

WANDSWORTH COUNCIL

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK 2026

9–17 October 2026 • Events Programme

A week of learning, reflection and community action

FRI 9	Legacy & Hope Concert Time: 7.30 pm Venue: St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, London SW17 9PP
SUN 11	1. Women’s Interfaith Event: Peace & Unity Time: 11.30 am Venue: Chapman Hall, University of Roehampton, London SW15 5SL A community gathering for women from diverse faiths and backgrounds, with discussion, connection and shared learning. 2. The Act of Hope and Remembrance for Those Affected by Hate Crime Time: 5.30–9.00 pm Venue: The Salvation Army — Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ Organiser: 17-24-30 NationalHCAW This annual national vigil is an act of hope and remembrance for people affected by hate crime. It launches a week of collective action across the UK to raise awareness and encourage reporting. 3. National HCAW Launch Event Time: 5.30–9.00 pm Venue: St Paul’s Cathedral Launch Event — Act of Hope and Remembrance We’ll join others from across the UK to remember those affected by hate crime and renew our shared commitment to a more inclusive and respectful society.
MON 12	Come and Meet Us to Talk About Hate Crime Time: 10.00 am–12.00 noon Venue: Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, London SW11 1JB Drop in to meet the team, ask questions and find out more about hate crime and available support.
TUE	1. FREE Session: Understanding Hate Crime

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Time: 10.00 am–1.00 pm · Format: Online

Organiser: Protection Approaches

A free, interactive session for London frontline staff and volunteers. Tickets: [Book on Eventbrite](#).

2. London-wide Active Bystander Training

Time: 6.00–8.00 pm · Format: Online webinar – [Book on Eventbrite](#)

Organiser: Protection Approaches

Learn how to respond safely to identity-based harassment or violence using the A.C.T. framework: Address, Connect and Tell.

Cost: Free — funded by Thameslink Railway. Alternative dates are available.

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1. Understanding LGBT+ Experiences of Domestic Abuse for Professionals. Online Time 1-4pm

A trauma-informed session with [Galop, the UK's LGBT+ anti-abuse charity](#).

Explore identity, the distinct challenges survivors face, barriers to safety and support, and how to respond with greater confidence. [Sign Up Here LGBT+ Experiences of Domestic Abuse Training](#).

Very limited spaces. If you have any queries about the session or attendance contact abi.jonas@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

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1.From Exploitation to Empowerment: Modern Slavery Through Lived Experience

Join us for a powerful event exploring modern slavery through the lens of lived experience. We are very pleased to welcome Alex Barnes-Ross, a survivor of exploitation who has spoken publicly about his experiences of coercive control and life within a high-control group, and his journey to freedom and recovery. Through sharing his lived experience,

Alex brings a unique and thought-provoking perspective on the realities of exploitation, resilience and empowerment.

This session offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of modern slavery, recognise the signs of exploitation, and reflect on how we can support individuals affected by abuse and coercive control. We are grateful to Alex for sharing his story and helping to shine a light on this important issue.

Date: 15 October 2026

Time: 2pm – 3.30pm

Event is online via teams

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/361343847046221?p=qwK9avz7KXjnTraFbl>

Contact sab@richmond&wandsworth.gov.uk with any questions

SAT 17	FREE Ghanaian Drumming Workshop Join expert Ghanaian drummer Abass Dodoo and his One-Drum team for an authentic and interactive one-hour African drumming workshop. Learn to play traditional Ghanaian rhythms in this free community session. Book on Eventbrite Time: 12.00 noon–1.00 pm Venue: Bramlands Square, London SW11 2NR — opposite the Grant Road exit of Clapham Junction, between Dawes House and Grant Road
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Programme details may be updated. Please check joining information before attending.