

Adult and Community Learning Service

Adult Learning in Warwickshire

From September 2020

Adult Learning Changes Lives



*See
inside for
opportunities
to learn new skills
for wellbeing and work...*

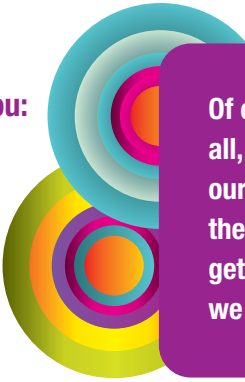


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Adult Learning Changes Lives

Adult learning changes lives. Courses on offer from Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning can help you:

- Gain new skills and qualifications for work
- Support your children's learning
- Brush up on the basics
- Develop a personal or creative interest
- Improve your wellbeing



Of course Covid-19 has affected us all, and the way we are delivering our courses is a little different at the moment. If you're struggling to get to grips with the online world, we can help with that.



The information on these pages will give you an idea of the range of opportunities we offer. For full details please visit us online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning or call us on **01926 736392**.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Are you interested in improving your English?

Would you like to get a job or a better job?

Do you want to feel more confident speaking to neighbours, teachers, doctors, people at work?

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course can help you.

Our Course can help with:


- Speaking and listening in everyday situations
- Reading in English (letters, brochures, emails, websites, other information)
- Writing in English (emails, messages, notes, letters etc)

Our friendly, qualified and experienced tutors will work with you to identify and achieve your goals. You will work in small groups to make sure you have plenty of opportunities to practise.

You can take a recognised qualification (Trinity Skills for Life) in reading, writing and speaking/listening exams. These will be available to you once you are ready to take them.

Once we have contacted you, we will arrange an assessment of your level to make sure you are allocated to the right class. Our classes are free and there is a charge for exams only. Remissions do apply for exams.

Here are some comments from our learners:



"In our class we have a good time while learning!"

"This group which I am learning in is a kind of family for me."



We have continued to have positive feedback from our current learners as we continued to provide learning during lockdown.

"Your teaching has made a big difference and I feel really confident as I understand new words. I am really happy that you have organised online lessons for us."

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English and Maths

We offer a whole range of English and Maths courses that will help:

- Those who wish to further their career and need to upgrade qualifications
- Those looking to improve their job prospects
- Parents who need to help their children with homework
- Anyone wishing to develop a new skill
- Those whose first language is not English to gain a recognised English qualification or understand the language of maths
- To develop skills in budgeting your money
- To develop your confidence

Here's what some learners have said about their experiences of attending our classes:

"I highly recommend this course to those who want to take further learning in English."

"This has been an opportunity for me to understand the importance of learning."

"The tutor has been great I have gained confidence in maths. Instead of dreading doing a test I have actually enjoyed it."

"Basically continuing Maths on Zoom has been very good for my mental health and confidence."

"My tutor was fantastic and all the meetings which we had she covered 100%."

"Personally, I've received a lot of support from my tutor in a short period of time and I appreciated that. It is a new and interesting experience."

"Fantastic tutors who know how to teach and with great IT skills."

"We were always active during the meetings with online quizzes, grammar tests and homework. All the information as well as face video sessions were good."

"I'm so pleased that my hard work has paid off and my final exam will be for level 2."

If they can do it so can you!! Don't be locked down by a fear of maths or English.
You are the key to your success

Arts, Languages and Personal Development

We offer a wide range of courses for those wishing to develop a new or existing interest or learn a new skill. Our Community Learning programme is going from strength to strength.

Throughout last term, our tutors have been increasing their skills and have successfully delivered a fabulous array of courses from languages, to arts and crafts, all online.

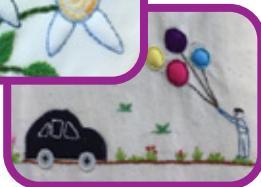
Using a mixture of live interactive sessions, supporting exercises and activities for learners to complete at home, we have continued to offer a quality service which has been a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable in our communities. We are planning to continue to deliver classes in art, Italian Spanish, French, dressmaking skills and sugar craft - check out our website and Facebook page for more information. New courses will be added throughout the year, so don't miss out and keep checking!

Our autumn language programme will include beginners classes in Spanish and Italian as well as a new Italian culture class. We are continuing to offer progression courses for our language learners who wish to continue their learning - up to term 12 if you would like to.

Courses include:

Drawing and Painting
Creative Stitching
Sugar Craft
Illustration

Sewing skills - including Dressmaking, Creative Stitching and Patchwork and Quilting.



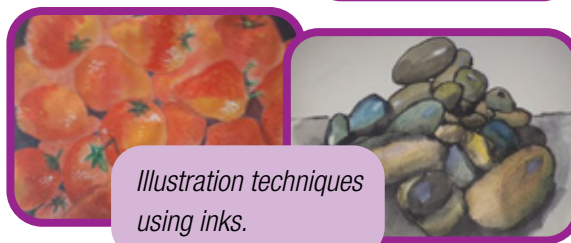
Believe it or not these are not real flowers: they have been created by learners in our Sugar Craft classes.



From our Drawing and Painting classes.



Illustration techniques using inks.



We are trying some new termly courses

Stand alone courses for 10 weeks only, these will be available each term to encourage new learners to try out our programmes throughout the academic year. The subjects we will be offering include:

- Italian Culture
- Land Art using Your Smartphone
- Illustrate a Story
- Dressmaking Skills

and a variety of art courses. Enrolment and course dates will be available on our website.

Family Learning

Family Learning is learning that takes place among family members including parents, grandparents and carers. It's about discovering and exploring things together; learning in a relaxed atmosphere.

Why is it important?

It helps children develop essential skills and achieve at school. Family Learning can lead to improvements in children's behaviour and attainment. Children whose parents support their learning do better at school and in later life.

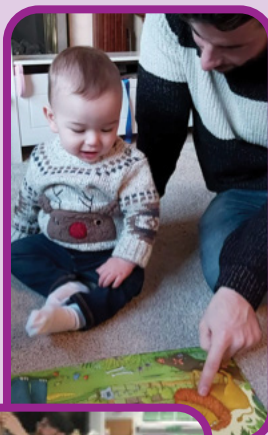
It has a positive impact on adults too...

It helps parents to reconnect to learning. It allows parents to find out how their children learn and understand how to support them better. Family learning offers a chance for adults to step back onto the learning ladder.

"When I first came on the REAL course, I felt nervous but the tutor was so positive and kind that I soon forgot my fears.

I learned so much on the course and I can now help my son develop his skills. I understand how important stories and rhymes are for his development, and we now love spending time together reading and singing.

It has given me the confidence to attend the regular Stay and Play sessions at the centre, and to join the Story Sack course. I am going to do the phonics course next so I can help him with his learning when he starts school."



Our Courses

Literacy and English

- Early Years REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy)
- Helping Your Child with Literacy
 - Storytelling
 - Creative Spaces
 - Story Sacks
 - Phonics
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- Film Club

Numeracy and Maths

- Early Years REAM, (Raising Early Achievement in Maths)
- Helping Your Child with Maths,
 - Maths Mastery

Workshops

- Literacy and Numeracy themed
- Art Activities • Family Fun Days

Other courses

- Triple P – Parenting Communication Awareness
- Exploring Science • Online Safety
- Healthy Eating • Learning Outside
 - Learning About Play
- Getting Ready for School • Art

We have a range of **FREE** courses and workshops on offer: some are for adults only, whilst others are for parents, carers and children to work together. All courses help parents and carers to support their children's learning. Family Learning courses are typically 1-2 hours each week, for 4-6 weeks. All our courses are delivered either face to face in schools and community settings, or online.

Courses for Adults with Learning Disabilities

At Adult & Community Learning, we are committed to improving the skills and raising the aspirations of adults with learning disabilities and learning difficulties. We offer a wide range of free courses to promote independence within our Active Learning programme.

We work with our learners, their families and carers and partner organisations to ensure we keep improving what we do.

Start your learning journey with us this September. You can choose up to four courses each week. One of your choices must include the Life Skills course.

"The courses my son attends have helped his confidence and self-esteem, showing him learning can be enjoyable. He feels his contributions are valued."

A parent



"Josh loves coming to class and is really learning and developing. All the staff have been great and make the lessons fun and rewarding."

A support worker



"I am on the Life Skills course, the Basic Cooking course and the Drama course. I wanted to do the Life Skills to help me with everyday life, with stuff like budgeting. As I live on my own, I wanted to be able to cook with ingredients, instead of just opening a tin of beans.

I am learning new things. I am learning how to make things. I have cooked cheese and potato pie and scones at home. Drama is fun!

I have kept up with my learning during lockdown. My tutor emails me homework and I attend Zoom sessions.

I volunteer with Rainbows and Scope. My ambition is to get a paid job."

Claire

Courses include:

- Life Skills
- Visual Art
- Basic Cooking Skills
- Music
- Drama
- Gardening Skills



Do you need to improve your maths, English or computing skills?

We can help you access those courses too.

Computer Courses

Do you need a refresher or just want to learn something new? Whether you're looking for a new challenge or wish to develop existing skills, we are offering a range of courses to support and enhance your digital skills.

Technology is rapidly changing the way we live, work and learn. People enrol onto our courses for all sorts of reasons: relighting a forgotten passion, learning something new, exploring something they have always wanted to try, learning more about subjects they enjoy, improving skills and job prospects, or simply to help stay in touch with family and friends.

So, don't put your learning on hold – we have now adapted many of our courses to be delivered online.

Some of our learners choose to begin with a personal development course to explore and enhance skills before finding new passions for the world of technology and progressing to a full qualification.

The ability to confidently use ICT systems can greatly benefit our everyday lives but is also essential in a variety of careers. Choosing to learn ICT skills can open possibilities you may not have previously considered.

Whatever the reason, we're here to support you through an offer of introductory, intermediate or advanced courses.

Courses include:

Introduction & Next Steps
with Computers

iPad

Photo Editing

Social Media

Web Page Design

Microsoft Applications –
Word, Excel PowerPoint etc

Qualifications from Entry Level to Level 2

Do you lack confidence in being able to
access learning online?

*Please contact us to find out
how we can support you.*

"I must admit to being slightly nervous about joining an IT class at my age, but 'nothing ventured' as they say. Any nervousness on that first day was quickly dispelled. There was a warm, friendly atmosphere and within minutes I felt at ease and was ready to learn. It is quite surprising just how confident you can become through the learning process."

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"Without having previously completed the Introduction/Online Basics courses, I would never have had the skills or confidence to use the online booking system to enrol myself on to the iPad course."

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Further Information

How we are delivering our courses

Due to the risks of Covid-19 we are not running face-to-face classes from September 2020. Most courses are currently delivered via live online sessions, supported by email communication and other online resources. To access these you will need a computer, tablet or smartphone equipped with a camera, speakers and microphone. For more information please see the course details on our website. We will restart classes in our usual locations when it is safe to do so.

If you are interested in joining a class but not confident that you could access learning online, please contact us – we may be able to help you.

What will it cost?

English, Maths, Family Learning and some other classes are free to all learners. Where fees apply, we operate the following fee categories:

Full fee: You will pay this if you do not qualify for a discount.

Discount fee: This is the fee rate for learners aged 66 or over.

Fully remitted: This rate applies for learners, or their unwaged dependants, in receipt of one of the following benefits: Employment and Support Allowance, Housing/Council Tax Benefit (not single person's discount), Incapacity Benefit, Job Seekers Allowance, Pension Credit, Universal Credit, Income Support, Working Tax Credit (annual income below £16,385). Whilst delivery is online courses are free for this category. When we return to face-to-face delivery there will be a small resource charge for some arts and crafts courses.

Full details of the fees for each course can be found on our website.

For ESOL and some ICT courses, you may be eligible for a free course and exams if you are employed but earn less than £17,004 per year. Please ask for details.

Am I eligible?

We can only accept learners who are aged 19 or over on 31/08/2020. Most learners are required to have been permanently resident in the UK, the EU or EEA for the last 3 years. If you do not meet these criteria please contact us, as you might still be eligible.

We are not funded to work with learners living in the West Midlands Combined Authority area. If you pay your council tax to Coventry, Birmingham, Solihull, Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley or Wolverhampton we may not be able to enrol you, or different fee rates may apply. Please contact us for more information.

How do I enrol?

For detailed information on courses, to apply or enrol please visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearning

Alternatively, for more information please email acl@warwickshire.gov.uk or telephone **01926 736392**.



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