

What is the Wandsworth Business Forum? (WBF)

WBFs have been held regularly at town centre venues throughout the Borough of Wandsworth for over fifteen years, and have proven to be well-attended and invaluable tools for communication between the council and local businesses.

Please bring along your business cards and/or flyers for our networking table.

The minutes of the meeting are available on request. Representatives from relevant council departments will be attending in order to participate in this networking event should you have any questions about their areas. For further information or to reserve your place please contact the Economic Development Office on (020) 8871 6884 or email edo@wandsworth.gov.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/business

Future meetings

The current meeting schedule of the WBF is as follows:

- 19th November 2009 at 7:00 pm in Wandsworth
- 25th February 2010 at 8:00 am in East Battersea
- 10th June 2010 at 8:00 am in Tooting
- 18th November 2010 at 7:00 pm in Clapham junction

How to get to the Globe Theatre at The Bedford

You are invited to enter the theatre from the cabaret/comedy club entrance at The Bedford. The Bedford is located on the corner of Bedford Hill and Fernlea Road.



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By car: Parking restrictions apply until 5.30pm in the roads around the venue.

Please note also that Fernlea Road is one way, offering no access from Bedford Hill. Instead, turn into Rossiter Road and then the first right, bringing you into Fernlea Road.

By tube: Take the Northern Line to Balham station (in Zone 3). Follow directions from station as below.

By train: Approximately 5 minutes from Clapham Junction on South West trains, Balham station is very close to the venue. Walk along Balham Station Road, away from the crossroads, with Sainsbury's car park to the left, the Bedford is on the opposite side of Bedford Hill.

By bus: From Tooting; take the 355 towards Brixton or the 155 towards Elephant and Castle, and alight at Balham Station.

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Wandsworth Business Forum Agenda

Thursday 11th June 2009

Refreshments 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

The Globe Theatre

The Bedford

77 Bedford Hill

Balham SW12 9HD

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Agenda

Refreshments served from 6.30pm

The meeting starts at 7.00pm

1. Introduction

Chris Wyatt, Chairman, Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce.

- Welcome to local businesses.
- Comments from the previous Forum (27th January 2009) and any matters arising.

2. Balham Town Centre Partnership Update

Vicky Stothard, Chair, Balham Town Centre Partnership.

- Building on successes and survey findings.
- Town Centre Business Plan.

3. Wandsworth Council – Reacting to the recession

Councillor James Cousins, Executive Member for Regeneration and Community Safety, Wandsworth Council. Including:

- Working in a low tax borough.
- The Business Support Network and local events.
- Business rates update.

4. Funded Training from Train to Gain

Judith Hooley, Centre for Business Enterprise, Kingston College. Including:

- How government funds can support trainees.
- A programme of workshops and accreditation for retail and other businesses (such as, the NVQ in Customer Service and Team Leading).

5. Go Green Plus and More

Helen Clark-Bell, Merton Chamber of Commerce, and Peter Robinson, Assistant Director of Leisure and Amenity Services, Wandsworth Council.

- Cutting costs by greening your business.
- Case studies and practical tips.
- Recycling and waste disposal.
- Discussion of frequently asked questions*.

6. Any other business

- The Chairman will invite guests to raise any other matters appropriate to the business of the meeting, and take any questions from the floor.
- Formal meeting closes.

7. Informal networking

- You are invited to remain in the theatre to chat with other business owners/managers and to contribute your firm's information to our networking table and display.

*If you have a question about green best practice for the panel to answer on the night, please email your question to edo@wandsworth.gov.uk by 1st June 2009, or write to: the Economic Development Office, Wandsworth Council, the Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU. The panel will try to answer as many relevant questions as possible in the time allowed them.