

A Quick Reference Guide 2011–12

Wandsworth Council
Lifelong Learning

What? Where? When? How?



How is Lifelong Learning provided for in Wandsworth?

Wandsworth Council's Lifelong Learning team works with over one hundred organisations to deliver its mission statement:

All Wandsworth's residents will have access to a wide range of high quality learning opportunities. Provision will be demand led, flexible, held at times and in places designed to meet the needs of learners, employers and the local community. Lifelong Learning will provide attractive learning opportunities, which make the most of ICT. The Lifelong Learning Team aims to improve the quality of life, skills and employability of residents in the Borough making Wandsworth a vibrant, prosperous, learning community.

The Lifelong Learning Three Year Development Plan has 5 main objectives:

- to increase the number of learners gaining targeted qualifications;
- to meet the needs of individuals, communities and employers;
- to lead and manage high quality learning;
- to widen participation in learning from pre-school to retirement and beyond;
- to link adult and community learning to other key strategies and initiatives.

Through close relationships with schools, colleges, training providers, voluntary agencies and community groups the Council ensures that there are learning opportunities in a wide range of subject areas, involving all ages from family learning activities right through to courses aimed at senior citizens. In the last year over 11,000 people took advantage of the courses on offer.

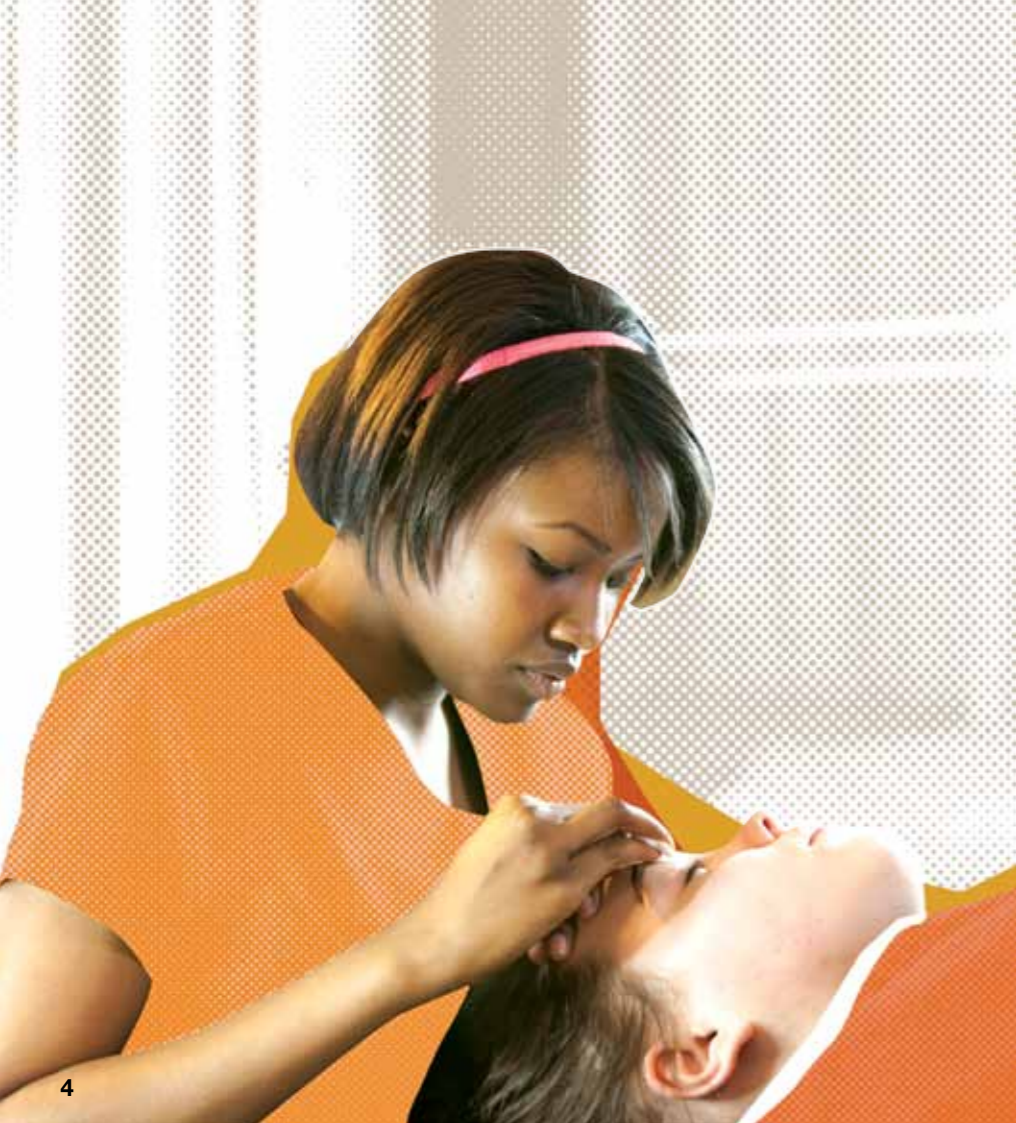
This publication signposts you to all of the Adult and Community learning courses available in Wandsworth and demonstrates the Council's commitment to support learners and providers alike, to maximise learning opportunities. The Council has been developing its work over the past year to ensure that there is something on offer for everyone.

We will continue to look for opportunities that will ensure wider access to learning opportunities.

If you wish to contact the Lifelong Learning Team please call 020 8871 8618 or for more information visit our website:

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200004/adult-and-community-education

www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk



South Thames College

Shaping your future

What

South Thames College is a Further Education college with sites across Wandsworth and South West London. It offers entry level to higher education qualifications as well as courses for personal development. The College has an excellent track-record in teaching students of all ages, abilities and provides hundreds of courses – you are sure to find one that suits you.

Personal development

South Thames College offers a wide variety of personal development courses from Art Appreciation to Yoga. These short and part-time courses do not usually lead to a qualification and are designed to be interesting, rewarding and fun! Taster sessions run throughout the year so you can try out a subject before signing up for a course.

Vocational qualifications for adults

Practical vocational training courses leading to industry standard qualifications. These courses can help you to improve your skills, retrain or build up the skills you need to help find a job. If you have been out of education for a while, there are also courses to help you to return to learning.

Skills for Life

Our Skills for Life courses help you gain skills and confidence in English and Maths so you can manage everyday tasks such as filling in a form or adding up your shopping bill and checking your receipt. They could also help you at work. Every year our highly qualified teachers help people at all levels and from all walks of life. We offer a range of nationally accredited courses from entry level right up to GCSE.

English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL is an English course for second language speakers. It covers English for life in the UK, study skills, English for Employment, IT skills, Citizenship and Numeracy. We offer a range of nationally accredited courses at different levels: entry

levels 1, 2, 3 and levels 1 and 2. OFSTED rated English classes at South Thames College as “outstanding”. We have taught English for many years to people of all ages, from all over the world, so if you need help with your English, come and see us.

Higher education (degree level)

We offer university-level qualifications that are affordable and flexible, helping you avoid many of the costs associated with studying away from home. These include Higher National Certificates and Diplomas as well as Foundation Degrees with links to local universities.

Access to Higher Education

ACCESS courses are intensive one-year programmes for students aged over 18 who want to enter university or higher education but do not meet the formal academic entry requirements. Many Access students missed out on secondary education or are mature students looking for opportunities that they did not take the first time round.

Apprenticeships

If you prefer to learn through practical experience at work, an Apprenticeship enables you to ‘learn while you earn’. With an Apprenticeship you learn on-the-job and work towards a nationally recognised qualification. Employers all over the country recognise and value Apprenticeships as showing you have been trained in the skills you need.

Where

Main Campus:

Wandsworth Campus
Wandsworth High Street
London SW18 2PP

Other centres in Tooting,
Merton and Roehampton.

T: 020 8918 7777

E: info@south-thames.ac.uk
www.south-thames.ac.uk

south thames
college
incorporating Merton College

Aspire Centre / City Learning Centre At Southfields Community College

What

The Aspire Centre is part of Southfields Community College which includes an Adult and Community Learning Centre, Sure Start Children's Centre, Wandsworth City Learning Centre and a great range of sports and leisure activities for adults and children.

Sports facilities include:

- New extended 25m indoor swimming pool
- New 3G astroturf football pitch
- 2 multi-purpose sports halls
- Gymnastic studio
- Climbing wall and traversing wall,
- High-spec fitness suite
- Dance studio.

Adult and Community Learning at Aspire includes courses on Art and Design, Pottery, Textiles, Cake Decorating, Cookery, Languages, ESOL, First Aid and Reflexology. ICT courses are held in the state-of-the-art learning centre with access to a cyber café with internet and email facilities. Courses include Basic Computer Skills, Digital SLR Photography, Adobe Photoshop and European Computer Driving Licence. Some courses are short drop-ins while longer courses lead to a qualification.

Aspire also provides access to NOCN (National Open College Network) assessments for Literacy and Numeracy qualifications.

Sports and leisure courses include Archery, Karate, Pilates, Yoga, Rowing, Zumba, Aqua Aerobics and Swimming as well as climbing courses ranging from children's climbing up to instructor level. Other courses specifically for children include Swimming, Tennis, Street Dance and Karate.

In the school holidays, the Aspire Centre offers multi-sport activity days, fun swim sessions, art and crafts workshops, cookery courses and Family Learning courses such as Family Digital Photography & Family Film-making. Outside the holidays, Aspire continues to run a wide range of Family Learning such as Family Pottery, Family Cookery, Family Arts & Crafts and Parent and Child Rock climbing, plus Parenting courses and workshops, including Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities.

Where

337 Merton Road
London SW18 5JU

Bus: 156 – 10 minute walk from Earlsfield Rail Station or Southfields Tube station

Aspire also runs at other venues across Wandsworth. In particular, Chesterton Primary School, Battersea; The Alton Primary School, Roehampton and Albemarle Primary School, Southfields provide a range of Family Learning courses.

Aspire Centre

T: 020 8875 2603
E: info@aspirecentre.com
www.aspirecentre.com

Wandsworth City Learning Centre

T: 020 8875 1699
E: info@wandsworthclc.org
www.wandsworthclc.org



Putney School of Art and Design

What

This dedicated art and design college offers specialist printmaking, digital design and ceramic studios plus three drawing and painting studios including an exceptional Victorian Life Studio.

Courses cover a wide range of the visual arts and include Learn to Draw, Life Drawing, Portrait, Oil and Watercolour Painting, Experimental Media, Book Illustration, Pottery, Ceramic Sculpture, Etching, Lithography, Screenprinting, Digital Photography, Web Design and Digital Design.

All abilities are welcome and courses range from an introduction for complete beginners to a two-year part-time Diploma in Art and Design plus an exciting Family Learning programme at half terms and during the summer holidays.

You can enroll a term at a time, either on a full 12 week course or on one of the six week courses that are on offer; while the school provides a more intense learning experience during its summer school every July.

Where

PSAD, Oxford Road, London SW15 2QL

T: 020 8788 9145

E: putneyschoolartanddesign@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad



St Francis Xavier College

What

Exciting range of evening classes including French, Italian, Spanish, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Digital Photography; Songwriting, Guitar Arts & Crafts, wine appreciation, Zumba, Pilates, Yoga, Tap Dancing, Flower arranging and many more!

Language conversation classes are also held during the day.

Where

St Francis Xavier College

Malwood Road
London SW12 8EN

T: 020 8772 6060

E: broadoak@sfx.ac.uk

<http://broadoak.sfx.ac.uk>



Wandsworth Library & Heritage Service

What

Classes and support to improve your English, Maths and employability skills at Roehampton Library and Learning Centre. The library is a City & Guilds test centre for qualifications in Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL and ESOL for Work for adult beginners and going up to Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE).

Battersea Library provides more advanced computer courses as well as modules for the European Computer Driving Licence.

Prepare for the Life in the UK test by joining a citizenship course at Roehampton Library or through self-study using the Life in Great Britain software at your local Wandsworth library.

Where

The libraries below can give more advice on which course is best for you.

Skills for Life courses:

Roehampton Library and Learning Centre
2 Danebury Avenue
London SW15 4HD
T: 020 8871 7642

Computer courses:

Battersea Library
265 Lavender Hill
London SW11 1JB
T: 020 8871 7466

For more information email libraries@wandsworth.gov.uk or phone 020 8871 6369 for the address of your local library, one of the 10 public libraries in Wandsworth.

Roehampton University

What

In addition to its undergraduate and postgraduate courses, Roehampton offers short courses, certificates and diplomas in a number of subjects.

- Creative Futures is a programme of professional and technical skills development courses for those wanting to work in the creative industries.
- The Languages Futures programme offers introductory and intermediate language short courses.
- Let's Engage is a suite of counselling and therapies courses, both introductory and CPD.
- There is a range of CPD and short courses in Education for those already working in, or wanting to return to teaching.

Where

Roehampton University

Roehampton Lane
London SW15 5PU

Enquiries Office
T: 020 8392 3232
E: enquiries@roehampton.ac.uk
www.roehampton.ac.uk

Prospects

What

Part of the London 'Next Step' network, providing free careers and education information, advice and guidance to adults.

Advisers will help you find out about a wide range of learning opportunities locally and across London. They provide:

- Help with identifying how to develop your career and achieve your goals
- Information on courses and training opportunities
- Sources of job information and job search help
- Help with preparing your CV
- Help with job application forms
- Interview skills practice
- Help with finding sources of funding
- Basic Skills assessment in partnership with JobCentre Plus.

Prospects also provides general facilities including internet access for job searching and a comprehensive library.

Where

The above services are provided at various centres in and around London.

T: 0800 100 900
www.prospects.co.uk
www.nextstep.direct.gov.uk



Share Community

What

Vocational training and learning for people with disabilities and those facing health-related barriers to employment. Training is from pre-entry to NVQ Level 2 or equivalent, in Information Technology, Customer Services, Horticulture, Catering, Basic Skills and Life Skills.

Further, optional activities are offered periodically such as Yoga and Music.

SHARE also offers confidential structured and independent employment guidance, training and support.

Where

64 Altenburg Gardens
London SW11 1JL

T: 020 7924 2949
E: info@sharecommunity.org.uk
www.sharecommunity.org.uk



Sound Minds

What

Sound Minds works with people experiencing mental health problems. Courses and activities include music, drama, visual arts, DJing and film making. Accredited courses are taught at Level 2 through NOCN (National Open College Network) and can lead to sessional work in the performing arts.

Entry to Sound Minds is funded through professional referral only.

Where

20-22 York Road
London SW11 3QA

T: 020 7207 1786
E: staff@soundminds.co.uk
www.soundminds.co.uk

Wandsworth Mencap

What

Courses at Mencap are aimed at people with learning difficulties or disabilities. They include IT, Office Skills and the Internet. Most courses are accredited by the National Open College Network (NOCN).

Mencap also provides information on other learning and training available locally as well as employment and health services.

Where

26 Totterdown Street
London SW17 8TA

T: 020 8767 9911
E: wandsworthresourceroom@hotmail.com

Wandsworth WISE

Apprenticeships programme

What

Using a range of employers including the council, schools and local businesses, Apprenticeships give learners the chance to 'earn while you learn'. Apprenticeships are also available for those already in employment who want to enhance their professional development.

Apprenticeships are offered in:

- Business Administration
- ICT
- Supporting Teaching and Learning
- Customer Service
- Children's Care, Learning & Development

Where

For apprentices aged 19+, training and learning takes place in the workplace, with some additional study and support conducted through distance learning. Apprentices aged 16 to 18 study for their key skills and technical certificate one day a fortnight, at a council-approved training provider.

Ashley Redman T: 020 8871 8627
E: aredman@wandsworth.gov.uk



Online Test Centres for Skills for Life

What

Wandsworth Council's Adult and Community Learning team runs two online test centres for Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications, which are accredited by NOCN (National Open College Network).

Online assessment is available to learners who are aged 19+. Results are instant and certificates are issued within 10 working days.

You can book in to do a practice test which will give you an indication of whether you are ready to sit for a Level 1 or Level 2 test

Where

Wandsworth Council

Professional Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting SW17 8HE

Also available at:

Southfields Community College / City Learning Centre

337 Merton Road, London SW18 5JU

The Professional Centre:

Lifelong Learning Exams Officer
Ashley Redman
T: 020 8871 8627

Southfields Test Centre:

To book a test contact the Aspire Centre
T: 020 8870 6474

Wandsworth City Learning Centre:
T: 020 8875 1699

Balham Community Centre

What

Courses for adults include City & Guilds accredited English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and computing courses.

Balham Community Centre also provides Schools Out Clubs (breakfast club, after school, holiday care) with a range of children's play and other activities including safety, black history, IT and healthy eating.

Where

91 Bedford Hill
London SW12 9HE

T: 020 8673 4350 for general enquires and room bookings

T: 020 8675 4800 for the Schools Out Clubs

www.balhamcommunitycentre.org



Family Learning

What

Wandsworth Family Learning is part of the Council's Lifelong Learning Service. It offers a free programme ranging from one-off workshops to longer courses involving mums/dads /carers and children aged 0-16 years.

Family Learning offers fun sessions for all the family as well as focusing on literacy, numeracy and language. It can even lead to a qualification!

Where

Family Learning takes place in schools, community groups, sporting venues, South Thames College, the Aspire Centre, Putney School of Art and Design and libraries.

Family Learning Coordinators
T: 0208 871 8490
E: bbates@wandsworth.gov.uk
E: jarkwright@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

If you would like a copy of the Family Learning programme or if you would like to be added to the mailing list please contact Family Learning on 020 8871 8626.

Skills For Life

Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL

What

Literacy and Numeracy courses are held at the Professional Centre in Tooting during term time. They run for 10 weeks and lead to nationally recognised Entry Level 3, Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications. Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications are equivalent to GCSEs.

Online or paper tests are available for ESOL learners at various levels, accredited by City & Guilds.

Where

Literacy and Numeracy

Professional Centre, Franciscan Road, Tooting SW17 8HE

ESOL

Community based venues across the borough.

Literacy and Numeracy courses

Jane Noulton
T: 020 8871 7649
E: jnoulton@wandsworth.gov.uk

ESOL courses

Audette Cummings
T: 020 8871 7639
E: acummings@wandsworth.gov.uk



Fit 4 Life Programme

What

Wandsworth Leisure & Sport Services provide a Fit 4 Life programme which allows all adults to take part in a variety of sports and physical activities.

We offer introductory courses in a range of exciting activities, such as Pilates, Yoga, Nordic Walking, Tennis, Rowing, Bowls, Ballroom, Latin American and Salsa Dancing, Badminton, Aqua Aerobics, Golf, Swimming and Lane Swimming.

Courses are suitable for anyone looking for a new activity to try and also for those who want to get back into a sport they used to play. Availability depends on term times.

Where

Courses take place across Wandsworth in community centres, schools and dedicated sports facilities.

Active Lifestyles Team
 T: 020 8871 6373
 E: fit4life@wandsworth.gov.uk
 www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fit4life



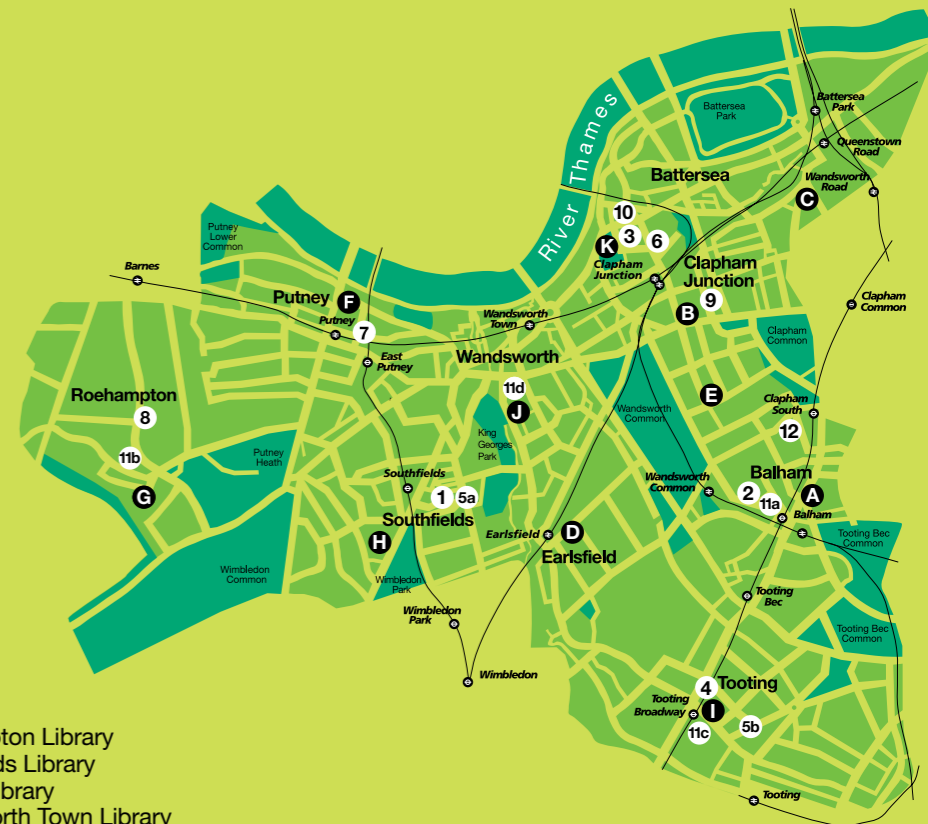
Where is Lifelong Learning available?

Main Providers

- 1 Aspire Centre / Southfields Community College / City Learning Centre
- 2 Balham Community Centre
- 3 Battersea Chapel (Baptist Church)
- 4 Mencap
- 5 Online Test Centres
 - a Southfields Community College / CLC
 - b Professional Centre
- 6 Prospects
- 7 Putney School of Art and Design
- 8 Roehampton University
- 9 SHARE Community
- 10 Sound Minds
- 11 South Thames College (4 sites)
 - a Balham
 - b Roehampton
 - c Tooting
 - d Wandsworth
- 12 St Francis Xavier College

Libraries

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| A Balham Library | G Roehampton Library |
| B Battersea Library | H Southfields Library |
| C Battersea Park Library | I Tooting Library |
| D Earlsfield Library | J Wandsworth Town Library |
| E Northcote Library | K York Gardens Library |
| F Putney Library | |



For More Information

If you wish to contact the Lifelong Learning team
please call 020 8871 8618, or visit our website:
www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

For more information about learning
opportunities across London please visit:
www.learninlondon.org