



WOW MUMS

Women of Wandsworth

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W.O.W Parent Forum
every Monday
1-3pm
in KLS

W.O.W Work Club
every Friday
11am—1pm
in Pennethorne House

W.O.W Enterprise Club every second Friday 11am—1pm
in Pennethorne House

W.O.W Inter-Generational Coffee Morning
Every First Wednesday from 11am
in Haven Lodge

NEXT MONTH:

WoW Karate
20th Sept.

WoW Glee
23rd Sept.

WoW Art Class

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WoW Mums and The Challenge

Ten girls and boys aged 16-17y from The Challenge, National Youth Network, have chosen WoW Mums unique inter-generational project to help at WoW Mums Inter-generational event in Haven Lodge this month. They have asked a lot of questions and have learned how to get involved in supporting the inter-generational work and how to fundraise for this noble project. George, 80y, said that the Haven Lodge residents thoroughly enjoyed

having the youth around and would like them to visit the residents more often.
Next WoW Inter-Generational Coffee

Morning is on 23rd Sept. from 11 am in Haven Lodge. All welcome.

WoW Mums&Kids, Residents and The Challenge



WoW in Polka Theatre

WoW Mums have been awarded 15 free tickets to see Moomins puppet show in Polka Theatre to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Scandinavian Author Tove Jansson, Moomins book and TV show creator. This celebration has been organised for all children, but specially designed for the children with learning impairments to enjoy the day with their families and friends. WoW Mums would like to thank Daytrippers for the free tickets.

Right: WoW Mums Mona and Mae with their children at the Theatre



GWPO Big Lunch

WoW Mums helped at the GWPO organised Big Lunch in York Gardens Library this month. WoW Mum Sandra Munoz Alvarez face painted the children and WoW Dad Romir helped with fake tattoos.

It was a very good event with emphasis on neighbourhood care, where everyone donated their time and food for the benefit of all of our residents and the children. We are looking forward to the next such event.



WoW Dad Romir and Rim

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Enterprise Club

Wandsworth Lifelong Learning project continues to support WoW Mums Enterprise club by funding our short courses to enhance employability of Mothers and other residents.

This month WoW Mums have organised a short course 'Introduction to Creating a Newsletter', delivered in Battersea Business Centre.

Despite summer holidays, we had a high demand for this course.

One day introduction was not enough to learn all about composing a good newsletter, so we are planning to organise a full 10 weeks course soon.

Next WoW Enterprise Club workshop is on 19th September in 200 Pennethorne House from 11am—1pm. All welcome.

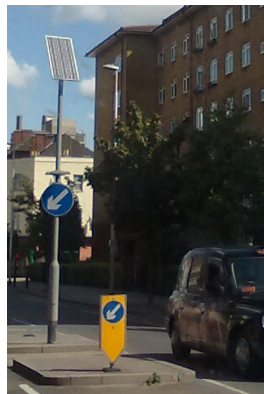
Solar Panels

WoW Mum Senia Dedic has been chosen this spring by Mayor of Wandsworth as a Community Champion - a resident who has been committed and involved over a considerable period of time in her community to improve the life of all her neighbors. Senia has been awarded a small sum of money by Wandsworth Housing Department to support her initiatives in the community and also to take on a special projects on behalf of her estate, area or block. Senia has chosen to invest the funds in solar power, with aim to form a community solar power plant, where people without an adequate roof for solar panels can buy a solar panel optimally positioned elsewhere in the community and have free

energy in their homes. This initiative is already in use as shown in this video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EkHpfOOhlg>

As this is a very large and costly enterprise, Senia involved all local Residents Associations in this project to support this clean energy production.

It is very encouraging that Wandsworth Council is already investing in solar power and have placed solar panels on the Town Hall roof. We hope they will continue with the good work.



Solar panels on Wandsworth Road, powering the street lights and signs

Ice Bucket

WoW Mums are very proud of our WoW Kids who took part in the Ice Bucket challenge, but we are even more proud that they raised money for ALS research by doing this. We are disappointed in the news that only 28% of the raised money is actually going for the research, as the rest is used for the administration and marketing. One of our WoW Mums suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, which is related to ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, which debilitates the whole body slowly over time. We are very happy to support her in her endeavours to organise a fundraising event to help her chosen charity MS Trust and give 100% of the raised money to them. Watch this space!