

Annual Review 2022-23



Thank you to all our partners,
donors, supporters and friends!
Only with your support is KLS possible.

Read our in depth
Annual Review
2022-23



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Volunteer with us, it's good for the heart!



Zoe
Love to Learn volunteer

"I heard about Love to Learn from a colleague. Volunteering exceeded expectations. I enjoyed meeting new people and working with enthusiastic young individuals."

Byron
Elders volunteer

"I learned a lot at KLS. I used to have high cholesterol levels but volunteering for the Elders Lunch Club means I now cook and eat more healthily. Everybody from the team is very supportive."



Discover
our volunteering
opportunities



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Rent a KLS space for your special occasions

Whatever the occasion: birthdays, conferences, meetings, rehearsals, training or parties! We are open 7 days a week and are easy to reach with good transport links. We welcome one-off bookings, weekly classes, and long-term bookings. We will ensure you have the best experience with us.

- Space for up to 70 people
- 6 rooms to hire
- Technical equipment available
- Accessible ground floor rooms
- Friendly and professional staff team



Book one
of our rental
spaces



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Our charitable objectives

Our vision

We exist to create an inclusive society where the communities of Battersea and Wandsworth achieve their potential together.

Our values

- Kindness
- Respect
- Collaboration
- Sustainability

Our aims

- Foster community
- Promote empowerment
- Fight poverty
- Reduce isolation

958

members we supported
through the year

100+

regular donors and
institutional funders

155

volunteers help us run
our three programmes

60+

partners including
charities and businesses

Donate to keep the dreams of our members alive



Your donation makes a big difference to the lives of the local people we work with. Your contribution will enable us to keep running our many activities including the Elders Lunch Club, Love to Learn Homework Club and ESOL (English) classes.

Make a regular
donation and
find out more



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Other ways to support us

1. Set up a monthly donation
2. Leave a gift to KLS in your Will
3. Get your trainers on – Go on a sponsored run
4. Introduce us to the CSR team within the business you work for

Celebrate and be part of our 100 birthday!



Fundraising

Like many 100-year-olds, the KLS building is growing old and we are asking friends and supporters to help make a facelift and refurbishment possible. We need your help to raise £200,000 to keep our building accessible, sustainable and welcoming.

Events

We will be celebrating throughout 2024 with a series of events including a Street Party Extravaganza, Anniversary Gala Fundraising Party and many more.

How to get involved

As well as money we are looking for donations of equipment, building materials and time to help with the refurbishment of the centre and running the centenary events.

Join our
centenary
celebrations



Our new 5-year strategy

Our focus over 2023-2027 is to:

- Evolve our community programmes
- Increase our partnerships and collaborations
- Strengthen our systems and processes

Strengthen our foundations

We are investing in:

1. Refurbishing our building
2. Reducing our environmental impact
3. Improving our data, monitoring and evaluation
4. Diversifying our funding - Investing in our future

Read our
5-year strategy



Finances

£1,100,523

Total income
2022/23

£1,031,836

Total expenditure
2022/23

Read our latest
Annual Report
& Accounts



KLS Elders

We have provided a range of projects and activities for older people since 1924, focusing on health and wellbeing, creative arts, intergenerational work, connecting neighbours, trips and outings.



Core Services

- Lunch Club
- Exercise classes
- Sewing Club
- Film Club
- Themed parties
- Advocacy support
- Wellbeing support
- Outreach support

455

elder members
(+30% from 2022)

98%

enjoy the social
interaction

18

multidisciplinary
activities each week

86%

feel less isolated
in their daily lives

Age Well Battersea

150 members join weekly activities in person and digitally:

- Creative art classes and socials
- Photo-walking groups
- Storytelling classes
- Health and wellbeing sessions with Talk Wandsworth
- LGBTQAI+ Club
- Online sessions

Tech Up Battersea

Tech Beginners and Tech Up are weekly sessions based on the foundation skills of the Essential Digital Skills Framework.

127 elders learn to:

- Buy, borrow, and access digital products
- Connect to affordable internet and digital services
- Learn and master daily digital skills



"I'm so busy now I haven't got time to let myself go to the dark side. I owe so much to art and especially to KLS and all the wonderful people who make it a great place to go."

KLS ESOL

We have provided a free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses for migrant and refugee communities in Wandsworth since 1999.

"My English skills have improved. Now I'm happy. When I go to the GP I can solve my problem because now I can speak and communicate. In the beginning it was very hard for me. Now I've got more confidence in the shop I work in."

Exams and Qualifications

Most of students can take exams and gain a nationally recognised certificate with NOCN (National Open College Network).



Further education and employment

Most of our students stay with us on average 3-5 years. This year, 11 members moved onto further education and employment:

- 2 set up their own businesses
- 7 got part-time jobs in health, social care and hospitality
- 1 is going to study Level 2 teaching assistant
- 1 got a full time job in a local primary school

In-house Crèche

Free crèche for 43 young children (pre-school). Around 25% of our students use this, without it they say they couldn't study with us.



106

students
2022-2023

27

on the waiting list
(25% extra demand)

90%

achieved a nationally
recognised certificate

95%

increased their confidence to
use English in the 'real world'

Extra-curricular programme

We offer a range of employability and extracurricular activities, including yoga, dance, fitness and exercise, cooking, photography, sewing, pottery, cycling, a book club and Discover London.

KLS Love to Learn

We have been working with children and young people from refugee backgrounds and their families/carers since 2004, providing a range of education, advice, and wellbeing services.

Youth work

- Homework and Youth Clubs
- GCSE Clubs
- Post-16 employability support
- Online mentoring
- Early Years mentoring
- Trips and outdoor activities
- Summer holidays project
- Art therapy project



"I learnt I don't have to be angry all the time and I can speak to someone if I don't know what to do when I'm sad at school."

Casework and advice

We helped 106 families and young people to resolve such issues as school exclusions, post-16 choices, SEND issues, family reunions, poor housing, educational and mental health.

397

young people supported
(+14% from 2022)

87%

know what steps to
take to search for a job

86%

demonstrated high
levels of wellbeing

77%

reported high confidence
levels in 7 areas of daily life



Partnership development

- Multidisciplinary workshops, talks and visits including Compass Collective, Shallowford Farm and Queen Mary Law Society
- Careers Fair supporting over 40 young people with 11 local and London-wide businesses
- Visits to Royal Academy of Dance, Royal Court Theatre, Migration Museum, Fortnum & Mason, UK Sailing Academy and many more

KLS Partnerships

We have been partners with a wonderful mix of corporate, statutory, schools, charities and community groups since 1924.



100+

signpost and
referral partners

13+

networks we're actively
involved with

41

charities hosted
at our centre

8

charities incubated
and grown pro bono

Signposting

100+ partners: social services, schools, GPs, CAMHS, Wandsworth Citizens Advice, South West London Law Centre, Wandsworth Foodbank, sheltered housing, SW Leap, Fairbeat!, South Thames College and many more.

Coordinating

10+ networks we chair and/or are active members of: Battersea Cost of Living Network, Wandsworth Migrant Forum, Battersea Alliance, Battersea Volunteers, Wandsworth Digital, Battersea Jubilee Festival, Battersea Youth Cluster, Battersea Elders Network and many more.

Incubating

- 7 tenant charities base their office at KLS: CBC Services, Choice Support, English for Action, Free2Be Alliance, Jags Foundation, Michael Mapp Studio and Supporting Relationships & Families
- 34 hosted community groups and social businesses use our space to deliver their own community services
- 8 charities supported with pro bono business development: Battersea Society, My Roehampton, Nine Elms Ministry, Providence House, Roots to Change, Supporting Relationships & Families, Tooting Graveney Older People's Project and Wandsworth Welcomes Refugees

Advocating

- Protested the Nationality and Borders Bill & Illegal Migrants Bill
- Successfully lobbied for Wandsworth Council to become a 'Borough of Sanctuary' and a London Living Wage employer

"Thank you. It is evident that the children and young people experienced positive differences and were able to engage with learning, improve their social and emotional wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem."