

Family Learning

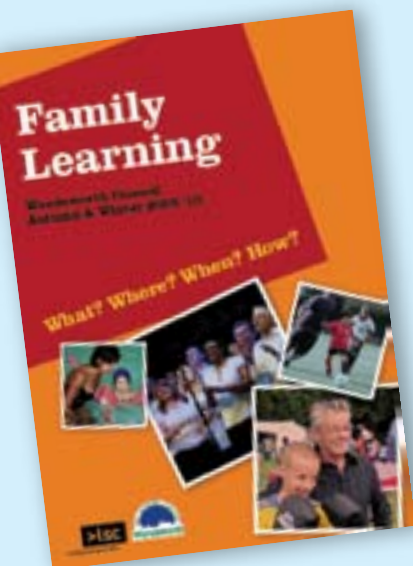


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Leading on opportunity

National Family Learning Festival 2009



From 17th to 31st October the Nation will be celebrating Family Learning in the annual festival.

There are a number of exciting workshops and courses taking place across Wandsworth including *Bring a book to life for under 5s*, *Family Football/Literacy* and *The Big Draw*.

This year for the first time grandparents are invited to build robots and dads are invited to build a rocket! If your child is just starting at school or nursery come along to our two part workshop on how to help them with reading.

Don't forget, there will be the usual cartoon workshops at the Southside Shopping Centre – see the cartoon inside from our cartoonist Tayo Fatunla and come and learn from him.

Free courses are available to mums, dads, carers and their children who live, work or study in Wandsworth. Some courses include a recognised qualification.

The new Family Learning programme has a new look for 2009/10 with a list of over 40 courses for October through to February 2010. If you would like to be sent your free copy or be added to our Family Learning mailing list please contact:

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The Autumn & Winter 2009 Family Learning Programme

Family Learning Impact Funding



Family Learning Impact Funding is a new funding stream for this year and next. Over the past year it has funded lots of new and innovative courses such as Literacy at Wandsworth Prison, ESOL and Early Years at Chesterton School and How to Manage your money at Yahweh Christian Fellowship. Karen Horsford, Community Development Officer, describes below the Boxing skills classes funded at Granard school:

"Fourteen families at Granard School participated in the non-contact boxing classes. It was a mixed group of parents of

different nationalities. After only four weeks most women were able to skip for 1 and a half minutes without stopping. In the first week of training most people were able to manage 5 sit-ups but slowly they were able to complete 3 sets of 30 sit-ups!

The main reason why parents enrolled onto the course was for the non-contact boxing, where they got the opportunity to wear gloves and hit boxing pads while learning new skills like stance work, jab, right cross, hooks, uppercuts and defence work.

Non-contact boxing helps build strength/stamina and controls aggression and releases stress constructively.

Some women from the course went along to the Roehampton festival and were able to practise their skills in a boxing ring. Holly's son who came along with his mum to the classes at Granard School won a medal on the day for good footwork and boxing techniques.

Non-contact boxing and fitness classes will be taking place during the Family Festival, so whether you are new to exercise or exercise all your life, please book a place on the course and have fun and challenge yourself."

For more details, please contact:

Karen Horsford
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Adult Learning Awards Evening, July 15th 2009

This year was the seventh Wandsworth Adult and Community Learning Awards Ceremony. Many of the learners brought with them their family and friends to enjoy the event and witness them being presented with their awards.

Wandsworth Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Cllr Mrs Kathy Tracey, attended the event and presented the learners with their certificates of achievement covering subjects such as Literacy, Numeracy, English as a second language, IT, Skills for Life and Personal Best.

Theatre 503 and the Wandsworth Professional Centre Gospel Choir provided this year's entertainment. Theatre 503 performed 3 inspirational pieces that they had written themselves (photo from performance on front cover) and the Gospel Choir sang two songs: *I'm going all the way* and *Oh Happy Day*. It was a great opportunity to showcase work from our providers.

Six learners and five tutors were nominated for Learner and Tutor of the Year awards. Abrehet Tekle won the Overall Learner of the Year and was described as completing the course with great determination. Mr John Fisher from igospel won the Tutor of the Year but he was unable to attend the event, so Madupe Olulode, a dedicated member of his choir, collected the award on his behalf and said a few very touching words in his honour.

Also this year, for the first time, we had the Outstanding Contribution to Lifelong Learning Award which was presented to Chris Albury for her tireless efforts at Wandsworth MENCAP.

Well Done to everyone who took part!



OurRoots

TAYO FATUNLA



DID YOU KNOW... THAT FREEDOM FIGHTER MASOPHA (1820-1899) THIRD SON OF THE FOUNDER OF SOTHO NATION (KING MOSHOESHOE) WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LESOTHO IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BECOMING AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN 1966?



DID YOU KNOW... THAT ON 17TH JULY 2006, HARRY ROSELMACK AT THE AGE OF 33, BECAME FRANCE'S FIRST BLACK PRESENTER OF A PRIME TIME MAINSTREAM NEWS PROGRAMME?

DID YOU KNOW... THAT THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE ICON OF RAP/ HIPHOP MUSIC, EVEN IN DEATH, IS TUPAC SHAKUR (1971-1996)?



DID YOU KNOW... THAT NICHELLE NICHOLS, AS LIEUTENANT UHURA OF THE STAR TREK TV SERIES, WAS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HAVE A MAJOR CONTINUING ROLE ON AMERICAN TELEVISION?



DID YOU KNOW... THAT SOPRANO SINGING AMERICAN ACTRESS, SHIRLEY VERRETT (1931-) FEATURED AT THE WORLD'S GREAT OPERA HOUSES INCLUDING THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE IN LONDON?



DID YOU KNOW... DURING SLAVERY, SLAVES USUALLY HAD THEIR LEGS, NECKS AND HANDS TIED TO HEAVY LOGS OF WOOD, CHAINS AND MUCH MORE? THEY WERE TRADED FOR AS LITTLE AS RUM, BRANDY, IRON BARS AND GLASS BEADS.



DID YOU KNOW... ENGLISH CRICKET STAR MONTY PANESAR, BORN MUDHSUDEN SINGH PANESAR (1982-) IS THE FIRST SIKH TO REPRESENT A NATION OTHER THAN INDIA IN TEST CRICKET?

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Illustration by Tayo Fatunla: Helping to celebrate 'Black History Month'

Quality Update: We Cannot Do It Without You!

It is at this time of year that Wandsworth Lifelong Learning (WLL) reflects on the last academic year and produces a self-assessment report (SAR).

An important tool to support self-assessment is data on learner numbers, retention and achievement and also feedback from learners. This is collated from the information on the enrolment, register, individual learning plan and student evaluation forms that our partners return at the end of each course. The information is returned to the Family Learning team and it is then entered onto our Management Information System (MIS). Once the information is on the MIS then we can draw down various reports. The types of reports include a breakdown of learners by age, gender, ethnicity and retention and success rates.

Looking at the data and other information provided by our partners enables WLL to make

judgements about the quality of our Family Learning provision and to highlight the areas of strength and also identify areas for improvement.

The outcome of the SAR process is a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) which identifies the work to be undertaken in the coming year to address areas for improvement and to ensure that the strengths remain so. Progress on areas in the QIP is monitored at points throughout the year at Family Learning meetings and the document is updated termly.

So, as you can see from this brief explanation of the self-assessment process, it is reliant on our partners providing information about the courses they run and this is why it is vital that the enrolment form, register, ILP and student evaluation information are returned to the Family Learning team promptly after the completion of each course.

www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/fl

Campaign for learning launches Family Learning Festival.

The Campaign for Learning runs the Family Learning Festival and the website is packed with information about events as well as resources and ideas.

Check it out!

Case Study: Teus Young

Teus Young is Senior Learning Mentor at Battersea Park School. He has been involved in Family Learning in Wandsworth for the last three years

My role as a learning mentor at Battersea Park School is to coordinate and supervise other learning mentors and to develop group work and one to one support for pupils. We have several groups like the crime group which works with the police locally. The kids involved in that made a DVD and pack called Every Choice Matters aimed to stop young people getting involved in crime. We also have a healthy eating group and a peer mentoring group.

I went to school in Battersea myself at what was then William Blake School in Surrey Lane. I didn't do well at school but then I got into youth work – just by chance and found that the kids listened to me. When I first started, there was this man

that used a stick to get the kids into meetings! I found I didn't need to do that! I always say to kids here they shouldn't waste their education like I did – they shouldn't throw it away. They should work hard.

I don't think school has changed that much since I was there. People complain about young people but young kids nowadays are more knowledgeable than what we ever were because of technology. My message to families today is support your young people – keep the family unit together even when parents are separated, make the kids a priority – parents need to support teachers and youth workers and not leave it all to them.

I am also a Family Learning Coordinator for the Football and literacy and numeracy classes on Saturdays which is a good example of getting families to work together in education. It has been running for over three years now. It is a partnership with Chelsea Football club who send two coaches. There is also a Family Learning Tutor and myself. My role is to recruit to the course and make sure everything runs smoothly. Over the three years about 150 people have attended at different times – all Wandsworth parents with their kids – some from BPS.

I think it has helped parents develop and we are looking to put them through literacy and numeracy qualifications. All the parents have made new friends

and they can talk to each other about their kids, about school etc. They've also learnt how to help their kids with homework and they have learnt a lot about football which they can share with their kids. I think the parents have seen how their kids' literacy and numeracy can improve by relating it to football. I have three or four 16 year olds in the group who are now ready to become coaches themselves.

Through my new organisation – Trust in Education, I am hoping to do family learning at the school as well. We want to run music and literacy classes and motorbike maintenance with parents and children working together – great!



Radio Roe: The station that rocked!

**Radio Roe and
Let the Music
Speak Festival –
Roehampton.**

Over 70 families from Roehampton, took part in recording, interviewing, presenting and editing skills, for a radio station which was broadcast for four days during the *Let the Music Speak Festival* held on the Alton Estate from the 13th of August.

The radio programmes for *Radio Roe* were varied and diverse, featuring interviews with older people from the estate, recalling their memories of living in Roehampton, features from community groups, and a mixture of local DJ talent and live music.

Young people from Catch 22 who attended a music production workshop run by Akala and the Hip Hop Shakespeare Company, aired their demos on the station and performed live during the festival. They were so successful they are now forming a hip-hop group – watch this space!

Radio Wanno in Wandsworth prison assisted in making public service announcements for the station, making Radio Roe a real community affair, getting to the heart of community issues in Roehampton and showcasing undiscovered talent.

For more info on Radio Roe and other initiatives funded by the Big Lottery Life in London programme please contact:

Sally Plumb
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or visit the website
www.lifeinlondon.org.uk

Family Writing Competition Wandsworth – My Life, My World

To help us celebrate the National Family Learning Festival we are running an exciting writing competition for all families in Wandsworth. We would like children, young people and parents/carers to write a short descriptive or fictional piece to be judged by writers. There are three age categories:

8-11 years 200 words max

12-16 years 500 words max

16+ (Mums/Dads/Carers)
500 words max

In each category there will be a first prize of £100 in vouchers as well as two runners up each receiving books from Waterstone's.

To enter the competition, children, young people and parents/carers can either e-mail their entry or send a hard copy to:

lmarshall1@wandsworth.gov.uk

**Family Learning
Professional Centre
Franciscan Road
London SW17 8HE**

Or call Lucin on **020 8871 7601**.

**The deadline for entries is
Monday 30th November.**

To kick off this year's competition parents and children are invited to our special creative writing workshop:

**Saturday 24th October 2-4pm
at Roehampton Library or**

**Monday 26th October 2-4pm
at Battersea Park Library.**

Further Information

If you wish to contact the Lifelong Learning team please call 020 8871 8493, or visit our website: www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

If you have difficulty understanding this in English, please contact Wandsworth Interpreting Service Tel: 020 8672 1043/3649

Punjabi

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ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ: www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

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Polish

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