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**a directory of local support**

**Where local charities and community groups in Battersea and Wandsworth can get help**

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We are regularly asked where local charities, community groups and social businesses can get help with various aspects of running their organisations: from funding to volunteers to networking. Here are some suggestions of where to go for help.

This is not a comprehensive list and we’re sure it will go out of date fast (as all lists do!). There is a Battersea bias as that’s where we’re based.

Let us know if we should be adding/editing this list. And… if in doubt use ‘Google’ for your own searches. We hope it helps. Let us know how you get on. If you need anything, please get in touch.

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## **Funders: For local charities and community groups in Wandsworth**

The following local funders offer a range of support to local charities and community groups. Do visit their websites to see if you fit what they’re looking to support. Get in touch with their staff to find out more.

Do check out Wandsworth Care Alliance’s website for funding - [Resources for the Voluntary Sector - Wandsworth Care Alliance](https://wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk/support-for-organisations/resources/). It has lots more funders listed. They also send a regular e-funding news out too. Write to Kira Blake at [kira@wandcareall.org.uk](mailto:kira@wandcareall.org.uk) to sign up.

There are other fundraising directories to explore too (see section 4 below).

* Battersea Power Station Foundation – various, <£5k funding <http://bpsfoundation.org.uk/>
* Battersea United Charities – poverty, small funding <http://www.batterseaunitedcharities.org.uk/home.html>
* Big Local SW11 – various funding for SW11 <http://biglocalsw11.co.uk>
* Childhood Trust (good for match funding) – children in London, up to £50k match-funding <http://www.childhoodtrust.org.uk/>
* Enable Wandsworth – sports, health and wellbeing small funding <https://enablelc.org/els>
* Greater London Authority (GLA) – various funds <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding>
* London Community Foundation – approx. 13 different funds available to apply for Wandsworth throughout the year: <https://londoncf.org.uk/> (search for Wandsworth)
* L&Q Foundation – Place Makers Fund up to £10K <https://lqgroup.org.uk/about/landq-foundation/place-makers-fund/>
* National Lottery Community Fund – various funds (a good place to start your fundraising) <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>
* Roehampton Parish Trust – various, small funding <https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details/?regid=1165257&subid=0>
* Sir Walter St John’s Educational Charity – education, <£5k and strategic grants funding <http://swsjcharity.org.uk/>
* Thomas’s Schools Foundation – education, small funding <http://www.tsfoundation.org.uk/>
* Thrale Almshouse & Relief in Need charity – small grants programme (Tooting, Balham and more) <http://www.thralealmshouses.org.uk/>
* Wandsworth CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) – Community Grant Scheme <https://www.wandsworthccg.nhs.uk/getinvolved/Pages/NHS%20Wandsworth%20Community%20Grants.aspx>
* Wandsworth Council – various funds incl. Grant Fund, Local Fund, Youth Opportunity Fund: <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200504/grants_for_the_community_and_voluntary_sector>
* Wandsworth Oasis – AIDS/HIV funding <https://www.wandsworthoasis.org.uk/our-grants>
* **Western Riverside Environmental Fund – environmental funding** <http://www.wref.org.uk/index.htm>
* Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund – various, up to £5k funding <http://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/wimbledonfoundation/wimbledon_foundation_community_fund.html>

## **Funders: For early stage social entrepreneurs** (\*Thanks [Iona Lawrence](https://www.ionaconsultancy.com/) for sections 2 & 3)

The following funders are interested in entrepreneurs who are at the ideas / development stage. They don't necessarily have an organisation or structure set up yet. You're looking for opportunities to research, experiment and test.

* [The Paul Hamlyn Ideas and Pioneers Awards](https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/ideaspioneers/) offer up to £10k to early stage change makers. They are closed right now, but worth keeping your eyes on their website.
* [Common Call](https://www.commoncall.fund/) is a social entrepreneurship fund specifically for the UK's black community that is currently not open but might do another round soon. Offers grants of £5-12.5k.
* [The Shackleton Foundation](http://shackletonfoundation.org/?page_id=39) invests in entrepreneurial ideas, inspirational projects and promising leaders with the will to make a difference. They provide up to £10,000 of seed funding and support to enable aspiring leaders and social entrepreneurs to establish their own ventures. We look for long-lasting, far-reaching projects with the potential to provide solutions to intractable social problems faced by disadvantaged and socially marginalised young people.
* [Founder Vine](https://www.foundervine.com/) - Whether you're a new founder or a growing business, Founder Vine helps ambitious leaders create, test and sustain entrepreneurial ventures. Training, networking, fellowships, grants. Loads of great stuff. Come highly recommended.
* [The Fore](https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/) in spring 2022 The Fore is offering 6-18 month grants of up to £15,000. These are unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation. The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past. You have to be a registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.
* [Edge Fund](https://www.edgefund.org.uk/) funds work that challenges abuses of power and aims to bring an end to systems that cause injustice. Offering grants between £500-£3000 during 2 annual funding cycles.
* [UnLtd](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/) are a leading social entrepreneur funder / supporter.
* [The School for Social Entrepreneurs](https://www.the-sse.org/) offer training and funding for social entrepreneurs.
* [Enterprise Nation](https://www.enterprisenation.com/next-generation/?utm_medium=web&utm_source=blog&utm_campaign=member_signup&utm_content=nextgenlaunchblog) Created in partnership with Launch It, the Next Generation programme is part of the UK’s Community Renewal Fund. It aims to give thousands of young people in London aged 18 to 24 the support to start a business. An education hub and programme activity will launch in February, but you can apply now to the Next Generation StartUp Bootcamp. Through the StartUp bootcamp 100 budding entrepreneurs will be selected for 10 weeks of training, one-to one mentoring, a pop-up on Oxford Street and a grant of between £750 and £10,000.

## **Funders: For mid & late stage social entrepreneurs**

The following funders should be approached when you have an organisation or company set up. You're looking for opportunities to experiment, grow and strengthen.

* [Stephen Lloyd Awards](http://www.stephenlloydawards.org/guidelines/) offer up to £20,000 to organisations or charities with an innovative idea seeking to address a problem systemically. They haven't announced their next award round yet so worth keeping your eyes on the website.
* [Churchill Scholarship](https://churchillscholarship.org/index.html) offer travel grants for change makers who would like to develop their idea by travelling abroad and learning from practice / organisations in other countries.
* [The Birmingham and Solihull Growth Hub](https://www.gbslepgrowthhub.co.uk/funding-finance) offer financial and fundraising advice for small / emerging businesses. It might be useful to you at some point in the future.
* [PWC's Social Entrepreneurs Club](https://www.pwc.co.uk/who-we-are/our-purpose/empowered-people-communities/community-engagement/social-enterprise/social-entrepreneurs-club.html) offers social entrepreneurs who have set up their thing networks and support.
* [Big Issue Invest](https://www.bigissue.com/invest/investments/) offer social enterprises and charities a range of repayable finance options, from loans as small as £20,000 to larger investments of up to £3 million as well as corporate mentoring and investment programmes designed for early stage social businesses.
* [Foyle Foundation](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/) offers small grants between £1000-10,000. But this requires charity status (I think).
* [Bethnal Green Ventures](https://bethnalgreenventures.com/) invests in ambitious founders using technology to tackle big social and environmental problems. Your idea has to be technology based!
* [The Reach Fund](https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/reach) provides grants to charities and social enterprises to help them raise social investment. If you are already working with one of our approved social investors -  an ‘Access Point’ - then you can apply to the Reach Fund for a grant to help pay for the support you need to raise investment. Between £3m - £4m of funding will be available and you can apply for grants of £5,000 - £15,000.
* [The National Lottery Community Fund](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding) - worth keeping an eye out for their grants.
* [UnLtd](https://www.unltd.org.uk/awards/) are a leading social entrepreneur funder / supporter.

## **Funding Websites & Directories**

The following funding directories are a useful resource to find specific lists of support.

* Charity Excellence Framework [Charity Excellence Framework trustee governance and management checklist](https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/) (an ever growing free list of funders, resources, checklists and support)
* Directory of Social Change <https://www.dsc.org.uk/>
* Funding Central <https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>
* Grants Online <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>
* Grantfinder <https://www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk/>
* Grant Making Trusts [Grant Making Trusts](https://www.grantmakingtrusts.co.uk/)
* Government Funding <http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/default.aspx>
* Government Contracts (including those for voluntary organisations) <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/>
* Fundraising Regulator <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>
* Institute of Fundraising <https://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/home/>

## **What’s going on locally? Sign up to e-news updates about funding, training, networking**

Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) are in most local boroughs to support local charities to start-up, grow and thrive.

* Wandsworth: [Supporting voluntary organisations in Wandsworth - Wandsworth Care Alliance](https://wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk/support-for-organisations/)
* Hammersmith & Fulham: <http://sobus.org.uk/> (they have a great free funding newsletter)
* Richmond: <https://www.richmondcvs.org.uk/>
* Hackney: <http://hcvs.org.uk/newsletter/>
* Islington: <https://vai.org.uk/services/support-for-groups/fundraising-support-and-information/>

\*There are other CVS’s across London and the UK so do ‘google’ them

## **Training, Support and Organisational Development (Wandsworth)**

* Wandsworth Care Alliance <http://wca.btck.co.uk/>
* Lifetimes <https://life-times.org.uk/>
* WCEN <http://wcen.co.uk/>
* Katherine Low Settlement [www.klsettlement.org.uk](http://www.klsettlement.org.uk)
* South Thames College <https://south-thames.ac.uk/>
* Neighbouring CVS’s (see section 5 above)

## **Training, Support and Organisational Development (UK-wide)**

***5.i. General***

* NCVO – know how non-profit (loads of amazing stuff) <https://knowhownonprofit.org/>
* Small Charities Coalition (lots of good stuff here too & free) <https://www.smallcharities.org.uk/>
* Charity Commission <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>
* Vol Resources (various info for running a charity) <https://vr.volresource.org.uk>
* NCVO (general) [www.ncvo.org.uk](http://www.ncvo.org.uk)
* ACEVO (CEO support) <https://www.acevo.org.uk/>
* Charity Connect (networking and resources) <https://www.charityconnect.co.uk>
* Safeguarding <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/writing-a-safeguarding-policy/>

***5.ii. Comms & Media***

* Media Trust (communications and media support) <https://mediatrust.org>

***5.iii. Finance & Tax***

* Charity Finance Group <https://www.cfg.org.uk/home>
* Accounts and Tax Advice for Charities <https://www.gov.uk/topic/running-charity/money-accounts>

***5.iv. HR***

* HR Advice – Cranfield Trust <https://www.cranfieldtrust.org/free-hr-advice-charities>
* ACAS (HR) <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4231>

***5.v. In-kind goods***

* InKind Direct (free/low cost goods) <https://www.inkinddirect.org>
* Free-Cycle (free goods) <https://uk.freecycle.org>

***5.vi. IT***

* *Charity Digital (cheap computer software)* [*https://www.charitydigitalexchange.org/*](https://www.charitydigitalexchange.org/)

***5.vi. Legal***

* TrustLaw (pro bono legal support) <http://www.trust.org/trustlaw/>
* Law Works (pro bono legal support) <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/>

***5.vii. Property***

* Ethical Property Foundation <http://www.ethicalproperty.org.uk/>
* Land Aid – free property advice service: <https://www.landaid.org/what-we-do/our-free-property-advice-programme>

***5.viii. Training***

* Small Charities Coalition (lots of good stuff too - free) <https://www.smallcharities.org.uk/>
* The FSI [Foundation for Social Improvement - loads of free training & resources] <http://www.thefsi.org/>
* Directory of Social Change (training & resources) <https://www.dsc.org.uk/>
* NFP Workshops [NFP Workshops - Affordable Training Courses](https://nfpworkshops.co.uk/)
* Shelia McKechnie Foundation (campaign training) <http://smk.org.uk>

***5.ix. Utilities***

* Utility Aid (utility deals for charities) <http://www.utility-aid.co.uk>

## **Databases about local charities and community organisations in Wandsworth**

* Care4me (community directory) <https://care4me.org.uk/>
* Thrive Online (formerly Wandsworth Family Information Service) <https://thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/home.page>
* Wandsworth Wellbeing Hub (CCG – health and social care) <http://www.wandsworthccg.nhs.uk/localservices/hub/Pages/default.aspx>
* Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce <https://www.wandsworthchamber.org/>
* And… ‘Google’

## **Networks and Forums in Wandsworth**

* Wandsworth Voluntary Sector Forum <http://wca.btck.co.uk/OurProjects/VoluntarySectorCoordinationProject>
* Battersea Community Forum – no longer operating.
* Balham and Tooting Community Association <http://batca.org/>
* Roehampton Forum <http://roehamptonforum.co.uk/>
* Resident Associations – various throughout the borough
* Battersea Deanery of Anglican Churches <http://archive.southwark.anglican.org/parishes/battersea.php>
* Battersea Society <http://www.batterseasociety.org.uk/>
* Churches Together in South London <http://www.ctslondon.org.uk/ctgroups.htm>
* Wandsworth Advice Forum <https://wandsworthadvice.org.uk/site/>
* Wandsworth BME Mental Health Forum (run by WCEN) <http://wcen.co.uk/bmemh/>
* Wandsworth Employment Forum (run by Wandsworth Workmatch) <https://www.wandsworthworkmatch.org/>
* Wandsworth LGBT Forum <http://wandsworth.lgbt/>
* Wandsworth Older People’s Forum <https://www.wandswortholderpeoplesforum.org.uk/>
* Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees <https://www.facebook.com/wandsworthwelcomesrefugees/>
* Wandsworth Youth <http://youth.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth/site/index.php>
* What next? Wandsworth (arts) <https://www.whatnextculture.co.uk/chapters/wandsworth/>

## **Research, data and evidence about Wandsworth**

* Data Wand <https://www.datawand.info/> (info/data related to all things Wandsworth)
* Census – Wandsworth <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200088/statistics_and_census_information>
* JSNA (Health): <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/200449/joint_strategic_needs_assessment>
* London Datastore <https://data.london.gov.uk/>
* Office for National Statistics <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>
* London Poverty Profile <https://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/data/>
* Labour Market <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>
* Wandsworth Foodbank <https://wandsworth.foodbank.org.uk/research/>

## **Staff recruitment**

There are various specialist charity recruitment agencies. See here for a list of ‘who’s who’ <https://vr.volresource.org.uk/people/jobs/agencies/>

One of the most popular job recruitment sites for charities is ‘Charity Job’ [www.charityjob.co.uk](http://www.charityjob.co.uk)

## **Volunteer recruitment**

* Link UP London <http://linkuplondon.org/> (started in Battersea!)
* Battersea Volunteers <https://www.blsw11alliance.org/volunteer>
* Wandsworth Volunteer Brokerage [https://wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk/volunteer-service](%20https:/wandsworthcarealliance.org.uk/volunteer-service)
* Charity Job (free adverts for volunteers) [www.charityjob.co.uk](http://www.charityjob.co.uk)
* Do-It.org <https://do-it.org/>
* Timebank <https://timebank.org.uk/>
* Reach Volunteering <https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/>
* Volunteering Matters <https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/>

## **Skilled volunteering resources**

* Link UP London <http://linkuplondon.org/>
* Common Impact - Skilled Volunteer Handbook <https://commonimpact.org/pdf/Skilled-Volunteering_101_Handbook.pdf>
* Common Impact - Skills based volunteering toolkit <https://commonimpact.org/pdf/SBVToolkit.pdf>
* The Readiness Roadmap <https://www.readinessroadmap.org/>
* The Stanford Social Innovation Review - Ensuring that Skilled Volunteers Land with Impact <https://ssir.org/articles/entry/ensuring_that_skilled_volunteers_land_with_impact>
* Charity Village - Getting Ready for a Skilled Volunteer <https://charityvillage.com/cms/content/topic/getting_ready_for_the_skilled_volunteer#.XKNl_mRKj1s>

## **Trustees**

* Recruitment – see section 12 above, as well as:
  + Women on Boards (free) <https://www.womenonboards.net/en-gb/home>
  + Young Trustee Movement (free) <https://youngtrusteesmovement.org>
  + Trustee Unlimited (have to pay for this) <https://trustees-unlimited.co.uk>
* Essential Trustee Handbook <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>
* Charity Governance Code <https://www.charitygovernancecode.org/en>
* Good Governance resources <https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/governance> AND <https://www.smallcharities.org.uk/resources-governance/> AND <https://www.thefsi.org/general-resources/governance/>
* Association of Chairs <https://www.associationofchairs.org.uk/>

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

* Inspiring Impact <https://www.inspiringimpact.org/>
* NCVO’s Evaluation Service <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/consultancy/ncvo-charities-evaluation-services>
* Alliance for Useful Evidence <https://www.alliance4usefulevidence.org/>
* Institute for Voluntary Action Research <https://www.ivar.org.uk/>
* Social Value UK [Social Value UK - Social Value UK](https://socialvalueuk.org/)
* The Centre for Youth Impact <http://www.youthimpact.uk/> (incl. Project Oracle) <https://project-oracle.com/>

## **Community Development**

* Asset Based Community Development <https://www.nurturedevelopment.org>
* Action for Community Development Ltd <http://www.actionforcd.org>
* Local Trust <http://localtrust.org.uk>
* Locality (UK-wide network) <https://locality.org.uk>

## **Professional bodies for charities (UK-wide)**

* ACEVO <https://www.acevo.org.uk>
* Charity Comms <https://www.charitycomms.org.uk>
* Charity Finance Group <https://www.cfg.org.uk/home>
* Fundraising Regulator <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>
* Institute of Fundraising <https://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/home/>
* NAVCA <https://navca.org.uk>
* NCVO <https://www.ncvo.org.uk>

## **Community Venues to hire for meetings, events etc. in Wandsworth**

* Faith & Churches: Balham Baptist Church, Battersea Methodist Mission, New Testament Assembly, United Reform Church in Tooting, St Peter’s Church in Battersea, Salesian House in Battersea, Transformation House on St John’s Hill
* Battersea Arts Centre
* Children Centres e.g. York Gardens or Yvonne Carr centre in Battersea
* Doddington & Rollo Estate (DRCA) in Battersea
* Katherine Low Settlement in Battersea
* Libraries (e.g. York Gardens Library in Battersea) and various Council venues
* PCS Union by Clapham Junction
* Professional Centre in Burntwood School
* Royal College of Art by Battersea Bridge
* Schools – have various rooms for use/hire
* South Thames College
* Springfield/Mental Health Trust
* St George’s Hospital
* Resident Association & Housing Estate community rooms e.g. Kambala Community Rooms in Battersea, The Venue (Park Court Clubroom) on Doddington Estate

\*please ‘google’ to find out more about these and other venues in the borough

## **Community Events in Battersea and Wandsworth**

* Wandsworth Enterprise Week (March)
* Wandsworth Arts Fringe (May)
* Falcon Road Festival – Battersea (June)
* Northcote Road Summer Festival – Battersea (June)
* Summer in the Square (Battersea Square) (September)
* Battersea Park (e.g. fireworks in early November)
* Carols in the Square (Battersea Square) (early December)
* Rotary Christmas Day (Battersea Park) (25Dec)

\*please ‘google’ to find out exact dates/locations of these local events

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