

# Become part of a Community of Practice around Creative Health and Social Prescribing in Wandsworth

In order to support the development of the Creative Health sector in the borough, Wandsworth Council is working with [Breathe Arts Health & Research](#) to develop a Community of Practice around Creative Social Prescribing in Wandsworth. This Community of Practice is open to all cultural organisations operating or interested in Creative Health and Social Prescribing.

As part of Wandsworth Arts for Health & Wellbeing pilot initiative, the following training and networking opportunities are available for free to Wandsworth-based creative organisations engaged in Health & Wellbeing activities:

Mon 12 December 2022	<b>Training audit survey</b> sent to Wandsworth org. and artists with a creative health practice. Deadline 6 January 2023. 25 replies received.
Fri 20 January 2023 10.30am–1.00pm  Online	<p>Presentation on <b>Wandsworth's Social Prescribing framework and the role of Link Workers</b> by <a href="#">Enable's</a> Personalised Care Manager Ruth Grainger, followed by a Q&amp;A.</p> <p>Demonstration of the social prescribing platform the <a href="#">Joy App</a> by Head of Customer Success Liz Navas + Q&amp;A</p> <p>Discussion on training needs with <a href="#">Breathe AHR Head of Scalability Lorna Greenwood</a></p>
Mon 30 January 2023 10am–12am  Battersea Park	<p>Funded organisations were invited to present their social prescribing activity to <a href="#">Enable's</a> Link Workers and Health &amp; Wellbeing coaches, to help them develop an understanding of the cultural offer, how to refer to it and any criteria they need to take into account.</p> <p>Followed by a networking breakfast at Parker Café.</p>
Wed 22 February 2023 1–5pm  Battersea Arts Centre	<p><b>Delivering Safe and Sustainable Creative Health in Wandsworth</b></p> <p>Presentations and workshops on R&amp;D, barriers to evaluation, practitioners' support and development, and the power of networks.</p> <p>Designed and delivered by <a href="#">Breathe Arts Health Research</a>.</p>

	<p>Guest speakers:</p> <p><b>Hannah Dye</b> – Head of Programmes at Breathe Arts Health Research</p> <p><b>Dr Alex Burton</b> – Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Behavioural Science &amp; Health, UCL Collaborating Centre for Arts &amp; Health</p> <p><b>Nikki Crane</b> – Programme Lead Arts, Health &amp; Wellbeing at King's College London, Co-Founder Southwark Culture Health and Wellbeing Partnership (SCHWeP)</p> <p><b>Full agenda and FREE tickets available on <a href="#">Eventbrite</a></b></p> <p>For arts organisations that are already running health &amp; wellbeing programmes (to support their current social prescribing activities).</p>
<p>Wed 22 March 2023 1pm–5pm</p> <p>Venue TBC</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Cultural Social Prescribing</b> by <a href="#">Breathe AHR</a></p> <p>Presentations on the Integrated Care System framework, the background and rationale for social prescribing, Wandsworth's Health &amp; Care Plan and Social Prescribing model, funding opportunities. TBC</p> <p>For Wandsworth cultural organisations/artists starting their Creative Health journey.</p> <p><b>Agenda, guest speakers and FREE tickets available on <a href="#">Eventbrite</a> soon</b></p>
<p>Thu 11 May 2023 1pm–5pm</p> <p>Venue TBC</p>	<p><b>What's next for Wandsworth Arts for Health &amp; Wellbeing initiative</b></p> <p>Designed and delivered by <a href="#">Breathe Arts Health &amp; Research</a>.</p> <p>Discussing impact assessment, business models, how to make a business case, partnerships and funding opportunities. TBC</p> <p>Open to local cultural organisations and artists engaged in social prescribing or who attended a training session in February or March.</p> <p><b>Agenda, guest speakers and FREE tickets available on <a href="#">Eventbrite</a> soon</b></p>
<p>Thu 28 September 2023 ROSE Clubroom (Nine Elms)</p>	<p><b>What have we learnt?</b> Phase 1 supported project will be invited to share their challenges, successes and learnings with the wider Community of Practice + Networking</p>

Thu 8 February 2024	Community of Practice meeting (topic to be confirmed, possibly Quality Frameworks if the report has been published)
Thu 16 May 2024 Balham or Tooting	<b>What have we learnt?</b> Phase 2 supported project will be invited to share their challenges, successes and learnings with the wider Community of Practice. + Networking
Wed 17 July 2024 Wandsworth Town Hall	Community of Practice meeting: <b>Meta-evaluation sharing</b>

The [National Academy for Social Prescribing \(NASP\)](#) also offers free training and networking opportunities:

Mon 27 February 2023 online	<a href="#">NASP webinar: What is the evidence for social prescribing? Tickets, Mon 27 Feb 2023 at 13:00   Eventbrite</a>
Thu 9 March 2023 Southbank Centre & online	<a href="#">The Social Prescribing Show</a> – The Live event at Southbank Centre has sold out but you can join online for free.

NASP also has a large series of [webinars](#) available for free on [Resources | NASP](#)

The [Wandsworth Care Alliance](#) website features more general training opportunities that you, your staff and volunteers could access free of charge:

Jan-Feb 2023	<a href="#">Mental Health First Aid courses</a>
9 Feb 2023	<a href="#">Trauma-Informed Practice Bronze Level: Becoming Trauma Aware</a>
Feb-March 2023	<a href="#">Mental health awareness training – Thrive</a> (various dates in February and March)

Please bear in mind the Council is not organising those training opportunities. Please contact the organiser directly for registration and further details.

Wandsworth's CRM platform the Joy App offers monthly demonstrations of their social prescribing platform on Eventbrite: [An Intro to Joy's Social Prescribing Platform Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

**Should you wish to add free training and networking opportunities here to contribute to the Community of Practice around Creative Health & Social Prescribing, please email the Arts for Health & Wellbeing Lead on [Lelia.Greci@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Lelia.Greci@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk). Hosting offers are always welcome!**

