQ**

Date: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1:00pm-2:15pm

An online panel discussion webinar looking at the challenges and opportunities for supporting older LGBTQ+ people inclusively. [To register, please click here.](#)

## Local Consultations/Surveys

### Droylsden Town Centre Masterplan – Have Your Say

Residents, businesses and staff are being asked to share their ideas for a more vibrant town centre for Droylsden. Using £100,000 grant funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Evergreen Funding, we have launched an initial fact-finding survey to draw feedback and views from the local community and stakeholders to help shape the short and long-term future. The creation of the masterplan for Droylsden would be the first step and then the council would need to seek further funding and support for any outlined plans. A consultant team led by OPEN (Optimised Environments) are working closely with us to shape the vision and plan, and are keen to find out what people really think of and want to see in the town. You can take part in the survey online at <https://www.droylsdentowncentre.co.uk/>

### Healthy Places Consultation

Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Tameside Council would like to ask the residents of Tameside about their neighbourhoods and town centres. The survey asks questions on food and nutrition, physical activity, healthy weight and smoking. We are interested in your views in order to explore how we can make Tameside's neighbourhoods a healthier place to live. [To complete the survey, please click here.](#)

### Tameside Council Adult Social Care Charging Consultation

Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Tameside Council is seeking your views on several proposed changes to the way it charges for Adult Social Care Services. The aim is to review the charges for Adult Social Care Services, to align the charges to people against the actual cost to the Council for the support provided. The care and support could be via fees to an external organisation, or the actual cost of internal provision. Over the years, the Council has looked to protect people from rising costs and the charging rates have only ever risen by inflation (which have, in fact, fallen behind the cost the Council pays to providers). The proposed changes to Adult Social Care charges aim to ensure quality services can be provided to the people who draw on care and support in Tameside in a financially sustainable way for all. [For more information and to complete the survey, please click here.](#)

### Home to School Transport Consultation

Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Tameside Council want to hear your views about the proposal to make changes to the post 16 home to school or college transport policy. We are not proposing any changes to eligibility criteria for home to school or college transport. The changes are to the support

you might receive. This will affect students aged 16 – 19 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in school or college. [To view the policy and complete the survey, please click here.](#)

## Regional Consultations/Surveys

### Greater Manchester Combined Authority: Hate Crime Plan Refresh 2024

Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

GMCA are refreshing the Hate Crime Plan. If you have been a victim or witness of hate, they want to hear about your experiences, whether you reported it or not. Sharing your experiences and suggestions will help to get a better understanding of what is working and what can be improved.

[For more information and to complete the survey, please click here.](#)

### Manchester Pride: “I Choose Kindness”, Hate Crimes Against LGBTQ+ Communities

Date: From 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Hate crime in Greater Manchester and across the country is on the rise. In the period from June 2022 to May 2023 **1804 people across Greater Manchester were subjected to hate crime because of their sexual orientation**, up 69% in the last 3 years. In addition to this, **311 people across Greater Manchester were subjected to hate crime because of their gender identity**, a 115% increase from the same period 3 years ago. We're asking Greater Manchester to choose kindness, for us to connect and show each other compassion so we all feel safe to be our true selves. Through the 'I Choose Kindness' campaign, Manchester Pride will be raising awareness of the abuse, violence and intimidation faced by LGBTQ+ people, just because they're gay, lesbian, bi, trans, non-binary, queer, intersex or asexual. You can learn more about how to identify hate crimes and find out exactly how and where to report the using our [Hate Crime Reporting Pack](#). You can also use our [diary sheets](#) to record the details of any hate incidents you experience so that when reporting you have all the information you need written down. As part of the campaign, we'd like to hear from our communities about any incidents of hate you've experienced. [For more information on the campaign and for information on receiving support for hate incidents, please click here.](#)

### Greater Manchester Combined Authority: Good Landlord Charter

Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The Good Landlord Charter is intended to be the first of its kind: an ambitious new voluntary standard for landlord excellence, no matter what kind of housing they let. It would support landlords to improve practice regardless of whether they are in the private or social rented sector, mainstream or specialist housing. To become a member a landlord would need to show that they are currently meeting the legal minimum standards of renting, and with support, commit to higher standards than they are currently required to by the law. GMCA want to understand from the people that are impacted by rented accommodation (both tenants and landlords) what their priorities are for a safe and decent home. [For more information and to complete the survey, please click here.](#)

### Healthwatch: Pathway to CAMHS

Healthwatch in Greater Manchester are interested in hearing from parents and carers who have supported children and young people to access (or trying to access) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). There are long waiting times for young people to be seen and we want to investigate how this is affecting them. Healthwatch in Greater Manchester have launched a survey aimed to gather personal experiences of young people, as well as a separate survey open to parents and carers for them to share their experience of supporting their children.

To complete the young people's survey click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/5AOYF6/>

To complete the parents/carer's survey click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/04XCJG/>

## National Consultations/Surveys

### Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities: Consultation on reforms to social housing allocations

Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This consultation seeks views from local housing authorities, social housing landlords, tenants and applicants on proposals to amend social housing allocation rules.

### Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities: Awaab's Law

Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

A consultation on new requirements under 'Awaab's Law', including timescales for repairs in the social rented sector.

### Bradford University: DYNAMIC Study on Young Onset Dementia

The DYNAMIC study is a research project about social care support for people with young onset dementia and their families. They want to learn about the support available, and what could be improved, from people with lived experience. You can participate by chatting with a researcher about your views on social care online or in person. For more information, please visit: [DYNAMIC - Research - University of Bradford](#)