

Community Learning Courses Newsletter 3 January 2023

Community Learning offer short courses for adults living in North Somerset (minimum age 19)

to help build skills and confidence for work, volunteering and wellbeing.

Priority places are given to those who are in receipt of certain benefits or with few or no qualifications.

All our courses are free for priority learners and held both face to face and remotely.

For remote courses participants will need access to the internet with a laptop, PC or tablet.

Due to our funding each person can attend only one course at a time –
and are welcomed and encouraged to join follow-on courses

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Introduction to IT

Face to face course

A great course for IT beginners! Learn new skills: from using the mouse/ touchpad and keyboard to how to create an email address; using the free Google document resources and keeping safe online.

[See our flyer Intro to IT](#)

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 am from 16 January 2023 for 12 sessions
at North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

For more info and to book a place contact:

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Office Skills

Face to face course

This short course can give you the tools you need for a career in administration. Content includes: Word, PowerPoint and Excel - to create presentations, improve IT skills for work, insert tables and charts, and add formulas and functions.

Learn how to create 'signatures' and 'out of office' replies used in business emails.

Tips for proof reading, avoiding scams, and staying safe online.

[See our flyer Office Skills](#)

Mondays and Wednesdays 12 – 2pm from 16 January 2023 for 12 sessions
at North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Creative Writing – Short Stories

Online course

Everyone has a story to tell – is it time to tell yours? This is an online only, 6-week course that covers the basics of writing short stories: creating characters, dialogue, setting, descriptive writing and plotting. You'll even get to try out a fun writing game! There are no Zoom meetings to attend; your tutor will set you a different task every Monday morning and you'll get a whole week to complete it. You'll receive a full response to every task you email to your tutor, with hints, tips and plenty of encouragement.

Suitable for beginners and more experienced writers.

The course is delivered via email and you will need the use of a PC, laptop or tablet to attend.

From Monday 16 January for 6 weeks.

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Games Café

Drop in session

Do numbers make you nervous? Would you like to improve your skills with numbers so you can budget for household bills or apply for a job/or a better job? Our Games Cafes are a fun, informal way to get more confident using numbers. Come along for a chat, play some games and enjoy a warming drink and a snack. All for free!

Join us between 9am and 1pm on one of the following dates

Monday 16 January at Clevedon Library, BS21 6NN

Monday 23 January at Portishead Library, BS20 7AL

Monday 13 February at 65 The High Street Nailsea, BS48 1AW

[See our Games Cafe flyer](#)

No need to book – if you'd like more information or to register your interest please contact:

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ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages

Face to face courses

Learning English as a Second Language for Pre-Entry (beginners) Entry 1 and Entry 2. The courses are mainly designed around speaking and listening. They are created to support vocabulary for everyday life – e.g. making a doctor's appointment or for shopping or travel. We have our own internal assessment (not the national assessment). The expectation is for regular attendance and not miss more than 3 sessions of a 10 session course.

[See our ESOL courses flyer](#)

Classes at St Johns Church Hall, Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1EF

Mondays from 16 January for 10 sessions

10am-12pm **Entry 1**

1-3pm **Pre-Entry**

4-6pm **Entry 2**

Wednesdays from 18 January for 10 sessions

1-2.45pm **Pre-Entry**

2.45 – 4.15pm **Below Pre -Entry**

Classes at North Somerset Training, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

Wednesdays from 18 January for 10 sessions, 7-9pm **Entry 1**

Fridays from 20 January for 10 sessions, 10am-12pm **Entry 1**

Classes at Clevedon Children's Centre, The Barn, Great Western Road, Clevedon BS21 6BH

Fridays from 20 January for 10 sessions

12.30-2.30pm **Pre-Entry Plus.**

3-4.30pm **Pre-Entry Plus.**

4.45-6.15 **Pre-Entry Plus.**

Assessment information – ESOL Assessment for Parents

We can offer parents at your school a free ESOL assessment identify your starting point on your English level. We have a selection of ESOL courses we can signpost your parents to. The assessments tend to be on Thursdays are 'speaking and listening', 'reading' and 'writing'.

[See our school assessment flyer](#)

For enquiries for current and future courses contact:

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Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test

Face to face in the classroom

Improve your understanding of the rules of driving and the Highway Code. Gain confidence answering multiple choice questions and learn how to approach the Theory and Hazard Perception Tests.

Tuesday morning 9.30-11.30am from 24 January 2023 for 7 sessions

[See our flyer Driving Theory Morning](#)

or

Tuesday evening 6-8pm from 24 January 2023 for 7 sessions

[See our flyer Driving Theory Evening](#)

at North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Managing your Money, Bills and Debt

Face to face course

Many of us feel worried about how we will manage as cost of living and fuel bills keep increasing. To help, in partnership with Alliance Homes we are offering a 3-hour workshop filled with useful tips and hints to help save money and to improve confidence contacting providers. Content includes: basic budgeting, meal planning, managing debt, how to find the best broadband and energy deals, and communication tips.

Everyone who completes the session will receive a £20 supermarket voucher.

[View our Managing Money and Debt course flyer](#)

Wednesday 25 January 2023 10am-1pm

At Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare BS22 7PQ

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Introduction to British Sign Language

Face to face course

Learn basic BSL to communicate better with those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Learn finger spelling alphabet; how to introduce yourself
and have an initial conversation with someone who uses BSL.

[See our flyer Intro to BSL](#)

Fridays 10am -12.30pm from 27 January 2023 for 8 sessions

at The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Fun British Sign Language

Live teaching on Zoom

Learn basic BSL to communicate better with those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Learn finger spelling alphabet; how to introduce yourself
and have an initial conversation with someone who uses BSL.

[See our flyer Fun BSL](#)

Thursdays 10am -12pm from 2 February 2023 for 7 sessions

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Introduction to Early Years and Working in the Childcare Sector

Face to face course

Explore the range of service provision and roles within early years and childcare. Includes understanding principles and values, tips on communication and language development through play.

How to progress onto work in childcare. Gain a Level 1 Award in Childcare.

[See our flyer Early Years and Childcare](#)

Tuesdays and Fridays from 21 February 2023 10am -1pm for 6 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Woodwork for Women

Face to face course

An introduction to woodwork for complete beginners in a relaxed non-competitive environment. Learn hands-on skills and carpentry techniques. Build confidence to safely use hand tools. Information about options for gaining more skills and/or experience.

[See our flyer Woodwork for Women](#)

Fridays 9.30am -2.30pm from 24 February for 5 weeks
at The South West Skills Campus, Locking Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8NL

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Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures

Face to face in the woods

Get your mojo back at Goblin Combe Adventures. Join a small group to take part in lots of outdoor activities including campfires, woodland walks, archery and orienteering. Relax your mind, exercise your body, and allow yourself time to step back from the stresses of everyday life.

Tuesdays 10am -2pm from 28 February for 5 weeks

At Goblin Combe Woodland, Cleeve BS49 4PQ

[See our flyer Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures](#)

For more info or to book a place contact:

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Prepare to Work in Adult Social Care

Face to face course

Gain a Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care.

Learn about ways of working in this meaningful role that will help you prepare for a successful interview. Carers make a difference every day supporting vulnerable or disabled adults. There are a wide variety of opportunities, from helping someone in a care home with daily activities to assisting someone with a disability to live independently. In this course you will explore the range of service provision and roles within adult social care. Understand principles such as Duty of Care, Person Centred Care and confidentiality. Build-up confidence in your skills, qualities and abilities to prepare for a career in Care.

[See our Prepare to Work in Adult Social Care flyer](#)

Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30am -2.30pm from 14 March for 6 sessions

at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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