

# Lifelong Learning News

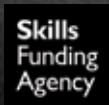
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**Welcome to the fourth edition of Lifelong Learning News which captures the highlights of an extremely exciting period.**

It's actually difficult to know where to begin when describing the highlights of recent months, however we were particularly pleased with the outcome of the Ofsted inspection which rated our service as *Good with outstanding features*. The inspectors were very keen that we pass on their thanks to those of you who were involved in the process. From my point of view the inspection was a real partnership effort and I think the high level of integrated working across Wandsworth came across as a real strength. Hopefully we can continue to raise standards again in the year ahead.

We were absolutely delighted that the Secretary of State for Work and pensions, Iain Duncan-Smith, was able to take time out to be our guest of honour at this year's Lifelong Learning Awards in July. A packed audience at the Council's Civic Suite paid close attention to Mr Duncan-Smith's views on the power of learning and how it can transform lives. It was a great experience for our learners,

with many taking the opportunity of sharing their views directly with Mr Duncan-Smith.

The Transformation Fund projects funded by the Department for Business Innovation and Skills, Wandsworth Learning Bus and Sounds of us London (SOUL) ended in March but have left a strong legacy for the future. The Learning Bus will continue to literally drive learning into our communities, and planning is already underway to sustain the Wandsworth choirs that formed part of the SOUL project, with a performance planned at the Royal Festival Hall in March 2011.

Planning for the Family Learning Festival 16th – 31st October 2010 is well underway with an array of additional courses to choose from at a number of locations across the borough. Visit [www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk) for further details.

If you have any comments, questions, or ideas for developing our service, please contact us at: [edlifelong@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:edlifelong@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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# Widening Participation

The Lifelong Learning team sponsor many voluntary and community organisations across Wandsworth through the 'Widening Participation' fund. This is a fund designed to encourage organisations who work with specific target groups (males, over 60's, those from minority ethnic groups, those without qualifications) to deliver courses that will encourage their groups back into a learning environment.

Since the Widening Participation (WP) Fund was introduced in 2002, 107 applications have been approved attracting over 8000 hard-to reach learners. To receive funding, local community and voluntary groups must submit applications to the Lifelong Learning Development Group. The forms and deadlines can be found on the Lifelong Learning website [www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk)

Some of the partners who have received WP funding in the last year are:

- Yahweh Christian Fellowship for classes in IT and Confidence with Money Management

- Balham Community Centre to teach ESOL and Microsoft Office
- Age Concern for IT for the 60+
- Battersea Chapel arranged classes in Hair Braiding, Digital Photography and Health, Beauty & Relaxation
- Community First were funded for IT lessons and Preparing for the Job Market
- Oak Lodge taught classes in Literacy and Numeracy to the 19+.

This year, to give the opportunity for WP partners to meet and discuss curriculum developments, it was decided to set up a Widening Participation Forum. The first meeting was held on 8th June 2010 and fifteen partner organisations attended. The Lifelong Learning Team gave an introduction to Widening Participation and the processes involved and also gave feedback on the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection.

To facilitate discussion, partners were firstly grouped by locality using the Borough's three locality groupings of Putney/

Roehampton; Battersea; Wandsworth South. Partners were asked to talk about their work and also to discuss possible areas of joint working. They were then grouped according to their client group to aid further networking.

The discussions were lively and outcomes included: the possibility of joint bidding/funding; sharing costs and marketing; referring learners to each other's provision. Another area discussed was making use of the expertise within partner organisations to deliver to other groups – an example being aspects of the Wandsworth Drug Project's Drug Awareness programme being delivered to community groups.

The Forum concluded with an agreed list of actions for the Lifelong Learning Team and the decision that the Forum would meet twice a year.

For more information on Widening Participation Funding please contact **Pat Beales** on **020 8871 8299** or email: [pbeales@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:pbeales@wandsworth.gov.uk)

# What's new in ESOL?

## Wandsworth migrant learner advocate network project

Wandsworth Lifelong Learning department's focus on social cohesion and inclusion has been fully demonstrated in this excellent project, which created a network of Migrant Learner Advocates, drawn from trusted members of local migrant communities. The role of the Learner Advocates is to encourage members of migrant communities to take up ESOL opportunities within the borough. The first year of the project, which started on 1st September 2009, is drawing to a close with all key targets met. 122 Learners were funded for ESOL classes through the project and there are 15 Learner Advocates currently in place. At a recent Learner Advocate meeting comments were overwhelmingly positive because, as well as benefiting their communities, the initiative has given advocates the chance of building their teamwork and communication skills, increasing

their confidence and improving their own English language skills. The success of this scheme means that we will continue to grow the group next year and envisage that Migrant Learner Advocates will become a permanent, vibrant part of the WLL landscape.

## Wandsworth new migrant learner programme for women

We were pleased to be successful in our bid to run this project, funded by the European Integration Fund, UK Border Agency. The project aims to develop a programme of engagement and English classes for newly arrived migrant women with little or no English and who are not refugees or asylum seekers, European Union nationals or European Economic Area nationals. Finding eligible learners does therefore present a challenge, but typically, learners would come from Pakistan, India, Turkey and South America. Additionally, the programme calls

for the creation of a network of Migrant Learner Advocates, drawn from specific migrant communities to promote the programme and to encourage and support those who would benefit from it. These advocates are key to the success of the project and to date we have recruited 5 excellent members, who have taken part in an induction and training, and who are now involved in outreach in their communities. The hard work of the project operational team is starting to pay off with two classes set to start by the end of June and several more in the pipeline. We're up and running and greatly looking forward to working with these new UK residents.

For more information on either of these projects please contact **Daisy Duncan-Smith** on **020 8871 8626** or email: **dduncan-smith@wandsworth.gov.uk**

# Train To Gain

## working in partnership with the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Train to Gain at Wandsworth Council is now in its second year of direct provision and has grown to having a consortium of 10 delivery partners who work with us to achieve our targets and engage with employers in order to meet the skills needs of the London workforce.

One employer we have been working with since 2008/09 and who is also a delivery partner is the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability based in Putney. In light of a recent Ofsted report outlining the impact Train to Gain has had on skills and employability, we wanted to get the views of a local employer who has been accessing funding for their NVQ programme through the Wandsworth Train to Gain contract.

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) is a national medical charity providing assessment, rehabilitation treatment and care for adults with profound and complex disabilities caused by disease or damage to the brain or other parts of the nervous system.

The hospital, in its delivery of NVQs, looked closely at the new standards for the NVQ Level 2 and

3 in Health and Social Care and mapped them specifically to the job descriptions for their Health care assistances. Using Train to Gain funding they are able to up skill their workforce to equip them with the necessary skills and expertise required for their job role.

Lynn Billin who is one of the staff development officers/NVQ co-ordinators and works closely with the NVQ candidates was asked what impact the training has had on their staff:

"Staff employed at the hospital have come from various backgrounds and for some candidates educational opportunities have been limited. For some of our staff members the NVQ programme has helped to increase morale and self esteem"

"Participating in the NVQ has not only enabled their professional development but has also had a great impact on their personal development and self confidence"

"For those who have participated in training there has been a

noticeable difference in people on a variety of levels. The training doesn't just impact on their employment but cascades through to their family life and community as a whole"

It is clear then that skills funding through train to gain not only helps the employer gain a better skilled workforce but also has huge benefits for learners not only in their professional career but on other aspects of their personal life as well.

For further information on Train to Gain please contact: **Sarah Wadling** on **020 8871 8635** or email: **swadling@wandsworth.gov.uk**



# Sounds of us London really did have SOUL!

Anyone who was lucky enough to attend the final concert of the Sounds of Us London mass choir at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on 29th March will have no doubt about the success of the project. It was a truly inspiring event and a fitting end to a really creative and exciting scheme.

The WLL project, funded by the department for Business, Innovation & Skills' Transformation Fund, used the highly competent skills of iGospel, an independent music training company, to lead on the setting up, rehearsal and performance of a network of choirs across Wandsworth and

beyond, starting in October 2009 and finishing at the end of March 2010. Over 500 learners in 9 different choirs learnt a range of material incorporating, gospel, R & B and popular music.

Additionally, there were excellent new songs written by students, as the project included a song-writing element. In order to involve as many people as possible, rehearsal delivery was flexible with some choirs meeting weekly for the duration of the project and others involved in intensive one-day workshops.

A bonus of the project was the holding of one of these

workshops at the Southbank's Festival Hall, which gave singers further experience of working in a major international performance venue. Apart from the incredibly high standard of musical performance at the final concert, we will always remember the wonderful enthusiasm, spirit and joy that were ever-present in the performers.

It was a genuinely uplifting experience for us all and as one of the members of the Wandsworth Adult Choir, Modupe Olulode said in her short speech to the audience: 'We are the colours of the

rainbow each and every one of us. We are the rainbow and we become one family. This is the joy of singing'.

The journey continues... and we are now recruiting singers to join the Adult Professional Centre choir in October. Weekly sessions will lead to a performance at the Royal Festival Hall in March 2011.

If you are interested in joining the Wandsworth Professional Centre Adult Choir please contact **Lucin Marshall** on **020 8871 7601** or email **lmarshall1@wandsworth.gov.uk**



# Putney School of Art and Design

With the re-opening of the school last November there are lots of new opportunities to start a creative course here.

We now offer many courses for beginners including a “Can’t Draw Won’t Draw” class for those who think they can’t draw (but actually can with a bit of guidance). There are also new starter classes in painting, etching, digital photography and webdesign, which can lead on to further second level courses

should you wish to continue your studies at the school.

For those considering entry to higher education we have introduced a course designed to help you develop a high quality portfolio to support your applications. The emphasis here will be on figurative drawing.

Other new courses include “A Tour of Modern Art” which will take you to the major

London collections of Modern Art with the opportunity to discuss and discover more about the great and often controversial artists of the 20th Century; and for the first time we are arranging computer animation courses using the Creative Suite 4 software.

For further programme information go to [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad) or call **020 8788 9145**.



## Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) at the Aspire Centre

The Aspire Centre began its first, long awaited 12-week SFSC programme on 27th April 2010, delivered by Southfields Parent champion, Carole Gray, and Sadie Weeks, Wandsworth Parenting Co-ordinator.

17 parents attended every Tuesday morning from different primary and secondary schools in the Southfields cluster and from different culturally diverse backgrounds.

Topics covered included enhancing positive relationships, discipline, community development and enhancing healthy lifestyles so that all the parents learn to encourage their children to lead healthy, safe lifestyles. A lunch and crèche were both provided on this course.

All the parents received a certificate on completion of the course which was awarded at the end of course graduation ceremony held on 20th July. Carole Gray, SFSC facilitator, says

**“The parents are already noticing the benefits of this course and are re-counting stories of how they are making breakthroughs with their children as a result of attending the course. They are all very committed and support each other.”**

The next SFSC course will start on 14th September.

### **1 Year Celebration of Southfields Parent Drop-In Support Group**

The Aspire Centre’s Parent Drop-in met last week to celebrate its first year anniversary. The Drop-in started in May 2009 and is now a firm regular in the Aspire timetable – it meets weekly on Wednesday mornings during term-time only. This meeting gives parents the opportunity to support each other, make new friends and discuss issues. Special themed workshops are also organised throughout the year in response to parents requests, such as Self-esteem, Confidence building and Healthy Eating & Living.

The 1 Year Anniversary event was themed “Happiness” and the parents spoke of how the weekly Drop-in sessions had enriched their lives and provided them with a focus for their week. They praised Carole for her support and how she had offered them comfort when they needed it. They celebrated by bringing in food from their different cultures and they were presented with certificates of attendance.

For more details about either the SFSC programme or the Parent Drop-In Support Group at the Aspire Centre, please contact **Carole Gray** on **020 8875 2651** or **020 8875 2603**.

# Your Future Your Work

On a sunny Tuesday in April 2010, the Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities Project organised 'Your Future Your Work' – a careers and training information fair for people with learning difficulties or disabilities. The event was held at Battersea Power station and over 250 people attended, including students, teachers, carers and parents.

The venue hosted 5 different zones: Employers, Volunteering, Training & Education, Business & Social Enterprise and Help & Advice. Visitors had the opportunity to speak to people who could help them find a job, meet local employers, learn about volunteering, training courses and the support available. Speeches were made by people with learning difficulties who have successfully found and sustained employment. They told us how much they love working (and being paid!) and what their job means to them.

The Baked Beans theatre company put on a workshop about interview skills practice, which was both funny and informative. Carol Barton and Liam Jung from Adult Social Services gave a helpful talk on personalised budgets and the transformation being made to the lives of people with learning disabilities. Many of our guests enjoyed taking a tour on the Wandsworth Learning Bus and the HAILTravel-mate bus, which were parked outside. Sandwiches and drinks were supplied by Platform 1 Café from Clapham Junction and we sampled delicious cakes from Grace's Hub, a new catering project opening in Earlsfield.

Thanks to all who ensured the day ran smoothly. If you missed it, we hope to put on another similar event next year!

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# Apprenticeships

## Wandsworth Apprentices Celebrate National Apprenticeship Week!

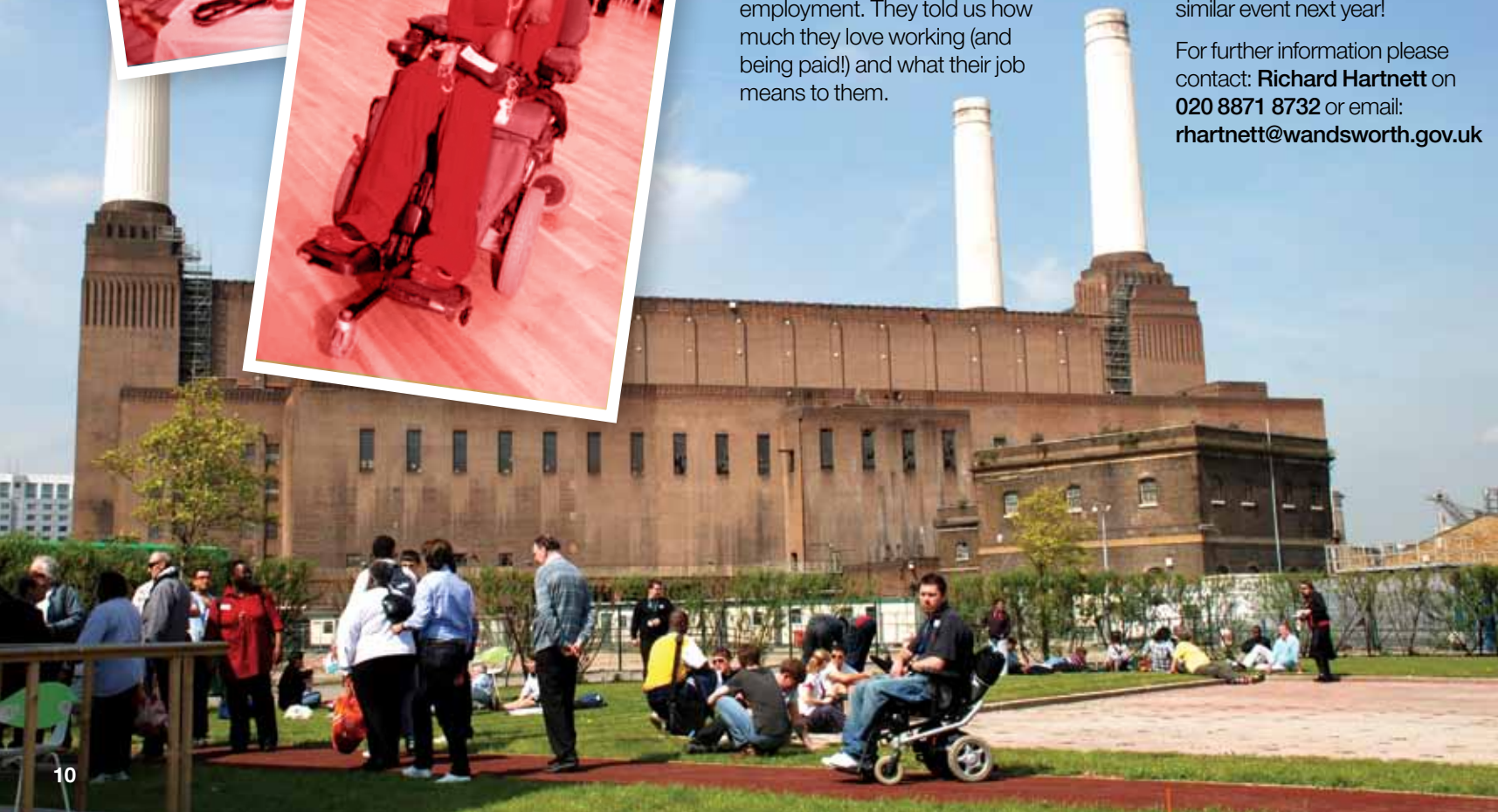
Wandsworth Council Apprentices joined their Supervisors, Tutors and Assessors on Wednesday 3rd February to celebrate the first year of Wandsworth setting up and starting to run Apprenticeships across the Council, in schools and with other partners.

Guests from London Councils and the National Apprenticeship Service joined the event. Sean Dunkling, Assistant Director, Young People and Learning, gave certificates to all the Apprentices and commended the scheme.

Dianna Neal from London Councils gave the keynote speech. She congratulated Wandsworth on the programme; she noted that the 28 Apprentices in Business Administration, Sport and ICT

contribute to the overall target of 500 Apprentices across London by the end of 2010 and encouraged Wandsworth in the work across the Council, Schools and Partners. She made the point that Level 3 Apprentices earned 22% more earnings in their lifetime than those without the qualification in similar work. She said that as the Council workforce across London "greyed", Apprentices aged 16-25 have better retention, great return on investment, increased productivity and bring young and fresh ideas into the workplace.

For further information please contact: **Sue Williamson**, ESF/Apprenticeship Development Officer on **020 8871 8103** or email: [swilliamson@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:swilliamson@wandsworth.gov.uk)



# Lifelong Learning steps up to the mark

**In April this year the Lifelong Learning Service was inspected by Ofsted. According to Ofsted the council's lifelong learning service, which offers a wide range of adult education classes, delivers good quality teaching and outstanding value for money.**

A report by the independent watchdog highlights the service's "outstanding value for money", "outstanding Family Learning programme", "exemplary partnership working", "very clear strategic direction", "outstanding vision of its senior managers" and the "tireless work" of its "highly motivated staff". It goes on to say: "The range of provision is outstanding and fully meets the needs of its learners."

A team of six inspectors sat in on classes to observe teaching and learning in action, met with learners, tutors, provider partners and the council's lifelong learning team to discuss their views and concerns. The inspection team also looked at thousands of pages

of records to make sure that the good teaching they observed in classrooms was backed up by equally good management and support. The inspectors concluded that: "...this leadership is highly successful in planning and developing programmes to meet the broad range of needs across the borough."

The inspection covered the four largest subject areas offered by the service: sport and leisure; art, media and publishing; literacy, numeracy and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) and the family learning programme. It also assessed the capacity of the service to improve, its overall effectiveness and other aspects of its leadership and management.

A particular highlight of the inspection was achieving a Grade 1 (Outstanding) for the Family Learning provision. Particular thanks go to all the providers and members of the Family Learning Forum for their hard work in helping to achieve this tremendous result.

Executive member for education and children's services Cllr Kathy Tracey said: "Ofsted has confirmed what we have known for some time: namely that Wandsworth offers an excellent adult and family learning service for almost 12,000 people each year.

"I am delighted that the hard work of everyone involved in the partnership has been acknowledged. It is particularly encouraging that Ofsted recognises how well the service has developed over the past few years and even more importantly what a good position it is in to continue to improve its services to learners in future."

The lifelong learning service is part of the borough's Children's Services department. It has 26 staff and around 11,800 service users including young apprentices. Main partners include South Thames College, Putney School of Art and Design, Southfields Community College and the Wandsworth Library Service. In addition to this the service works with over 50 community-based organisations.

Other popular courses on offer include languages, information and communication technology (ICT), health and social care, retail and commercial enterprise and business.

The overall grades awarded by Ofsted were as follows:

Overall effectiveness of provision **Grade 2**

Capacity to make and sustain improvement **Grade 1**

Outcomes for learners **Grade 2**

Quality of provision **Grade 2**

Leadership and management **Grade 2**

The outcomes for the four curriculum areas inspected were:

Family Learning **Grade 1**

SSA8 Sport and Leisure **Grade 2**

Art, Design and Media **Grade 2**

Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL **Grade 2**

To find out more about the opportunities for lifelong learning in Wandsworth call **020 8871 8626** or visit **www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk**

To view the full Ofsted report on the service visit **www.ofsted.gov.uk**

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# Parenting and Family Support in Wandsworth

Group photo at the Aspire Centre in Southfields



Parenting is the most important factor in determining positive outcomes for young people. Supporting parents who need the help is the best way to help children.

The Parenting Strategy in Wandsworth sets out a vision for providing support to parents and carers of children to enable them to bring up their children to achieve the 5 every Child Matters Outcomes which are: to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.

The Groupwork and Parenting Service supports the implementation of this strategy in collaboration with various departments and in partnership with the families. Practically this consists of:

- Supporting different agencies in delivering parenting support programmes,
- Coordinating the training of staff in evidence based parenting programmes,
- Strategically coordinating the offer of universal and targeted support to parents,
- Promoting, reviewing and monitoring services of group work and parenting programmes,
- Ensuring quality standards are adhered to in relation to groupwork.

We work with all partners across the Children's Trust to ensure that we are all delivering to Wandsworth Council's strategic aims. One of the teams we closely work with is the Family Information Service ensuring that families have access to good quality and

up to date information when they need it.

There's a lot of on-going developmental work at the moment, including the production of a Groups and Parenting Programmes booklet for professionals which we feel will be a valuable resource to colleagues working with families and will assist in identifying timely and appropriate services. We have also produced a number of general leaflets for some of our groups which are for families so they know more about what's available.

We also help to identify need and look at service development responsively for example, in September, we will be piloting a Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) Somali group which is specifically for Somali parents who cannot access the programme in the English language. This follows the successful development of a Dad's SFSC group which now has a rolling programme across the three localities of the Borough and also a Community Group Programme for children and their mothers who have experienced Domestic Abuse.

The Parenting Strategy funding allows us not only to embed evidence based parenting programmes in the Borough, but also to develop wider parenting activities that support parents and have good outcomes, for example, Contact a Family which provides services for parents of children with disabilities.

There is still some limited Parenting Strategy Funding available until March 2011. To find out about this please contact: Toni Causer on 020 8871 8255.

We are happy about the work we've done so far especially in relation to workforce development and training. This has meant we are able to have a wider menu of support for parents/carers, so that they don't have to wait a long time to access a programme, and above all it provides parents with a choice.

We are currently working strategically towards imbedding the range of parenting programmes on offer and ensuring sustainability beyond the Think Family grant which ends in March 2011 whilst also ensuring that the support is being accessed by those who need it.

Our experience so far from the range of programmes available in the Borough is that parents are finding the different groups very beneficial to them and their families in:

- Increasing parent's self-confidence and self-esteem
- Improving parenting skills
- Reducing isolation
- Giving them skills to access other community resources and participate more in the community.

We believe that our evaluation of the work that is going on will highlight the positive impact on the families that have accessed the service.

For more information about the Groupwork and Parenting Service (GaPS) please contact us on 020 8871 8255 or email: [parentgroups@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:parentgroups@wandsworth.gov.uk)

# BEST

## Dragons Den Competition

The first ever Wandsworth interschool Dragons' Den competition came to an end on Friday 9th July after three weeks of heats held at ten schools. Nine secondary schools and one special school took part involving 84 teams judged by 36 different dragons from various successful businesses across London.

Year 9 students had to come up with innovative products for the future, and it was the task of the dragons to select just one team to represent each school at the final. Ernest Bevin College came up with a navigation tool for the blind using GPS, Chestnut Grove School designed running shoes with a detachable sole and Salesian College students used kinetic energy via a dynamo crank to recharge a phone whilst cycling. The hard work didn't stop there as the youngsters worked at putting together a snappy, sharp presentation for the dragons, which to add to the pressure was also timed.

Nine teams went forward to the final to battle it out in front of four of the most imposing dragons in the competition so far; Stuart Johnston (Managing Director of Experian QAS UK), Nic Allen (Chief Executive at Devereux Architects), Abigail Oleck-Hewett (Managing Director of BeauBronz Ltd) and Paul Sagoo (Director of Operations for Lemon Group).

Chris Wyatt, Chairman of the Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce, put into context how important it is to develop these enterprising skills and found it encouraging to see this wealth of talent in students only aged 14 years old. He then went on to comper the event by inviting each group to meet the dragons.

The teams overcame nerves in order to present professionally to the dragons – with some teams concentrating on facts and figures while other teams acted out short adverts they had put together in order to appeal to the dragons business acumen.

The dragons did not hold back when it came to questions giving both positive and negative feedback. All teams handled the dragons scrutiny competently, responding to questions knowledgeably and with confidence.

After extended deliberations, the dragons announced the winners as Oak Lodge School (for deaf and hearing impaired youngsters) with their 'Deaf World Communicator'; a smart phone 'app' that translates the spoken word into text. They received a trophy and a cheque for £250 to spend as they wish.

Close runners up were John Paul II School who designed the 'TD 2000', a tracking device that tracks small stickers placed on valuable items. The students gave a truly professional presentation with their charismatic sales pitch, plus TV sketch and topped with business cards.

The competition was organised by BEST, the Wandsworth Education Business Partnership, generously sponsored by Experian QAS UK, and supported by the Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The final was held at Froebel College, Roehampton University.

If you would like to receive more information on Wandsworth Education Business Partnership please contact **Ellie Boorer** on **020 8871 8630/07974 301988**.



# Minister honours adult learners

Right: Julia Burke receives her award for outstanding commitment to learning

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Iain Duncan-Smith, was the guest of honour at this year's Wandsworth Lifelong Learning Awards.

Mr Duncan-Smith was joined on stage by the council's executive member for education, Cllr Kathy Tracey, to present some of the borough's highest achieving adult learners with a series of awards recognising their commitment and success over the past 12 months. The annual ceremony, now in its seventh year, took place on Thursday 15th July, at the Civic Suite Wandsworth High Street.

Speaking on the night, the Secretary of State praised the work of the council's lifelong learning team and the enthusiasm and determination displayed by the borough's adult learners.

He emphasised the importance of adults from all backgrounds having a second chance at education and the positive benefits it can bring to their lives.

Radhika Lane (see front cover), a student at the Aspire Centre at Southfields Community College, was crowned Wandsworth

Council's Adult Learner of the Year. Radhika has successfully completed courses in literacy, numeracy, parenting and an NVQ Level 3 in pharmacy service. Her next challenge is a foundation course in medicine at Kingston University.

Ian Kelly of the Thomas Pocklington Resource Centre received a special commendation for his determination and commitment to learning and finding employment. Ian is partially sighted and was unemployed when he first became involved with the lifelong learning service. In just over six months Ian's positive attitude has enabled him to take on three part-time jobs. He wasted no time asking Mr Duncan-Smith if there was a job for him at the House of Commons!

Other adult learners who received special recognition include Rahel Yemane (Yvonne Carr Centre), Natalie Painter (Wandsworth Drugs Project), Lisa Burford (Apprenticeships) and Chantelle Bartolo (Apprenticeships).

Tutors collecting prizes for outstanding commitment

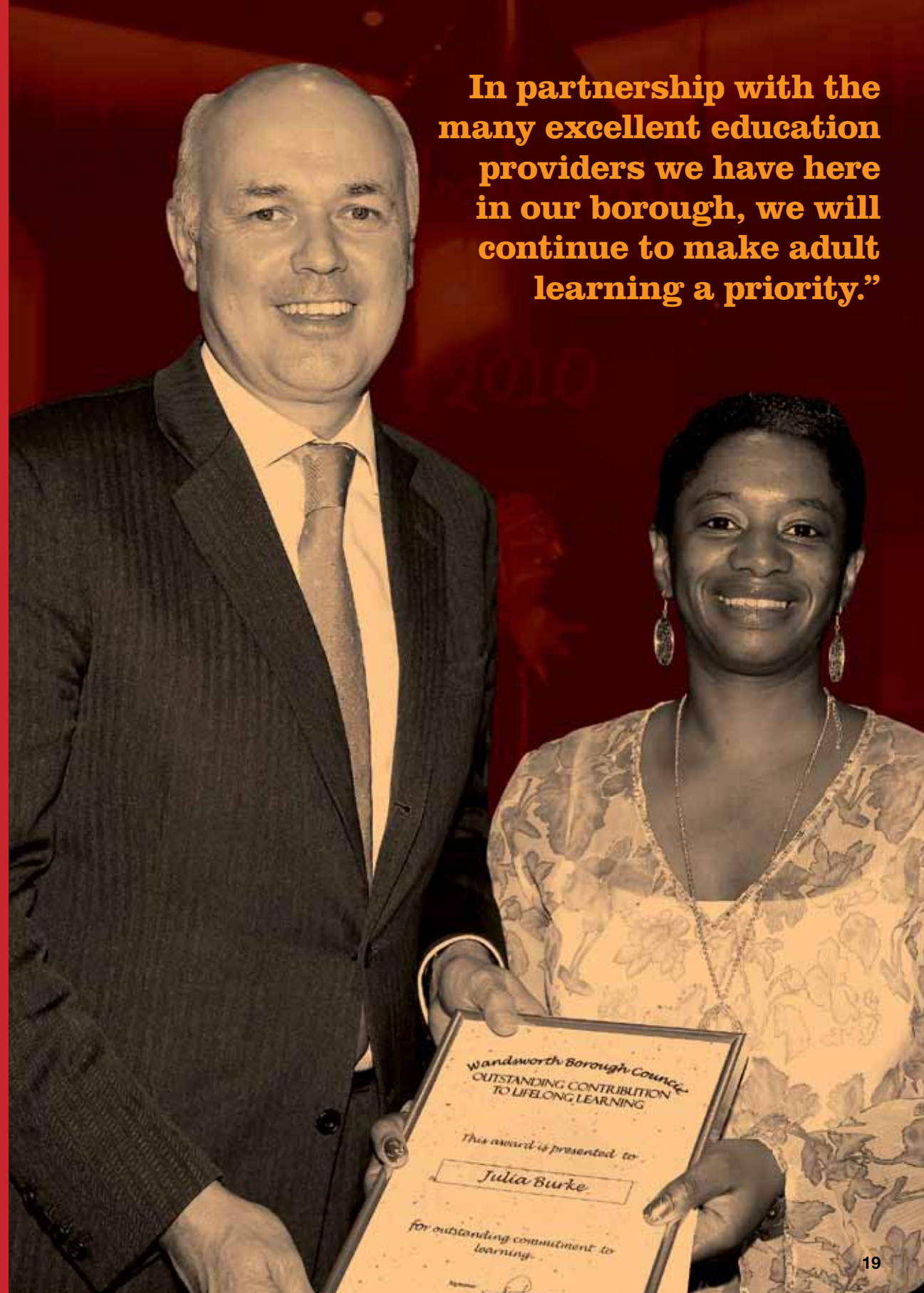
included John Fisher (igospel), Tessa Woodhall (Apprenticeships), Ursula Skarbek (Wandsworth Mencap), Julia Roxborough (SHARE Community) and Fiona Mooney (Aspire Centre Southfields Community College).

Julia Burke of Battersea Baptist Chapel received an award for her outstanding contribution to Lifelong Learning and her work with Battersea residents.

During the evening more than 200 residents were presented with certificates of achievement in subjects including business administration, literacy, information technology, numeracy, and many more. A number of young people and adults on apprenticeship programmes also took to the stage to receive certificates.

Cllr Kathy Tracey said: "Congratulations to all of our adult learners on their outstanding achievements. I'm delighted that once again so many local people have decided to take on new challenges and learn valuable new skills."

**In partnership with the many excellent education providers we have here in our borough, we will continue to make adult learning a priority."**



# National Family Week 31 May – 6 June 2010

## Family Fun throughout half-term

**Young people and their parents and carers were provided with an array of fun activities during the school half-term holiday which coincided with National Family Week.**

This was the second year of the nationwide initiative which is designed to celebrate family life. There was a whole host of family-orientated activities and events throughout the week, and because so many fun events had been arranged in Wandsworth, the first event kicked off on Tuesday 25th May with an interactive workshop entitled 'How to Help Your Boys Succeed' put on by the Family Learning team. This was aimed at parents and carers who want to improve boys' achievement by bringing out their best in both school and at play.

In total 45 activities were held around the borough at various locations including Children's Centres, schools, colleges, libraries, leisure centres and Putney Odeon. The Bank Holiday picnic was organised again this year by



Reverend Keith Rowbottom and took place on Bull Green in Roehampton attracting around 600 people. The libraries ran activities at 7 of their locations with Family Islamic style calligraphy and 'Make your own book with Isobella Stewart' workshops, both proving highly popular.

A free viewing of *How to Train Your Dragon* (PG) was shown at Putney Odeon giving some families who might not ordinarily get the chance to go to the cinema together the opportunity to enjoy some fun together, with the added bonus

of getting 3D glasses to watch the film with. Chesnut Grove School also put on a film viewing and organised two workshops for families to come and learn circus skills. PSAD (Putney School of Art and Design) ran a two day workshop in Family Drawing and Painting and a three day workshop in Family Pottery.

The Aspire Centre delivered a range of activities for families to celebrate this event in partnership with the CLC, NHS, Wimbledon Park Lake and Wandsworth Family Learning.

These included:

- Family Cookery/Healthy Eating – with Hannah Bracey, Extended Schools Southfields cluster Health team Lead;
- Family Fun Watersports – held off-site at Wimbledon Park Lake
- Family Movie Film Academy, Family iPhoto Slideshow, Family Flash Animation, Family Photography – all held in the CLC;
- Family Fun Jewellery-making;
- Family Box-Fit;
- Family Climbing;
- 2 parenting workshops – Internet safety and Street gang awareness with outside agencies.

They also hosted their first "Dad's in the Picture" event to target dads/male carers to take part in the activities with their children and to introduce them to the Aspire Centre with a view to them attending further activities/courses. They ran a range of activities throughout the day and divided the activities into those with children under 5 and those with children aged 5+. For dads/male carers and children aged 5+, they delivered Cookery, Crafts/Textiles, Pottery, Rock Climbing and for dads/male carers and children under 5, they delivered Music, Movement & Storytelling. At the end of the day there was an opportunity for all families to take home a decorated photograph capturing their time at the fun day. This was a hugely successful event with 30 families attending during the whole day.

Over the entire week the 45 activities put on attracted around 1000 families – a huge jump from the numbers for last year, so we will be aiming even higher next year!

For more information on National Family Week visit [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)

Details on activities in Wandsworth for 2011 will be available on the Family Information website [www.wandsworth.childrens.servicedirectory.org.uk](http://www.wandsworth.childrens.servicedirectory.org.uk) from March 2011.



# Adult Learners Week May 15-21, 2010

## ‘Try Something New’

Wandsworth’s Schools, colleges and training organisations held free taster sessions throughout Adult Learners Week to engage new learners and help them choose a course. There was something for all tastes and skill levels with classes held during the day and in the evenings.

Wandsworth libraries offered free courses in IT, completing job applications, CV writing and family history workshops. South Thames College ran taster courses at three of their campuses (Wandsworth, Tooting and Roehampton) in Arts and Crafts, Computing, Counselling, Face Painting, Flower Arranging, Interior Design, Keep Fit, Jewellery Making, Needlework, Managing Stress, Photography, Pilates and Tai Chi.

Roehampton University piloted one-hour introductory sessions on courses for the creative industries, including assertiveness training and confidence building, business plan development, management and leadership skills, CV and interview skills and running your own business. Saint Francis Xavier College ran taster sessions in

creative arts, languages, dance, fitness and wellbeing. Putney School of Art and Design offered tasters in Digital Photography, Watercolour Painting and Printmaking. Prospects gave free careers and educational information and advice.

The Adult Community Learning team ran 12 courses during the week, ranging from sessions for people who do not have English as their first language to Trinny and Susannah-style tips for dressing for success in interviews. Other courses included Gadgets & Webstuff, Digital Photography, Spanish, Drawing and a workshop to help you gain confidence in obtaining a new job. Find Your Voice was a popular choice for learners who wanted to improve their confidence in singing with group vocal coaching from a professional tutor.

The classes put on by the Adult Community Learning team drew in over 150 learners, many of which were new to the organisation. The Learning Bus was also out in the borough visiting various locations

including residential homes and schools offering IT classes, Hand Massage and Jewellery Making.

Another key partner during Adult Learner Week was the Aspire Centre which delivered a range of taster sessions to celebrate the event. They ran 13 tasters in Art & Design (Jewellery Making, Art, Pottery, Textiles); Creative Media (Digital SLR, Web Design, Job search Skills); Sport (Archery, Dance Afraeka, Sailing, Rock Climbing); Cookery and Carpentry.

Some of the learners who took part in the week’s activities gave their thoughts:

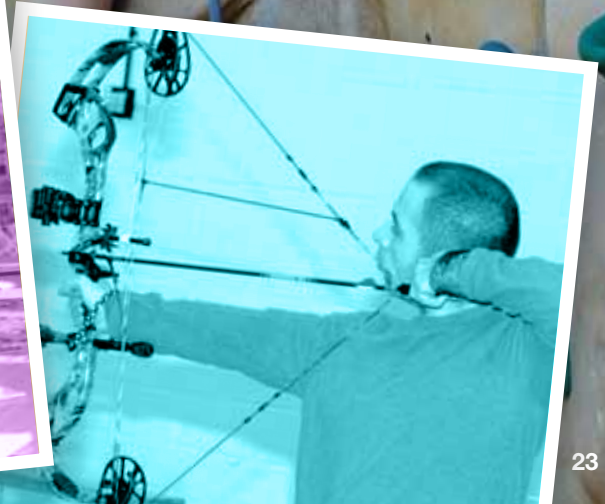
“Chef was very patient and explained everything very well, good examples. Dinner party was fab at the end of the sessions. Chef was excellent and his approach to explaining methods of cooking ingredients and their accompaniments was fantastic.”

**“Great, well paced and confidence building.”**

“Fantastic teacher – I am extremely impressed with what was achieved and the standard of teaching. Enjoyed the course & very pleased with the finished result.”

“Electrics and plumbing sections were excellent and tutor was very helpful and knowledgeable and our leader was bombarded with DIY questions.”

For more information on Adult Learners Week visit [www.alw.org.uk](http://www.alw.org.uk). Details of activities in Wandsworth for 2011 will be available at [www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk) from March 2011.



# Big lottery: Tea dance

Ten year 9 students from Salesian College in Battersea and older people who attend tea dances at the Battersea Arts Centre, recently took part in an inter generational film project funded by the Life in London Big Lottery and the Wandsworth Film office and run by Chocolate Films.

The film project was part of the Lord Mayor's Big Dance Festival and was set up to document the lives of the tea dancers, and to capture a tea dance in full swing.

The young people involved in the project were taught all aspects of film making including interviewing, camera work and editing. Both the students and older people thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said that it gave them the opportunity to learn more about each other.

At the end of the project everyone was invited to a screening of the film at the Cineworld Cinema in Wandsworth and were each given a copy of the film to take away.

You can view the film at [www.lifeinlondon.org.uk/viewer/videos/tea\\_dance](http://www.lifeinlondon.org.uk/viewer/videos/tea_dance)

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