

# 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

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Inter-Generational Coffee Morning Twice a month in Haven Lodge

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

#### NEXT MONTH:

Pantomime

WoW Christmas Party

**NCS** Party

**Business Awards** 

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# **Civic Award**



Worshipful, the Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Leslie McDonnell and Senia Dedic

WoW Mum Senia Dedic has been awarded a prestigious Wandsworth Civic Award, awarded by the Mayor of Wandsworth in Wandsworth Town Hall to recognise residents who have selflessly volunteered their time for the benefit of local charities and the wider Wandsworth community.

Award recipients had been nominated by local residents, businesses, voluntary and community organisations or councillors.

I'd like to thanks all the Civic Award recipients and nominees for the work they do – our borough is a better place because of these unsung heroes ." said the Mayor.

# WoW Mentoring NCS Youth

Another successful mentoring session with the youth from National Citizens Service (NCS) has been delivered in Haven Lodge by Women of Wandsworth and a group of young people from all local colleges and secondary schools. WoW Mums have been invited to the NCS Thank You event in South Thames College on 9th December, where they

will thank their partners and will unveil their new NCS exciting summer curriculum. WoW Mums will have our stall at this event with all our success intergenerational stories of the previous mentoring sessions we delivered with The Challenge NCS program over the last 5 years. All welcome. <text><text><text><text><text>

### WoW Karate Championship



otherwise had a chance to learn this valuable self defence skill and organised a safe environment for children to compete with other Karate schools to implement what they have learnt.

We are grateful for continual funding from our partners Thomas' Schools Foundation.

WoW Dad Andrew Beech, Karate Master black belt, second dan, received a thank you Certificate of achievement from WoW Mums' committee for delivering WoW Karate classes and championships for children for the last 5 years. Andrew structured WoW Karate classes for children, who would not



### Wandsworth Young Minds Matter



Representatives of local community organisations at the event

WoW Mums attended Wandsworth Young Minds Matter, a free interactive event on the importance of mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. We took part in group discussions on health, education, disabilities and family life, with aim to improve the lives of young people.

It transpired that more work needs to be done on improving and strengthening the family bond between children and their absent fathers, as Mothers are exhausted caring and playing the role of both parents. This plays a role in children's development, upbringing and their future choices in life. Women, as ultimate carers, are confronted with a choice between their careers and the family life for their children's better future.

#### WoW 10 Years Celebration



WoW Celebration of 10 years of serving our community was very festive and fun.

Our exhilarating intergenerational dance performance, led by Jo Leahy used up all the space in huge Map Room and WoW Karate Kids graced it with their Karate self defense Katas.

We would like to kindly thank Cllr Leonie Cooper, London Assembly Member for making it possible to celebrate in City Hall and for giving us the Certificates of appreciation for all our voluntary work in finding solutions to support our communuty.

Top photo : WoW Mums, WoW Kids and WoW Dads with London Assebly Member for Wandsworth and Merton Cllr Leonie Cooper in City Hall

Bottom photo: WoW Intergenerational Dance led by Jo Leahy, CEO of Bodmoves.

# **Brail Signs**

WoW Mum Senia Dedić has asked the Parliament Minister for Battersea and Lambeth Marsha de Cordova to raise an issue of blind people needing Braille signs at Clapham Junction Railway station. There are 18 platforms at this station, which is one of the largest in UK. Platforms are very well sign posted, but blind and partially blind people cannot determine which platform they are accessing.

Senia has suggested to mark the stairs handles at each platform with Braille signs and numbers, so they would know which platform they are accessing and destinations they can reach from there. Please support our campaign. Thank you.



W.O.W CHRISTMAS DISCO

> Saturday. 9th December 2017 6pm –8pm in KlS