



West London Action for Children



Our impact

As a charity, we measure and report on our impact in several different ways to our Board and our major funders.

One way is listening to feedback from our clients.

We recently supported a 12 year old child and their mother following a traumatic experience in the home, a period of separation and coping with their father's alcohol dependency.

"We have made changes in how we manage situations, set goals and boundaries and come to agreed understandings.

It has been so helpful to have this service for my child."

Thank you for taking an interest in our work and helping us help clients to make positive changes.

Heather Boxer
Chief Executive

Please keep in touch via our website www.wlac.org.uk and social media



Congratulations and thank you to our marathon runners! Together they ran over 150 miles (equivalent to running from London to Cardiff...) and raised an incredible £18,000. Well done Charlie, Cosimo, Oliver, Lorna, Freddie, Jasmine and Jess!

As Charlie so thoughtfully said just before the race 'it looms big and scary but people have to overcome longer struggles and higher 'walls' and at least our challenge only lasts one day'.

If you are interested in running next year (or can persuade someone else to run for us), please get in touch. It's never too early to start training! Our friendly and experienced volunteer marathon co-ordinator Bianca Sainty is standing by at the ready...

Save the date

Brook Green Barn Dance

25 Sep 7-10pm

Come and dance the night away...
All ages welcome!
Suggested donation £20 per adult and £5 per child.

Annual Quiz St Paul's Girls' School

21 Oct 6.30-10pm

Tables of 8.
Bring a picnic (wine glasses will be provided!)
Advance bookings only please.

Postcards Anon

CHRISTIE'S
THE ART PEOPLE

1 - 5 Nov

Our ninth annual sale of postcard-sized art returns to Christie's.
Private view: Monday 2nd Nov 6.30-8.30pm
Exhibition continues 3rd, 4th & 5th Nov

Please email team@wlac.org.uk for more details on any of these events



Brook Green Events Group

Being part of a local fundraising group is a great way to make a big difference. It is also a lovely way to involve friends and family, get to know neighbours, meet new people and have fun!

There has been a WLAC fundraising group in Brook Green for nearly twenty years, since a group of local residents who all had young children decided to band together to run community events to raise money for WLAC. The group goes from strength to strength and most of the original members are still part of it. The group hosts events that appeal to lots of different ages including

Bridge Tournament – usually held in January

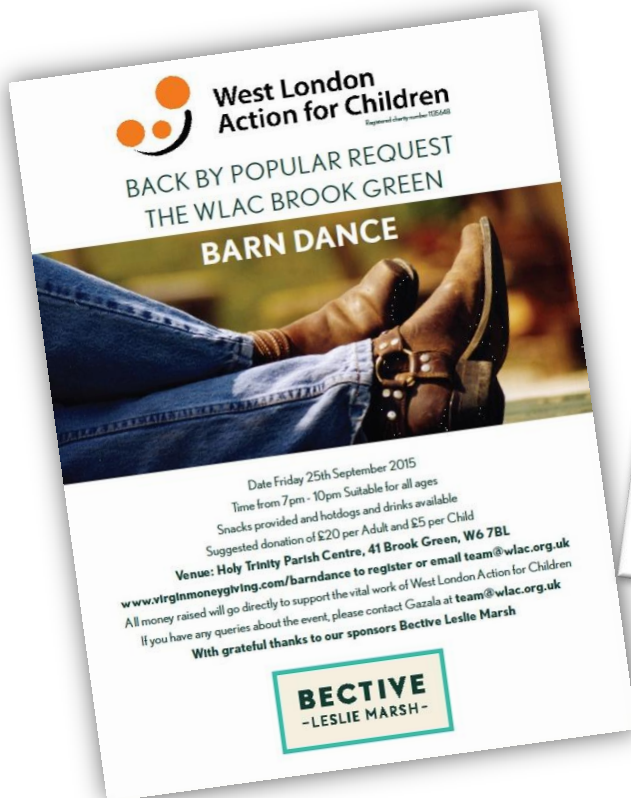
Neighbourhood Nosh - a progressive dinner party round Brook Green

Tennis Tournament – a fun family event

Barn Dance - next one on Friday 25th September – see invitation below

Quiz - next one on Wednesday 21st October – see invitation below

The Group raises an impressive £15-20,000 each year for WLAC. None of this would be possible without the generosity of local institutions, companies and residents. For example, St Paul's Girls' School provide the venue for the quiz and the tennis, and Bective Leslie Marsh generously donate staff time and cover running costs so that all donations go directly to WLAC. Other companies donate prizes and local supporters Robert and Annabel Jennings host the drinks reception for the Neighbourhood Nosh in their lovely house and garden.



On behalf of our clients, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Brook Green Events Group

The role of a WLAC Trustee

West London Action for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees.

Charity trustees are the people who share ultimate responsibility for governing a charity and directing how it is managed and run. Our trustees use their skills and experience to support us and help us achieve our aims. They give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis.

Being a trustee means making decisions that will impact on people's lives. We are very grateful to our trustees for their dedication.

Trustees' duties

Charity trustees are responsible for making sure a charity is doing what it was set up to do.

The Charity Commission registers and regulates all charities in England and Wales to ensure that the public can support charities with confidence. On 10th July, the Charity Commission published the new version of its guidance 'The Essential Trustee'. This guidance explains what the regulator expects of trustees and outlines their responsibilities.

The Charity Commission's new guidance identifies six main duties for trustees

1. Ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
2. Comply with the charity's governing document and law
3. Act in the charity's best interests
4. Manage the charity's resources responsibly
5. Act with reasonable care and skill
6. Ensure the charity is accountable



Meetings

The West London Action for Children Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year.

They always receive a report from the Chief Executive that includes a financial update (income sources and expenditure against budget), an overview of the charity's caseload and service delivery (referrals, services offered, output statistics), management information (staff levels, training, volunteers) and other news including partnerships, events and workshops.

New trustees

We are always looking to enhance the skills and knowledge of our Board by adding new members. If you would like to volunteer your time and feel that you have valuable skills to bring to us, please contact our Chief Executive Heather Boxer in the office.



Fundraising News

We are grateful to all our fundraisers for the energy and imagination they bring. Here are some highlights from the past few months. If you are interested in fundraising for us, please get in touch.



Gertrude Street Art Exhibition

A very successful Art Exhibition was kindly hosted at the home of two of our local supporters. Over £15,000 of artwork was sold and the event raised over £5,000 for West London Action for Children. Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make the event such a success.

River Run and Walk marshalled by Goldman Sachs

Over eighty people joined us for this year's Three Bridges Fun Run, which was once again held at the wonderful venue of St Paul's School on the river. We were supported on the day by a fantastic group of 11 volunteers from Goldman Sachs Community Teamworks, who helped us with the sign-in process, setting up brunch and marshalling along the course. The day was a great success and raised over £800.



Lloyds Bank and JLL teams paint a client's flat

Thank you to the teams from Lloyds Bank and the Junior League of London who painted three of our clients' flats. In our experience, these projects have a profoundly positive impact on the client family and are also very rewarding for the teams who donate their time and energy for the day. Please contact us if you are part of a team that would be interested in donating your time to help our clients.



Nightrider 2015 and British 10K

We are thrilled to thank our wonderful teams of cyclists and runners who took part in the Nightrider 2015 and the British 10K, raising over £1,500 and £2,900 respectively. Spaces are available for next year's events...



Pop up craft nights at Kite Studios

Our partnership with Kite Studios continues and we are delighted that they are running pop up 'taster' craft nights in aid of their own Sponsorship Fund and West London Action for Children. We would like to thank Emma Simpkins, a talented local fabric designer who has donated her time and energy to run the last six evenings and will be running more in the Autumn. If you would like to find out more about these events, please visit our website at www.wlac.org.uk

