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Women of Wandsworth

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W.O.W Parent Forum every Saturday term time from 10 am—12pm in KLS

W.O.W Enterprise and Work Club every third Friday from 10am—12 in Revolution

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

WoW Karate Every Saturday term time in KLS 10am—12

NEXT MONTH:

WoW Karate

WoW Dance

WoW Art

WoW Parent Forum

WoW mentoring NCS Youth

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WoW Eid Celebration



WoW intergenerational celebration of Eid in Haven Lodge this month was a banquet of culinary specialties masterfully cooked by WoW Mum Syeda Islam. Our elderly guests from Haven Lodge and John

Kirk House were happy to talk to the deputy Mayor of Wandsworth about their day. This lovely event with three generations is a perfect example of benefits of inclusion of elderly in every day life and removing the barriers that prevent older people to stay involved in the society. Dignity of older people in their wider communities is key to achieving cultural change.

WoW Mums at Business Awards

We are very happy to announce that three enterprises run by three WoW Mums were nominated for the Wandsworth Business Award, given by Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce to best businesses in Wandsworth. Aspire2Inspire Dyslexia CIC, run by WoW Mum

Elizabeth KwartengAmaning has been nominated for the best social
enterprise, Keepsake
Videos, run by WoW
Mum Sandra Munoz—
Alvarez has been nominated for the two consecutive years for the best
Media Business and URBIS
Business Consultancy, run
by WoW Mum Senia

Dedic for the best innovator of the year. Three years ago Eat Play Love restaurant, run by WoW Mum Jeanette Wickham has been shortlisted for the best eatery award. WoW Mums Enterprise club is on every third Friday in Revolution from 10am. All welcome.

WoW 10th Anniversary

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, Marsha de Cordova MP and local Councilors are joining WoW Mums at the City Hall to celebrate our very independent organisation made of vocal and active citizens solving our own problems in our community. WoW joined London Citizens in 2009 to present the Wandsworth Council's Housing Director with our suggestions and practical ideas, such as partition walls, fold down desks to reduce over-crowding in homes of the families in temporary accommodation, which led to forming Spacemax organisation. In 2011 WoW Mums took an active part in



saving the York Gardens Library from closure and were the only group to democratically consult the local residents on this matter and produce the DVD as evidence. In 2012 we were one of the leaders of the campaign to stop charging children for the use of Battersea Park's Adventure playground. In 2013 our MP raised our question in House of Commons about

childcare problems and in 2014 we started our ecological campaign to have clean air in London. Our solutions to loneliness of elderly and employment of single mothers are still a strong ongoing WoW projects. loin this biggest celebration of active citizenship on 7th November in City Hall's Map Room from 6pm.

WoW Balconies

WoW Mums are very pleased that we joined LSx—London Sustainable Exchange project Wandsworth Pollinator Path and started growing herbs and vegetables on our balconies to help make the path for the pollinating insects. We are grateful for the

free plants and help with gardening from Bramford Community Garden gardeners Olli Smallwood and his team.

It is lovely to see the children, who do not have gardens, watering the plants and learning about them on their balconies.



Bicycle Battery Chargers

WoW Mums have joined London Mayor's environmental campaign and took part in his open consultation on greener TfL—
Transport for London.
In addition to our request for electric buses in Battersea on all 16 bus routes through Clapham Junction, WoW Mums proposed to add kinetic battery chargers to all

public Santander bicycles for charging mobile telephones, laptops and GPS systems, while you ride, using your own energy. Cycle wheel harness turns a bike into a generator via kinetic energy, suitable for device charging. This can easily and cheaply be added to all Santander bicycles to save the environment, as people would

use less of the polluting energy to charge their phones and other electronic devices. Equally, all schools could have stationary bicycle electricity generators in their PE gyms to charge all their school laptops during their PE class. We would also like to see electric car chargers in every street lamp, as it has been successfully done in Westminster borough.

WoW Mums with Barnardos

Barnardos, charity for protection of children, chose WoW democratic parent forum for a 4 week training on elimination of Child Slavery, Children Trafficking, Child Rape, Grooming and other despicable atrocities. WoW Mums were shocked to find out that almost 80% of these crimes are done by the person a child knows and only 20% by a stranger. Even previously regarded as safe afterschool activities have proven to be detrimental to young children, as some of their football coaches were abusing them.

That is why it is important to train parents to inform their children about recognising

these signs and how to protect themselves from being forced to take part in any of it.

Barnardo's speaker Serena Lobban explained that this Charity has changed Government's terminology of these crimes and started using the proper language for the victims and the criminals as abused children and child abusers.

This problem is even worse for children with disabilities and vulnerable adults, as they are an easy target for the child abusers, because of their naiveté.

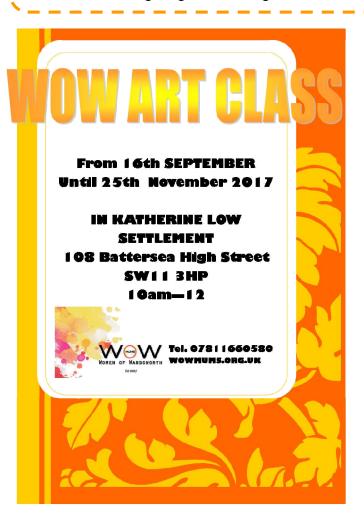
Parents are relieved that the teachers get the extensive training about these crimes

and are vigilant in spotting children behaving out of character. Next WoW workshop is on Saturday, 7th October 2017 from 10am—12 in KLS Cafe.



Photo: Serena Lobban on the left with WoW Mums





WoW Dance

WoW Intergenerational creativity experiment in movement, performance and visual art started in Royal Academy of Art skilfully choreographed by Jo Leahy, CEO of Bodmoves. This workshop organised by Move Exhibition will culminate in a showcase opening of WoW Mums 10th anniversary celebration in City Hall on 7th November. All three generations from our community are invited to this spectacular party.

