

About us:



Lambeth Elfrida Rathbone Society was established in 1967. Most people know us as **Rathbone**, and we largely support people in the borough of Lambeth.

While we are primarily a service provider to people with learning disabilities, we also deliver mainstream and integrated youth work at The Old Library in West Norwood.

We take our name from Elfrida Rathbone, an educationalist who was one of the first people in Britain to believe and show that people with learning disabilities could learn and develop skills from education and employment, and did not need to be institutionalised or treated as having an illness.



There are a number of charities around the country who use Elfrida Rathbone's name to indicate that they carry on her philosophy in some way. Although some of these groups have links with each other, we are not part of a national organisation, but are a fully independent charity.

Today, our organisation operates two main strands of service delivery: adult social care and youth work.

The **Outreach Service** was established in 1998 as more and more adults were able to move out of residential care to live more independently, with support workers visiting them in their own homes.

We provide adult social care to over 80 people, mainly adults in Lambeth, with our team providing care and support tailored to each person's individual needs. Support visits are arranged to fit in with the needs, lifestyle, and choices of each person.

The Outreach Service, with a high reputation in Lambeth, and rated **Good** by the CQC, also encompasses a new and innovative Drop-in Service, a specialist Complex Needs service called Without Walls, delivered in partnership with the local authority, as well as two well-established supported living projects.



We also run 2 weekly social activity groups for adults with learning disabilities: The Gardening Group at our allotment at Rosendale Allotments and a cooking and healthy eating group called *Come Dine with Us*.

Rathbone's **Youth Service**, which achieved London Youth's Gold Quality Mark in 2018, offers informally educative programmes and projects during term times for young people aged 11-19, or up to 25 for those with learning disabilities. Overall, we reach over 200 young people with our services.



Additionally the Youth Service offers engaging activity programmes during half term and summer holiday periods, as part of the Norwood Consortium, in partnership with Fulham Football Club and several local community groups.



The Centre is open to young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 for young people with disabilities). We deliver a diverse range of informally educative programmes to young people in the West Norwood area.



www.rathbonesociety.org.uk

All our youth programmes are delivered by specialist and qualified youth workers with experience in working with young people with complex needs and challenging behaviour.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the service brings together mainstream young people from the local area and young adults with learning disabilities from across Lambeth, with a strong focus on fun, learning and personal development.



Rathbone runs the historic **Old Library** building in West Norwood which is home to our Youth Service and also provides office space to some of our Services.

Additionally, we hire out offices and multi-use spaces to community groups and others, and are developing plans to enhance the use and versatility of this valuable community resource.

Hire Rooms at The Old Library



Please help yourself to a Room Hire Brochure to find out how to book rooms at The Old Library.

Rathbone is managed by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly to oversee the direction and performance of the charity.

We are fully registered with the Charity Commission and as a *Not for Profit* company with Companies House.



Website: <https://rathbonesociety.org.uk>
Email: a.preston@rathbonesociety.org.uk
Charity No: 1096727
Company No: 4590396