

# Local support networks and services: Wandsworth



## Ideas for school initiatives

### Food & Drink

Type of Help	Details	Find Out More
Host a FoodBank at School	Let out the school (for free) to a local foodbank. Willingness for this needs to be ascertained on a local level for both schools and the foodbanks	Contact <a href="#">Jessica Easton</a> , the London Area Manager, who can introduce you to your local regional coordinator
Become a Collection Point for Local Foodbank	Allow students and families to donate food and other goods for the local foodbank	Contact <a href="#">Jessica Easton</a> , the London Area Manager, who can introduce you to your local regional coordinator
Host a Community Meal	This can be done but needs a chef and project management support	Contact <a href="#">Sophie Tebbetts</a> at Foodcycle

### Finances & Housing

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Host a Citizens Advice Surgery	Schools may want to host a Citizens Advice surgery in a room at the end of the school day for parents and staff to access discreetly	Visit <a href="#">Citizens Advice</a>
Sign Up to Be a 'Warmbank'	Could you offer your school to serve as a warmbank for at least some time during the week?	Find out more about whether and how to register as a warmbank at <a href="#">Warm Welcome</a>
Offer to Host a Local Councillors' Surgery	Write to your local councillors offering the school for an after-school surgery with parents. They can help with a variety of local issues	Find your <a href="#">local councillors</a>

### Help for Care of Children & Older Adults

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Host a Regular Session for a Local Youth Club	Offering a space at school without charging fees (SchoolsPlus or other lettings agents could also waive fees in certain circumstances), could help out a local youth group struggling for financial viability	Find a club at <a href="#">Wandsworth Children's Services</a>
Onside Youth Zones	Onside Youth Zones is a national charity aimed at young people who could be possible partners	Visit <a href="#">OnSide Youth Zones</a>
Age UK	You can offer to open up the school to vulnerable older people	Visit <a href="#">Age UK</a>

# Help from National Organisations

## Food & Drink

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Healthy Start	Help to Buy Healthy Food & Milk If Child Under 4	Visit <a href="#">NHS Healthy Start</a>
Community Fridges	There are lots of Community Fridges opening up across the UK where you can receive free or very low cost food.	Visit <a href="#">Community Fridges</a>
Food Waste Apps	Apps such as TooGoodToGo and Olio and Karma collect offers from local cafes and shops who will provide discounted food which they might otherwise throw away	Download apps such as <a href="#">TooGoodToGo</a> , <a href="#">Karma</a> or <a href="#">Olio</a> on your smartphone and search near you

## Finances & Housing

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Benefits Calculator	Turn2us has a benefits calculator to help you check if you are eligible for benefits or to make sure you are already receiving the right support. They can give free and confidential advice	Visit <a href="#">Turn2us</a>
Reduced Cost Broadband	If you have broadband and are on certain benefits or looking for work, you may qualify for a reduced cost tariff	Find out more at <a href="#">Money Saving Expert</a>
Possible Council Tax Discounts	Single parents, or carers, or families on a low income, could qualify for a discount on council tax	Find out more at <a href="#">Money Saving Expert</a>
Energy Company Hardship Funds	Most energy companies have hardship funds for those struggling to meet bills	Find out what your supplier offers by visiting <a href="#">Money Saving Expert</a>
Debt Management	If you are managing debt, Debt Free London have a free advice line where you get help on how best to manage, and get yourself out of, debt.	Visit <a href="#">Debt Free London</a>
Stop Loan Sharks	For support and advice about illegal money lending	Visit <a href="#">Stop Loan Sharks</a>

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Help with Childcare	If your child is in childcare, and one of you is in employment, you may be able to receive help with childcare costs	Find out more at <a href="#">Money Saving Expert</a>
Age UK Cost of Living Calculator	Age UK has a special cost-of-living section for help for those over 55	Visit <a href="#">Age UK</a>
Project 17	Help for migrant children to get help regardless of status	Visit <a href="#">Project 17</a>
Places of Welcome	Places of Welcome is a growing network of hospitality run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a cup of tea, build community and meet new people.	Visit <a href="#">Places of Welcome</a>

# Local Government Help

## Food & Drink

Organisation/Fund	Details	Find Out More
Crisis Assistance for Food & Fuel	Payments for those eligible for immediate assistance	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
NHS Health Start Scheme	If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk from NHS Healthy Start. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops. Your money will be added onto this card every 4 weeks.	Email <a href="#">Healthy Start</a>

## Youth Services

Organisation/Fund	Details	Find Out More
Youth Opportunity Fund	The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is a pot of funding available to young people, aged 11 to 19 years old, or up to 25 with a disability, who live, go to school or attend a youth provision in Wandsworth. Young people can apply for up to £4,000 to run a project or activity that will benefit their peers	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Wandsworth Youth Activities	Council's main page for youth activities	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Wandsworth Connected – Winter HAF 2022	Winter HAF programme is for young people and families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, from school years reception to Year 11, to access activities and services during the Winter Holidays, including a nutritious meal and a fun physical activity every day.	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>

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Cost of Living Hub	This is the council's main hub for all cost-of-living help	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Discretionary Energy Rebate Fund	<p>To help with the rising cost of energy bills, the government announced that eligible households will receive a one-off £150 energy rebate payment which won't have to be repaid.</p> <p>Wandsworth has also designed a discretionary energy rebate, which extends this payment to thousands more households</p>	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Discretionary Housing Payments	<p>Anybody already in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit who requires extra financial assistance with housing costs can apply.</p> <p>There are no set rules about what reasons make a person eligible to receive DHP. We will look carefully at each request and take into account any special circumstances that contribute to the need for the DHP</p>	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Community Care Grant	You can apply for a community care grant for essential white goods (eg cooker, fridge with a small freezer compartment) and essential furniture like beds or a table and chairs, if you're experiencing hardship and are in receipt of qualifying benefits. In exceptional circumstances (for instance if you're a carer for a disabled family member), the Council will consider a grant for a washing machine	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Council Tax Discount	You can get 25% off your Council Tax bill if you live in Wandsworth Borough and you're the only adult living in your home. This is different from Council Tax Reduction	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Financial Inclusion Team	The Financial Inclusion Team provides benefits, budgeting and debt advice to council tenants who are having difficulty paying their rent. They can provide advice to new tenants, benefit advice, help on dealing with debt, budgeting advice and help understanding your rent charges	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
South West London Energy Advice Partnership	SWLEAP provides energy advice across Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton to anyone in fuel poverty. This could be an energy visit to your home but we also provide advice at energy cafes in community settings, over the telephone or by email if you prefer.	Visit <a href="#">SWLEAP</a>

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School Uniform Fund	Vouchers for school uniforms for those on Free School Meals (FSM)	If you are a Wandsworth resident and believe you are eligible for Free School Meals and have not received an email voucher, then please email <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Wandsworth Council Older People Services	Main hub for council older people services	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

Organisation/Fund	Details	Find Out More
Talk Wandsworth	Talk Wandsworth offers free confidential talking therapies for stress, worry and low mood. You can refer yourself or be referred by your GP	Telephone: 020 3513 6264
Reading Well	Reading Well helps you to understand and manage your health and wellbeing using helpful reading.  The books are chosen by health experts and people living with the conditions covered. People can be recommended a title by a health professional, or they can visit their local library and take a book out for free	Visit <a href="#">Reading Well</a>
Mood Manager Video	Free videos in a variety of languages for those suffering from depression	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>
Mental Health Floating Support - Housing	Mental health floating support for help maintaining a tenancy	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Council</a>

## Local Organisations Which Can Help

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Wandsworth Trussell Trust Foodbanks	Several locations across Wandsworth.	For more information on how to get help, please visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Foodbanks</a>
ICEC Foodbank	Local Battersea Foodbank hosted at the Islamic Cultural Centre	Visit <a href="#">ICEC</a>
Tooting Community Kitchen	Provides a biweekly stall serving hot food and essential produce and run a local foodbank which operates as a drop-in collection service.	Visit <a href="#">Tooting Community Kitchen</a>
Food for Life, Wandsworth	Food for Life Wandsworth is offering free Bags of Taste cooking classes to people at risk of food poverty	Visit <a href="#">Food for Life</a>
Wandsworth Food Partnership	Organisation coordinating food-related projects in the local area	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Food Partnership</a>

Local Youth Groups		
Organisation/Fund	Details	Find Out More
Wandsworth Music	Provide music programmes and signpost to music opportunities to make music available to anyone in Wandsworth, regardless of circumstances	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Music</a>
FAST London @ Patmore	A Youth Club based on the Patmore estate. Working weekly with young people between the ages of 10 -19	Email <a href="#">Shae Clarke</a> at FAST London
Alton Activity Play Centre	Alton Activity Play Centre is a place where young people can get together to have fun, as well as meet new young people and be themselves. This is an open access play facility for young people aged between 8 -13 years old, children under 8 years are to be supervised by a responsible adult.	Call 07870 545 675
Caius House Youth Club	This is a purpose-built youth club where young people can go to learn, have fun and relax. It is for children and young people aged 8-21 years old or up to 25 years old for young people with disabilities	Visit <a href="#">Caius House</a>
CARAS Youth Club	CARAS Youth Club is a place of fun, friendship and food for young refugees and asylum seekers. Young refugees and asylum seekers aged 11-19 are welcome	Visit <a href="#">CARAS</a>
Carney's Community	At Carney's, many projects operate to help young people. The project Targeted Key work, works with the most at risk young people, they are given mentoring, support and a wrap around service.	Visit <a href="#">Carney's Community</a>
Communicate Youth Club (9 years +)	Building emotional regulation skills through peer engagement for children with SEND	Visit <a href="#">SEN Talk</a>
Devas Club	This is a place where young people can go to learn, have fun and relax. It is for children and young people aged 11-19 years old or up to 25 years old for young people with disabilities and/or special educational needs	Visit <a href="#">Devas Club</a>
World Heart Beat	Local music education charity with the aim of making music accessible to all	Visit <a href="#">World Heart Beat</a>

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Citizens Advice Wandsworth	Citizens Advice can help you with debt issues, benefits advice and tenancy issues	Visit <a href="#">Citizens Advice</a>
Crosslight Advice	Free debt advisory service with a branch in Balham	Visit <a href="#">Crosslight</a>
South West London Law Centres	Give free legal advice on housing and debt	Visit <a href="#">SWLLC</a>
St Luke's Church	St Luke's Ramsden Rd SW12 are opening the church on Wednesdays (10am – 1pm) and Thursdays (12 noon -3pm) for those who need a warm and cosy place. They are currently providing cakes, tea/coffee and biscuits and importantly a place to rest, chat, and play games	Visit <a href="#">St Luke's</a>
Grants for Carers	Grants available for carers based in Wandsworth	Visit <a href="#">Carers Wandsworth</a>
Reyooz	Recycles furniture donated by Wandsworth residents	Visit <a href="#">Reyooz</a>
Wandsworth Get Connected Hubs	Each week of the Summer Holidays will have a theme, with various organisations attending as well as Cluster Coordinators to help you Get Connected	Visit <a href="#">Wandsworth Care Alliance</a>
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Little Village Wandsworth	If you are experiencing hardship, have a child under 5 and live in inner London, you can ask your midwife, health visitor, doctor, school or local Children's Centre for a Little Village referral. You can find out more at <a href="http://www.littlevillagehq.org/make-a-referral">www.littlevillagehq.org/make-a-referral</a> .	Visit <a href="#">Little Village</a>
Age UK Wandsworth	Later life planning service (for over 55s), free and confidential information and advice on welfare and benefits, housing or support services, as well as how to keep fit and active	Visit <a href="#">Age UK</a>
Preloved	Preloved has some listings for children's items being given away for free. It covers the whole country but you can use the postcode search to find things near you.	Visit <a href="#">Preloved</a>
Mental Health & Wellbeing		
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MIND	Local services run by MIND in Wandsworth, Brent and Westminster	Visit <a href="#">Mind</a>