



Information service for people living,
working or studying in Merton.

**Merton Civic Centre, London Road,
Morden SM4 5DX**
Telephone: 020 8545 4710
Textphone: 020 8545 4356
Fax: 020 8274 4932
E-Mail: info@care-connect.info

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Available in Merton

***African Educational Cultural Health Organisation**

43 Palestine Grove, London SW19 2QN
Telephone 020 8648 5405
E-mail: info@aecho.org.uk

Offer training in: Basic Skills/IT, Financial Management, Communication Skills, Social Enterprise.

***Careers Development Group (CDG)**

Mansel House, 2a Mansel Road, Wimbledon SW19 4AA
Telephone 020 8944 9119
Website: www.cdguk.org
Email: jenny.woodrow@cdguk.org

They are partners with Job Centre Plus and provide training. Have a programme called "New Deal" designed to help the unemployed back to work. They provide basic skills training and give City and Guild Qualification. Also help with CV writing and Job Placement and help clients with child-care and transport costs. The service is free of charge.

***Caxton Recruiting Services Ltd**

Unit 4, 37-39 Western Road, Mitcham CR4 3ED
Telephone 020 8646 1637
Website: www.caxtonagency.co.uk
E-mail: caxtonagency@hotmail.com

Offers the opportunity to acquire a range of NVQs in the care field.

***Connexions CFBT**

Olympic House, 196 The Broadway, WIMBLEDON, London SW19 1RY

Telephone: 020 8082 6870

Email merton@cfbt.com.

Information and advice on careers, and employment and training opportunities, for young people aged 13-19. Special needs support for people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities up to age 25.

***Deen City Farm**

39 Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey, London SW19 2RR

Telephone: 020 8543 5300

Website: www.deencityfarm.co.uk

Email: deencity@deencityfarm.co.uk

The farm has offers educational opportunities to learn about practical animal husbandry as well as general maintenance work such as plumbing, carpentry, painting and creative arts and crafts.

***Fanon Resource Centre**

Suite 1, Justin Plaza 3, 341 London Road, Mitcham CR4 4BE

Telephone: 020 8255 4033

Email: david@southsidepartnership.org.uk

Website: www.southsidepartnership.org.uk

Fanon Resource Centre caters for persons from the African-Caribbean and Asian community with mental health problems. They offer volunteering and job training.

*** Grenfell Housing & Training**

16-20 Kingston Road, South Wimbledon, London SW19 1JZ

Contact: Chris Irwin (Work Force Development Advisor)

☎ 020 8545 2597 Email: chris@grenfell-housing.co.uk

Email: info@grenfell-housing.co.uk

Website: www.grenfell-housing.co.uk

Grenfell Training was created to supplement the support provided to tenants by the Housing team. Since then Grenfell Training has developed to provide funded and commercial training opportunities to the local and wider community e.g. Employability Training, Work Based Learning, Commercial Training, etc. They run various courses from ITQ to Customer Service NVQ, Adult Literacy and Numeracy and ECDL. They are a registered ECDL test centre and you can make an appointment to book a test here. To access these training facilities or for any other information contact the training team on 020 8545 2587 or via email.

***Immanuel House Community Training Centre**

Unit 7-8, 37-39 Western Road, Mitcham CR4 3ED

Telephone: 020 8648 6088

Website: www.immanuelhouse.co.uk and Email: immanuel.house@btclick.com

Immanuel House provides a range of basic skills, ESOL and IT courses. Many of these are delivered in partnership with Merton Adult Education. The Centre is a friendly, accessible community resource, located close to Mitcham town centre.

Kiara Training College

215 London Road, Mitcham Surrey CR4 2JD (Mitcham Town Centre near MacDonalds)

Contact: Endi Ezengwa, Director of Training and Personnel Development

Telephone: 07976053714 (Mobile); 0208 648 0318

Website: www.kiaratrainingcollegeuk.com

Has a direct contract with the Learning and Skills Council to run the Train to Gain programs. Offers the following courses for free (There may be a part payment for Level 3, 4 and ESOL courses) - Health and social care level 2,3, 4 and LMC level 4 (formerly called Level 4 RMA); Cleaning and Support Services Level 2; Customer Services - Level 2; Child Care - Level 2 and level 3; Teaching Assistants - Level 2; Business Administration Level 2 and 3; Retail - level 2; A1 Assessors award - Level 3; V1 Internal Verifier's Award - Level 4.

In addition, has a Skills for Life Department comprising of the following courses – Literacy; English for Speakers of other languages; Numeracy and ICT.

***Kaleidoscope Project**

40-46 Cromwell Road, Kingston-Upon-Thames KT2 6RN

Telephone: 020 8549 2681

Website: www.kaleidoscopeproject.org.uk

Kaleidoscope has been providing training throughout its 40-year history. This has ranged from training a small Church Group to providing training and support to organisations in South East Asia, funded by the European Commission. Kaleidoscope is passionate about talking to people about how communities can make a difference in supporting people with a drug problem. Our education and training services use some of our most experienced and best-trained staff so we can meet the needs of organisations that want our support.

1. Kingston Placements for Social Work Students - The social work unit offers placements to student social workers completing a degree or masters in social work. We offer shadowing placements of 1 day, short practice placements of 20 days or longer placements of 70 or 100 days.
2. Streetwise - Streetwise provides 3 day training courses in Kingston-upon-Thames, validated by the University of Wales and DANOS mapped. This course is multi-agency and described the culture of the drugs scene, factors which make some people vulnerable, treatments for

opioid and alcohol addictions, and harm reduction. Specific topics are dealt with in greater depth in 1-Day training courses.

3. Alcohol Services – Training - We provide specific alcohol related training free to other services and professionals in the substance misuse field and to those services who come into contact with alcohol related issues.

***Merton Adult Education**

Whatley Avenue, London SW20 9NS

Telephone: 020 8543 9292

Write: via 'Freepost Merton Adult Education'

Website: www.merton-adult-education.ac.uk

Email: info@merton-adult-college.ac.uk

Careers and Training Advice service offers free and impartial information, advice and guidance on education, training, employment and help with CV writing and job applications. Drop-in at the Whatley Centre on Mon & Wed from 10am to 4pm and Tue from 10am to 12 noon – Contact: Martina Collett-Creedy - Phone 020 8543 9292 ext. 210.

Community Adult Education Service - Subject areas include Active Lifestyles, Craft, Early Years, English & Maths, English as a Foreign Language, English for Speakers of other Languages, Family Learning, Fine Art, Information Technology, Mind and Body, Modern Foreign Languages, Towards Independence, MAE Training.

***Merton College**

Morden Park, London Road, Morden SM4 5QX

Telephone: 020 8408 6500 or 020 8408 6400

Website: www.merton.ac.uk

The mission of Merton College is to provide opportunities for learning and personal and professional development and so to make a difference to the communities they serve. They teach a wide range of courses at different levels, to people from many different backgrounds and of all ages.

***Merton Libraries - Mitcham, Morden, Wimbledon, Donald Hope (Colliers Wood), West Barnes, Pollards Hill, and Raynes Park**

For general enquiries and to get contact details for individual libraries call 020 8545 3783. Some provide free internet access and homework clubs, and all of them have facilities which aid study. Contact the libraries for information about Silver Surfers Club for older people.

***Merton Music Foundation**

Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden SM4 6PX
Telephone: 020 8640 5446 or 020 8687 1846

The MMF is an independent registered charity that administers and coordinates the provision of instrumental and vocal tuition, and youth music activities for over 2000 young people and adults.

***Merton Vision**

The Guardian Centre, 67 Clarendon Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19 2DX
Telephone: 020 8540 5446
Email: info@mertonvision.org.uk

The Centre run a number of adult education classes (partnership with Merton Adult Education). Please contact for full details. They also provide access to computers especially adapted for persons with visual impairments.

***Merton University of the Third Age (U3A)**

Telephone: **020 8946 6024 – Judith Williams, Chairman or
020 8764 3239 - Membership**

Website: www.u3a.org.uk
Email: elayneu3a@googlegmail.com

Study Groups, talks, visits and social activities for retired or semi-retired people.

***New Horizon Centre (Pollards Hill Community Centre and Commonsides Trust)**

South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham CR4 1LT
Telephone: 020 8543 9292 (Merton Adult Education)

Courses offered at the centre – Get on with English-EM03F, E.S.O.L. Real Beginner-ES02F and E.S.O.L. – Level 1b-ES10F.

***Next Step**

c/o Mitcham Library, 157 London Road, CR4 2YR
Telephone: 020 8274 5746. E-mail Alison.Cotter@prospects.co.uk.
Website www.nextsteplondon.org.uk

Information, advice and guidance, careers advice, CV writing, job search activities, drop-in service, free of charge. For adults 20+. Open on Thursdays from 10am to 3pm.

***North East Mitcham Community Centre**

Woodland Way
Mitcham CR4 2DZ
Telephone : 020 8685 9452 (8am to 6pm)

A Community centre offering a wide range of activities embracing all age groups including computer and IT training, help with CVs and job search.

***South London Tamil Welfare Group – Training Centre**

Justin Plaza - Ambassador suite 3, 1st floor, 341 London Road, Mitcham CR4 4BE
Telephone: 0208 646 1193
Website: www.sltwg.org.uk
Email: mani@sltwg.org.uk

Tamils into Employment and Training project (upto August 2010) – this project provides: training & support modules on motivation, time management, job types & skills; CV writing, interview techniques and application forms filling skills; offers self-employment and job search advice and help with volunteering and job placements; training, support and funding for skills for life (ESOL) training at entry levels 1, 2 & 3. The training centre has facilities for IT support and Pre-ESOL support. Places are strictly limited for each year, and enrolled people are expected to give full commitment to the training programme. Induction for the training course takes place every month. Please telephone to make an appointment to discuss employment and training needs. For further information, please telephone the Employment Project team on 0208 646 1193.

***St Mark's Family Centre**

New Church Road, 28 St Mark's Road, Mitcham CR4 2LF
Telephone: 020 8640 9595

Adult education and IT: Adult education classes Tuesdays 9.15am-11.15am and Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am; Silver Surfers (for older people) Wednesday from 12noon to 2pm and Friday from 9.30am to 11.30am. "Keeping Up with the Children" course to help parents to assist children at school with literacy and numeracy – normally runs on Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30pm for 6 weeks of numeracy and 6 weeks of literacy. Family IT Mondays 9.30am-11.30am. Easy Cook Tuesday 11.45am-2.45pm, Friday 12.30pm-2.30pm. Food Safety Level 2 Thursday 12.30pm-2.30pm.

***South Mitcham Community Centre**

Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham CR4 3PR
Telephone: 020 8648 3740

Offers adult education classes and ESOL courses (in partnership with Merton Adult Education), including computer training.

***Spire's Day Centre**

8 Tooting Bec Gardens, London SW16 1RB
Telephone: 020 8696 0943

Offers adult learning opportunities for homeless and disadvantaged people – any age group – including creative writing, computer training, help with reading, writing and numbers, art and craft, music and life skills.

***Wimbledon Community Association**

Sir Cyril Black Community Centre, 28 St. George's Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4DP
Telephone : 020 8946 0536
E-mail: enquiries@wimbledoncommunity.org.uk
Website: www.wimbledoncommunity.org.uk

Hosts adult education and other special interest groups, including music appreciation, current affairs and martial arts.

***Wimbledon Guild**

Guild House, 30/32 Worple Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4FF
Telephone: 020 8946 0735 - Contact: Russell Humphreys
Email: info@wimbledonguild.co.uk
Website: www.wimbledonguild.co.uk

The centre offers several computer-training courses for older people.

Outside Merton

Carshalton College

Nightingale Road, Carshalton SM5 2EJ
Telephone: 0208 544 4444
Website: www.carshalton.ac.uk
Email: cs@carshalton.ac.uk

They offer full-time, part-time, evening, short course and work-based learning study options across a huge range of subjects.

Croydon College

College Road, Croydon CR9 1DX

Telephone: 020 8686 5700 or 020 8760 5914

Website: www.croydon.ac.uk

Email: info@croydon.ac.uk

The College has a wide range of programmes across all Further and Higher Education levels leading to nationally recognised qualifications. Subjects offered include: Art and Design, Business and Finance, Caring, Construction, Engineering, Fashion, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Hospitality and Catering, I.T., Leisure and Tourism, Performing Arts, Public Services and a wide range of professional qualifications.

***Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre**

Frensham, Farnham, Surrey GU10 3BW

Telephone: 01252 792400 - Contact: Caroline Walker

Website: www.arkellcentre.org.uk

Email: enquiries@arkellcentre.org.uk

The Centre offers expert assessment and specialist tuition to anyone with dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties. Specialist Tuition is available for dyslexic individuals of all ages. Teaching programmes are devised for each individual based on assessment. Skills taught include: reading and comprehension, letter writing, basic maths and Adult Literacy and Support.

ITCanHelp Network (set up by the British Computer Society)

Free Telephone and Minicom: 0800 269545

Email: enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk

Website: www.itcanhelp.org.uk

Offers a free remote assistance service that provides help to disabled people with their computer technology by allowing a volunteer to fix IT problems via the internet without the need to visit people's homes. This service supplements its traditional service, which provides people with free, fast and reliable IT solutions through a network of volunteers who visit clients in their own homes.

Kingston College

Kingston Hall Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2AQ

Telephone: 020 8546 2151

Website: www.kingston-college.ac.uk

Email: info@kingston-college.ac.uk

Kingston College has a wide range of courses designed specifically for adults with tutors specialising in support, education and training.

Malden Centre

Blagdon Road, New Malden KT3 4TA

Telephone: 020 8336 7770

Email: enquiries@themaldencentre.co.uk

Offers opportunities to learn new skills – art, pottery, calligraphy, yoga, singing, flower arranging, belly dancing, self-defence and various languages.

Nescot (North East Surrey College of Technology)

Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom KT17 3DS

Telephone: 020 8394 1731

Website: www.nescot.ac.uk

Email: info@nescot.ac.uk

The Mission of the College is to meet your lifelong learning needs through high quality, flexible provision which enables you to achieve your full potential and so meet the needs of the local community, regional and national economies.

Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Training College

Leatherhead Court, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 0BN

Telephone: 01372 841100

Website: www.gefd.org

Email: info@gef.org.uk

The College provides residential and non-residential training for adults with disabilities, mental, physical and learning and especially those forced to change career due to accident or illness. There are training programmes in Business, ICT and Trade Skills. Contact for information about their monthly open days.

Southfields Community College

333 Merton Road, London SW18 5JU

Telephone: 020 8875 2600

Website: www.southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk

Email: info@southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk

Southfields Community College runs day and evening courses on site. They also work with community groups to provide education and training.

South Thames College

Website: <http://www.south-thames.ac.uk>

Telephone: 020 8918 7000

For people with disabilities or learning difficulties: 020 8918 7777

South Thames College has Centres based in Wandsworth, Putney, Tooting and Roehampton, smaller centres include Balham (Chestnut Grove School) and Hotham School. They offer a number of classes e.g. Salsa, Tai Chi, jewellery or stained glass, hairdressing, scriptwriting, French or Spanish, etc.

Sutton College of Learning for Adults (SCOLA)

St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA

Telephone: 020 8770 6901

Website: www.scola.ac.uk and Email: reception@scola.ac.uk

To provide a wide choice of high quality adult learning opportunities, which positively contribute to the diverse cultural, social and economic lives of our local communities by meeting their distinctive needs and different aspirations.

Southwark College

Waterloo Centre, The Cut, London, SE1 8LE

Telephone: 020 7815 1600

Switchboard 0207 815 1500

Website: www.southwark.ac.uk

Email: info@southwark.ac.uk

The College has day and evening courses aimed at adults and offer a variety of classes, with recognised qualifications.

The Surrey Institute of Art & Design

Epsom campus, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5BE, UK

Telephone: 01372 728811

Website: <http://www.surrart.ac.uk/>

Offers a series of drawing classes for both beginners and those with experience.

***U Can Do I.T.**

Highfield House, 4 Woodfall Street, London SW3 4DJ.

Telephone / Minicom: 020 7730 7766 Fax: 020 7730 6822

Website: www.ucandoit.org.uk

Email: info@ucandoit.org.uk

U Can Do I.T. is a charity, which provides computer training for blind, deaf and disabled people in their own homes. The basic course consists of 10 training sessions and includes email, surfing the web and an introduction to newsgroups and chatrooms. (There is no age limit.) A PC with Windows 95 or 98 must be provided by the learner.

Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

Temple House, 17 Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB

Telephone: 020 8983 1515

Website: www.wea.org.uk

Email: national@wea.org.uk

The WEA is a diverse organisation providing learning to adults from all walks of life. The WEA operates in every region of England, so hopefully you can find something that interests you locally. Many of their courses are short, take place at convenient times and are easy to fit into your life.

Distance Learning

Home Learning Direct

Kangley Bridge Road, London SE26 5AR

Telephone: 0800 917 5902

Website: www.homelearningdirect.com

Home Learning Direct was established with the aim of providing quality distance learning programmes. Courses include basic IT training, computer maintenance, manual bookkeeping and internet web design.

International Correspondence Schools (ICS)

Telephone: 0800 056 3983

Website: www.icslearn.co.uk

Email: icscourseadvisors@ics-uk.co.uk

ICS is the largest distance-learning organisation in the world, catering for the self-improvement needs of individuals, from basic skills courses through to professional qualifications.

National Extension College (NEC)

Telephone: 01223 400 200

Website: www.nec.ac.uk

Email: info@nec.ac.uk

The NEC was set up over 40 years ago as a charity to help people of all ages fit learning into their lives. We believe there should be more than one way to get a good education.

The Open University

Local Office: 1-11 Hawley Crescent, Camden Town, London NW1 8NP

Telephone: 020 7485 6594

Email: london@open.ac.uk

Website: www.open.ac.uk

The Open University is designed for people who want or need to study in their own time. You pursue your course at home or wherever is convenient - setting your own timetable around the way you live your life. OU courses are considered to be among the world's best distance education material.

E-Learning

(Making use of modern technology such as Email, CD-Roms, DVDs and the Internet)

City & Guilds in partnership with Carers UK

Telephone: 020 7294 2800

Website: www.city&guilds.com or www.learningforliving.co.uk

The Certificate in Personal Development and Learning for Unpaid Carers, the course focuses on helping carers achieve personal goals – supported by online support.

Learndirect – England and Wales' largest 'e-learning' network

National Freephone Number: 0800 100 900

Website: www.learndirect.co.uk or www.internet-exchange.co.uk

Learndirect local office - London South VLC, Carshalton College, Nightingale Road, Carshalton SM5 2EJ

Telephone: 0208 544 4444 - Contact: Andrew Severs

At Learndirect, you can find hundreds of specially created online courses in computers, office skills and self-development, designed so that you can learn at a time, place and pace to suit your needs e.g. adult literacy, skills for life and many other courses. Internet Exchange Courses are accessible at Learndirect stores, online at work and from home. They offer advice and guidance as well as a wide range of free and subsidised courses, and can tell you if you're eligible to apply for the Adult Learning Grant.

Local centres are at :

Morden Library, Merton Civic Centre – Phone: 020 8544 2870

Wimbledon Library, 35 Wimbledon Hill Road – Phone: 020 8946 5485.

UK online centres

Telephone: 0800 77 1234 (free) – to find the address & phone number of your nearest centre

Website: www.ukonlinecentres.com

Provide people with access to computers and the internet, as well as advice on using them.

Information and Advice

The Basic Skills Agency

Commonwealth House, 1-19 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1NU

Telephone: 020 7405 4017

Website: www.basic-skills.co.uk

Email: enquiries@basic-skills.co.uk

The Basic Skills Agency is the development organisation in England and Wales for literacy, numeracy and language skills.

Hotcourses

150-152 King Street, London W6 0QU

Telephone: 020 8600 5300

Website: www.hotcourses.com

Hotcourses has a simple mission: to produce guides and websites that make it easy for people to find the right school, college or university to pursue educational opportunities for themselves or their families.

Learning + Skills Council

Helpline: 0870 900 6800

Website: www.lsc.gov.uk/National/AdultLearner/default.htm

Email: info@lsc.gov.uk

Local Office: Canius House, 1 Scarbrook Road, Croydon CR0 1SQ

Telephone: 0845 019 4172

Email: londonsouthinfo@lsc.gov.uk

Offers information, advice and guidance to adult learners.

Way to Learn

Website: www.waytolearn.co.uk

Telephone: Contact through website only.

Way to learn has been developed by the Department of Education and Skills (DfES) and partner organisations. It is intended to bring together information that will help adult and potential learners make informed decisions about taking up learning.

Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities

Chapter House, 18-20 Crucifix Lane, London SE1 3JW

Telephone/ Minicom: 020 7450 0620 or 0800 328 5050 (freephone)

Website: www.skill.org.uk

Skill is a charity promoting opportunities for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training and employment across the UK.

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