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TCAF Report to Area Board 16th January 2014

Steering Group update:

Collaborative Schools Ltd (CSL), working alongside the Local Authority Schools and Learning branch and the Town Council, are in the processes of applying to the Department for Education to establish a Free School for Alternative Provision in September 2015. The school will fill an identified educational need gap in need in our town and will raise educational standards and opportunities for children and young people.

The new school will provide bespoke and personalised learning, to meet the needs of pupils between the ages of 5 and 16 years, who have been identified as 'vulnerable' to underachievement and low aspiration due to a variety of influences. The school will provide a school environment which allows its learners to develop their social and emotional literacy skills, allowing progress academically. The school will house approximately 60 pupils on both a full time and part time dual role basis. CSL believes in maximising the life chances of every child and learner and we hope you will support this exciting project as it develops. We will know if we are successful in our application by the spring of 2014.

TCAF hosted a Food Hygiene course on December 4th at Bridge House, Trowbridge. This was open to any volunteer community members and all delegates passed the course.

There will be a meeting for Discover Safer Trowbridge on Monday 20th January 10am-12pm at the Civic Centre when we will be discussing the Purple Flag Agenda. This is an open meeting so please do come along if you can.

We are working with Collaborative Schools to recruit interpreters who will be trained by EMAS to work in the schools and wider community to support Polish families where there are language barriers. We are also working with Citizen's Advice Bureau to update a directory of services for the local Polish community.

Trowbridge Arts continues to run professional events throughout the winter. For further details please visit the website www.trowbridgearts.com

TCAF are working in partnership with Action for Market Towns (AMT) to assess the town centre including information collated on footfall, car-parking, vacant premises, types of stores in the town centre, user confidence surveys and business confidence surveys. Results will be made available in the Spring-time.

If you would like to join any of the theme groups please contact Kate or Tracy on tcaf@trowbridge.gov.uk

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