

# Family Learning

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## National Family Learning Festival 2008

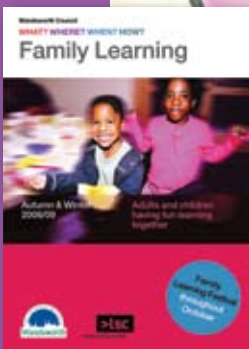
The whole nation will be taking part in the biggest annual celebration of Family Learning. This year to celebrate 10 years, Family Learning has extended to the whole month of October.

There are over 50 exciting workshops and courses taking place across Wandsworth including 'Make a Puppet and Play', Family Football/ESOL, Family Drama and The Big Draw. New workshops this year include Family Trampoline, Baby Swim, Healthy Eating and even Family Boxing!

The free courses are for mums, dads, carers and their children who live, work or study in Wandsworth. Some courses include a recognised qualification.

The new Family Learning programme for 2008/09 is now currently out with one off workshops and longer courses for October through to February 2009.

If you would like a FREE Family Learning brochure containing information on workshops taking place around Wandsworth, contact Meghan Bison on **020 8871 7601** e-mail **mbison@wandsworth.gov.uk** or you can check out the following websites: **www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk** **www.welovelearning.co.uk**



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# SING INSPIRATION at Abbey Road Studios



**I am delighted to inform you that Sing Inspiration! (formerly Wandsworth Goes Gospel) will be back this year.**

For the past four years we have worked with leading gospel educators igospel and we will be collaborating with them once again. The project

includes Year 5 pupils in primary schools and Years 8/9 in secondary schools, as well as our adult choir, which includes Age Activity giving us a choir age range from 8 to 98 years! Each year, the project has culminated in spectacular concerts funded by Family Learning and Wandsworth Music Services.

500 choir members will be performing at the Royal Festival Hall in March 2009.

In addition to the concert performance, there is a particularly exciting development – some choir members may be involved in

recording one of the songs at Abbey Road Recording Studios. This is to be released as a single to coincide with the concert.

The adult choir will be starting at the Professional Centre on Thursday 9th October 2008 at 6pm. All levels of singing are welcome but we would especially welcome tenors! The choir is open to all parents/carers and teachers who either live or work in Wandsworth.

For more details about the adult choir please contact Meghan Bison on **020 8871 7601**.

## Case Study – Emma Poynter

**I found out about STORM from Tina Cowles when I went to Lambeth College on a manicure course and I have been going for two years now. It was near my home which was easier because I have a small baby to look after. I have a son named Charlie. He is two and a half years old now.**

I am not working and I wanted to study just to get out of the house and to take Charlie out to meet other children. It's good preparation for when he goes to school. He has been on day trips to the seaside and Battersea Park through STORM and he goes to the crèche while I am studying. When he's in the crèche he doesn't want to come home!

I've made friends at STORM and I concentrate more than I perhaps did at school. I keep telling my younger sisters they must concentrate at school now I see the value of it.

I am now studying Health and Social Care Level 2. I have nearly finished. I still have to do the placement in a care home. I am also hoping to do level 2 literacy.

In the future I would like to work with sick children in a hospital, as an assistant.

## Black History Month

**Also happening in October is Black History Month which celebrates and promotes the knowledge of Black History, Culture and Heritage.**

Family Learning in partnership with the Extended Schools Team are running courses across the borough including a Culinary Caribbean Tour of Tooting Market, Storytelling and Mask-Making which will all run during October half term.

We are delighted to also invite back Tayo Fatunla for his Black History Month cartoon for this issue.

For more information please ring Meghan Bison on **020 8871 7601** or email [mbison@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:mbison@wandsworth.gov.uk)



# Adult Learning Awards Evening July 16th 2008



Tutors and Learners of the Year collecting their awards from Cllr James Cousins and Head of Lifelong Learning and 14-19 Developments, Santino Fragola.

**Wandsworth Adult and Community Learning's sixth awards evening went off with a bang this year with over 500 people in attendance and a fantastic atmosphere of celebration and warmth for the learners receiving their awards!**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Community Safety, Cllr James Cousins attended the event and a total of 180 learners were presented with certificates of achievement covering subjects including Information Technology, Literacy, Numeracy, English as a Second Language, First Aid and Garment Construction.

The Wandsworth Professional Centre Gospel Choir provided musical entertainment at the event and wooed the crowd with their interpretation of 'Change the World' and a performance of their original composition, 'All Nations Rise'.

Of the 10 organisations represented, three were involved in Family Learning – Southfields Community

College, South Thames College and STORM.

We were delighted that two of our tutors – Tina Cowles and Lucy Simpson were awarded "Tutor of the Year Awards." Tina works for the community organisation STORM and was nominated for her tutoring of the Nail Technology classes and for her tireless work with all her learners both in class and outside. Lucy has developed the Keeping up with the Children Course at Southfields Community College and has devoted all her time and creativity to developing an interesting and innovative course.

All the learners went on show to receive their certificates and Husna Kahn (Family Learning at Battersea Surestart) won a "Learner of the Year" award to our great delight. Husna was studying on an ESOL course and although she had a baby during the course, she did not miss one lesson, apparently! Well done, Husna!

# Family Learning Quality

**Have you looked at the OFSTED website ([www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)) recently?**

It's worth logging on to see what's available for parents, childminders and home child carers on domestic premises. You can also access OFSTED reports on nurseries that have been inspected.

You can download documents from the site; particularly useful is the Information for parents and carers using childcare services which explains the role of OFSTED. OFSTED holds two registers for those providing childcare. People must register with OFSTED if on the Early Years Register and deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), a framework for the education and welfare of children if they intend to care for children aged from birth to the

31 August following their fifth birthday. See the downloadable Fact sheet from the website.

Whatever the type of register people join, OFSTED can register provision, suspend and cancel registration; inspect the childcare provision, usually unannounced; investigate non-compliance with regulations and standards and take enforcement action to bring compliance.

**Angela Wallington,**  
Quality Assurance Officer.

The next two Wandsworth Family Learning Forums are due to take place on Tuesday 27th January and Tuesday 28th April 2009, 3.30–5pm at the Professional Centre. Please confirm your attendance with the Family Learning Co-ordinator on **020 8871 8490**.

## Website Extra

Try these great numeracy websites which are recommended by Junior Euclides from St Mary's School, Battersea. Hope you have a FUN time!:

[www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)  
[www.primarygames.co.uk](http://www.primarygames.co.uk)  
[www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

## Contributions or Suggestions

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**[www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk)**

# Introducing Sally Plumb

I am Sally Plumb and I am the Project Co-Ordinator for the Big Lottery Family Learning Programme 'Life in London'. This is a three year project taking place in both Wandsworth and Croydon. The project offers a range of exciting and innovative creative and media activities including film making and music for families to get involved in and to express how they feel about living in this dynamic city.

I have a background of working within the Wandsworth community having managed the Thessally Project, Yvonne Carr Centre and also providing a range of community development activities to residents of Servite Housing Association, the largest social housing provider in Wandsworth.

I am very pleased to be a part of this exciting new project, knowing as a single parent of two children how tough family life can be, and how difficult it can be to learn

together with your children. I believe the benefits more than make up for the time invested and can enhance the bonds between parents and children and the communities in which we live.

I am really looking forward to working and supporting families and organisations interested in these projects as well as with social enterprise. Please contact me on the number below if you would like any further information or if you think your organisation might be interested in getting involved.

Families will also be offered support and guidance in setting up.



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

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

## Punjabi

ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਮਝਣਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ :  
ਵਾਡਸਵਰਥ ਇੰਟਰਪ੍ਰਿਟਿੰਗ ਸਰਵਿਸ  
ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 0208 672 1043/ 3649

## Hindi

यदि आपको इसे अंग्रेज़ी में समझने में कठिनाई होती है, तो कृपया सम्पर्क करें:  
वॉन्डज़वर्थ इन्टरप्रीटिंग सर्विस , टेलिफोन नंबर - 0208 672 1043/3649

## Urdu

"020 8672 1043.3649"  
"اگر آپ کو اسے انگریزی میں سمجھنے میں دشواری ہو، تو براہ مہربانی رابطہ کیجئے: واڈس ورتھ انٹرا پریٹنگ سروس نیٹ ورک"

## Bengali

যদি এতে ইংরেজীতে যা লেখা আছে বুঝতে আপনার অসুবিধে হয় তবে ওয়াডসওয়ার্থ ইন্টারপ্রেটিং সার্ভিসের সাথে 020 8672 1043/3649 নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করুন।

## French

Si vous avez des difficultés pour comprendre ceci en anglais, alors sil vous plaît contactez: Le service d'interprétation de Wandsworth, tél: 020 8672 1043/3649.

## Gujarati

જો આપને આ અંગ્રેજીમાં લખવામાં મુશ્કેલી પડતી હોય તો મહેરબાની કરીને સંપર્ક સાધો.  
વોન્ડસવર્થ ઇન્ટરપ્રિટિંગ સર્વિસ, ટેલિફોન નંબર - 0208 672 1043/3649

## Polish

Jesli bedziecie miec Panstwo problemy w rozumieniu tego tekstu po angielsku prosimy o kontakt: Wandsworth Interpreting Service numer telefonu 0208 672 1043/3649.

## Family Writing Competition – Wandsworth My Life, My World

To help us celebrate the 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, on the theme 'Wandsworth, My Life, My World'. Your piece could be set in 2008 or at any time in the past or future. You

will need to incorporate one or more Wandsworth landmarks or venues into your writing. This could be the street you live in, your school or a building that interests you. Be as creative as possible!

There are three age categories:  
8-12 years: 200 words max.  
13-16 years: 500 words max.  
16 years + (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 Waterstones.

In order to enter the competition, children, young people and parents/carers can either email their entry or send a hard copy to:

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Phone: **020 8871 7601**

The deadline for this will be Monday 1st December 2008.