



WOW MUMS

Women of Wandsworth

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W.O.W Parent Forum every Thursday (term time) 5pm -6 pm in Caius House and on every Saturday (term time) from 10 am—12pm in KLS

W.O.W Enterprise and Work Club every last Friday from 11am—1pm in Pennethorne House

W.O.W Inter-Generational Coffee Morning Twice a month in Haven Lodge

NEXT MONTH:

Art Exhibition

Halloween Party

Enterprise Club

WoW Karate

WoW Drama

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Disabled Children's Services

Contact a Family is calling on families across the UK to write to their local MP about what they want them to do for disabled children over the next five years in Parliament.

Why is it important to do this now?

Disabled children's services are under intense pressure. Services such as short breaks and transport schemes could be cut if the people making decisions about the budget don't understand how important these services are to families. Later this year, the government will decide how much money each government department has to spend. This is called the "Spending Review". The government has already said it wants to make cuts of £19 billion to local government budgets. Contact a Family are deeply concerned about the impact this will have on vital services for families with disabled children.

If cuts are made to services like short breaks, we know from speaking to families that this will

increase their isolation and push some to breaking point.

Evidence shows that investing in services like short breaks can actually save local authorities money in the long run.

That's why Contact a Family wants the government to continue funding disabled children's services through the Spending Review in November 2015.

How do I write to my local MP?

We have set up a template letter for you to send to your MP. You can add your own comments to the letter

about what you want your MP to do for disabled children over the next 5 years in Parliament.

Adding your own comments will have more of an impact when your MP reads the letter.

Article by Contact a Family, organisation for families with disabled children CaF free helpline number 0808 808 3555

Photo:

Nigel Huddleston MP, Ruby Edwards and Senia Dedic, CaF Ambassador in House of Lords



WoW Karate



Adam, Eduardo, Alicia, Jasmine, Tansif and Wasif

WoW Karate classes are the most affordable self defense classes in Battersea. WoW Mums work hard throughout the year to raise the funds from Thomas's Schools Foundation for the running costs of the class so that our parents can afford it. We charge only £1 per class per child. Our aim is not the profit, but to provide the affordable self-defense class for all chil-

dren in transition years from primary to secondary school to prevent bullying. WoW Mums have also funded our Karate Master to achieve a YMCA Fitness Instructor's diploma through WoW Mums Enterprise project, with aim to help local people get self-employed. By hiring our Karate Master, we employed a local person and set up his Karate business.

Arch Award

WoW Mum Senia Dedic has been awarded a highly prestigious national Arch Award for encouragement and support of tenant empowerment in Wandsworth. Arch award is given in recognition of inspirational people with approaches that others can learn from. This award highlights the

work that Councils do to support tenant empowerment to develop their communities and neighborhoods. It recognizes the tenants who are involved in both, the management of their housing and their communities. Senia has been working alongside the Wands-

worth Council for the last 10 years. She took an active role in setting up the Falcon Estate Residents Association and has since been an active member of that committee. Each year Senia has organised 'Big Lunch' in collaboration with the Eden Project, which brought together the local community to improve the relationship and encourage the neighborhood spirit. Senia has been working closely with the two local primary schools together with her Residents Association to set up a community garden for the local children. Senia formed a local community organisation WoW Mums to help support local families with children and find solutions to their problems in employment, education, pollution, health and disabilities. Senia was also one of the founders of Spacemax, to assist people utilize their properties in better way as to maximize the space they live in.



WoW Inter-generational Music Concert



WoW Kids Adam, Eduardo and Alicia with Residents in Haven Lodge Janet, Joyce, Carole, Bubbles and Joan

WoW Mums have organised an inter-generational musical concert with the members of The Challenge, national youth organisation in Haven Lodge, sheltered housing

accommodation in Battersea. Youth and WoW Kids sang, played the etudes on the piano and the guitar, as well as helped to serve the lunch, which WoW Mums

cooked for everybody. We would like to thank Big Local SW11 for the funding and The Challenge for fundraising for WoW Mums.

First Self-sustainable island on Earth



Scotland's Eigg Island has a pristine landscape, a broad array of sustainable strategies and gets almost all of its energy from renewable sources. Along with its witty accent, the Scots offer an example of how to live well, without fossil fuels and rampant ecological and environmental degradation.

Solar panels, wind turbines and hydroelectric schemes sprinkled across the island meet the energy requirements of almost all of its residents. The unique electric grid has been designed to generate more than 95% of Eigg's annual energy demand and is backed up by a battery storage system and two diesel generators. A total of 45 households, 20 businesses and six community buildings on the island are linked together by six miles of buried cable that forms a high voltage network.

The island also enjoys a wonderful geographic location. It has abundant sun, and wind, what some would call 'harsh' weather conditions, but a phenomenon the islanders use to their benefit. They even have free heating in public spaces, like churches and their community center. What's even more shocking – the island is owned by its residents! In 1997 Eigg Islanders bought the farms – quite literally. Anyone who lives on the island for more than six months becomes a member of the resident committee that decides how things are run in their town. John Hutchinson, chairman of the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust said: 'The Eigg Electric team has done an excellent job on behalf of the residents of Eigg community.'

Article from BBC News and from magazine Environment

W.O.W Halloween Party in Kambala



Saturday, 31st October 2015
5pm – 7pm in Kambala Club Room
with W.O.W Mums and Kambala RA
Trick or Treating in Battersea