

Warwickshire Adult Community Learning

September 2024 – July 2025

Courses in **Rugby and
surrounding areas**

Learning changes lives

Welcome to Warwickshire ACL



Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning offers courses for adults and families across the county. Whether you want to develop skills for employment or everyday life, support your children's education, gain confidence or improve your physical or mental wellbeing, we have a range of opportunities on offer.

**For our centres,
your eligibility
and fees
please see pages
11 and 12**

Not online?

To find out about FREE computer courses for beginners call us on **01926 736392**.

We look forward to either welcoming you as a new learner, or for you to continue your learning journey with us. You can enrol or apply for courses online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl, call **01926 73639** or attend one of the information events in September - see page 11 for details.

Alina's Story

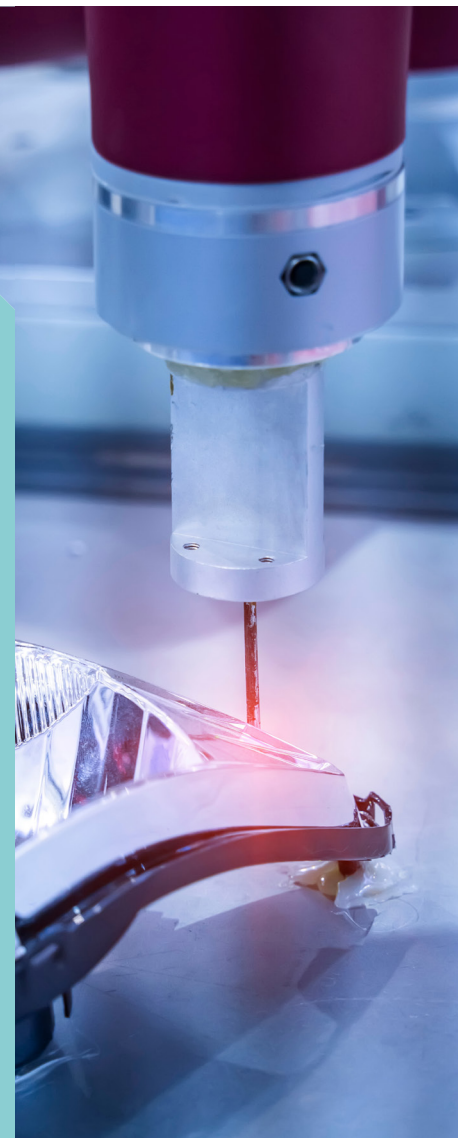


When I moved to the UK from Romania, I struggled to find work in my field of hydro-geology. In 2020 I joined an English class with ACL. The course was online on a Monday evening, just after work, so it gave me the flexibility I needed to work and attend the classes too. After assessment, I was enrolled onto Level 1 Functional Skills English. In my second year when I was going for Level 2, I applied

for Maths because I was keen to get back to engineering and having a GCSE in Maths was required everywhere.

I was successful in my application to National Grid and now work as an Apprentice in Power System Engineering.

I am grateful to ACL for offering me this opportunity to take the courses in English and Maths. I believe that these certificates were the basis for my future career in engineering and I highly recommend ACL courses to everybody. The team is happy to tailor the courses and find the best time to suit your needs, as they know that most of the students are working adults. They are supportive and interested to help you gain the knowledge and skills to pass the exams and get the certificate of completion and you will feel included and heard.



Computer and Digital Skills



Technology is rapidly changing the way we live, work, and learn, connecting us and creating new possibilities and challenges.

Our digital skills courses offer basic and key skills in computer use, a variety of online activity and being safe. Whether you're looking for a new challenge, want to develop existing skills or gain a qualification, we offer a range of part-time daytime and evening courses, from the beginner to advanced. Many of our courses are FREE.

We offer specialist tutors and a friendly, welcoming environment. Once you contact us we can discuss your needs to ensure you join the course that is right for you. Unlock your potential today!

FREE COURSES

Basic Computers for Beginners (Stage 1)

Suitable for those with little or no previous experience of computers and who would like to develop their skills and confidence in this subject.

Developing Skills with Computers (Stage 2)

A follow-on course to Stage 1, or for those who have some basic computing skills. Topics include using email, basic word processing, file management and online safety.

Essential Digital Skills – Entry Level (Stage 3)

A follow-on course to Stage 2. It will further support and develop your skills and confidence, whilst focusing your learning towards gaining a recognised qualification.

Essential Digital Skills - Level 1

Develop skills in using spreadsheets, video conferencing, shopping safely online and solving basic technical problems. You will need to have completed Essential Digital Skills at Entry 3, or have an equivalent level of skills.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Hill Street Youth & Community Centre	Mon - Fri	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme

Many other courses are available but may carry a charge, please ask for details.

Courses could include:

- Microsoft Office Applications
- Google Applications
- Internet & Email
- Cyber Security
- Digital Photos
- iPads

Stella's Story

I joined a Developing Skills with Computers course. The course gave me knowledge of how to edit my words, add bullet points, and also use PowerPoint, Excel spreadsheets and many other things on the computer. I have learnt how to be safe online and how to spot and avoid scams.

My new skills have been useful at work: now I can perform tasks on the computer without having to ask colleagues for help. It's not scary any more!

My tutor was patient, flexible and always happy to answer questions. I am going to enrol again in September to develop my skills further.



English



Our courses help learners to improve English, grow confidence and gain qualifications.

We offer a range of FREE qualifications to suit all learners at all levels who wish to improve their English, including short introductory courses, Functional Skills and GCSE courses.

From September 2024, we are offering a brand NEW GCSE English language course designed to be completed in one academic year that offers learners a chance to gain a GCSE. This qualification focuses on real life applicable content that provides an excellent pathway for progression and will enable you to gain confidence while you learn.

Our Functional skills courses focus on three key units: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening. Our tutors will work with you to encourage you to achieve your goals at a pace that suits you in a supportive learning environment.

All our courses are designed to fit in with varying learners' needs at times and venues to suit everyone. We have a mix of both online and face to face classes.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Hill Street	Wednesday	10.00-12.00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Benn Partnership Centre	Wednesday Friday	10.00-12.00 12.30-14.30 09.30-11.30	35 weeks	
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 16.00-18.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

Tyrone's Story

Hi, my name is Tyrone. I have been learning with Warwickshire ACL since 2021.

I have attained Functional Skills Level 1 in English and Level 2 Reading. I am working towards Level 2 Writing. I have also attained Functional Skills Level 1 in Maths and I am working towards Level 2.

I have autism, but I find that the tutors are very approachable and are always willing to work around my needs. They are always willing to repeat things, reword things and explain things in a different way if they feel that I didn't understand or I ask them to rephrase it.



Maths



We have a range of FREE maths courses suitable for all levels and abilities to improve confidence and skills, and gain qualifications.

Courses include:

- Short introductory courses
- Functional skills courses from Entry Level to Level 2
- GCSE courses

We will work with you to build up your maths ability to allow you to progress through each level to reach your desired goals.

Our courses will help you to progress into employment or further academic or vocational pathways and will give you more confidence and independence in everyday life. They are designed to fit in with varying learners' needs at times and venues to suit everyone.

We have a mix of both online and face to face classes. Sessions are relaxed and informal and tutors will encourage you to reach your personal goals and achievements in a relaxed and friendly environment where you will receive support throughout.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Hill Street	Tuesday	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 17.00-19.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY

Do you have a fear of maths? Do you struggle with budgeting, percentages or calculating area? 'Multiply' is

an initiative designed to help adults develop the maths skills we all need in everyday life. We are offering a range of FREE courses to adults without a Level 2 maths qualification* to help build your skills. These include:

- Family Money Management
- Intensive support to help you achieve a Level 2* qualification
- Maths skills developed through activities such as craft and gardening

If you are interested, please contact us to find out more.

*Level 2 qualifications include GCSE grade C/grade 4 or above and Functional Skills Level 2. If you have a qualification but don't feel confident with your skills, please contact us for a discussion.



Art, Languages, Life Skills & Wellbeing



If you are looking to learn a new skill or develop an existing one we have a wide range of courses on offer. Daytime or evening, face to face or online, our offer will support your wellbeing, improve your employment prospects and support your progression to further learning.

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
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LANGUAGES									
French Intermediate	Online	Mon	18.00-19.30	30/09/24	09/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
German for Beginners Plus	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Spanish for Beginners Term 2	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
MULTIPLY*									
Sewing Mixed Ability (Multiply)*	Benn Partnership	Tue	10.00-12.00	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
Patchwork & Quilting (Multiply)*	Benn Partnership	Tue	12.30-14.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
Sugarcraft for Beginners (Multiply)*	Overslade Centre	Thu	13.00-15.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
Business Start-up (Multiply)*	Online	Wed	19.00-20.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
Preparation for Employment (Multiply)*	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	FREE	FREE	FREE
ARTS AND CRAFTS									
Crochet for Beginners	Overslade Centre	Fri	12.30-14.30	04/10/24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Arts & Crafts for Beginners	Hill Street	Wed	18.30-20.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Hill Street, Rugby	Mon	10.00-12.00	30/09/24	09/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Overslade Centre	Fri	09.30-11.30	04/10//24	13/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with a Smartphone Beginners	Online	Tue	15.00-16.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with Smartphone Term 4	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	02/10/24	11/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Land Art Photography with Smartphone Advanced Term 7	Online	Thu	10.00-11.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Illustrate With Inks	Online	Thu	13.00-14.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Creative Art for Relaxation	Online	Thu	18.00-19.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE

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WELLBEING									
Mindfulness for Wellbeing	Online	Tue	18.00-19.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£90.00	£45.00	FREE
Yoga	Hill Street, Rugby	Tue	11.00-12.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£67.50	£33.75	FREE
Yoga	Hill Street, Rugby	Tue	13.00-14.30	01/10/24	10/12/24	10	£67.50	£33.75	FREE
Yoga	Hill Street, Rugby	Thu	13.00-14.30	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£67.50	£33.75	FREE
Yoga	Benn Partnership	Thu	10.00-11.00	03/10/24	12/12/24	10	£45.00	£22.50	FREE

*Multiply courses are designed to develop numeracy – for learners without GCSE grade 'C' maths skills or equivalent.

Anita's Story

After teaching in schools for many years, I gave up work to home-school my autistic son. When he got a place in a special school, I found myself with time on my hands and wanting to do something for myself.

I signed up for a 'Mixed Media' art course from ACL. I was hooked from the very first session! Losing myself in paint, inks and glue was so therapeutic.

Being a single parent and carer can be quite isolating and tough, but my course gave me something to look forward to every week. It also provided a much-needed social aspect which was important for my wellbeing, particularly during lockdown when courses continued online.

I went on to do ACL's 'Developing Artist' course from which I was introduced to Warwickshire Open Studios, which gave me an opportunity to exhibit my work. This art course has given me more confidence to become a full-time artist and allowed me to work from home and be there for my son when he has needed me.

I am in talks with some local schools about delivering workshops and hope to provide courses online in the future too. If you are thinking of taking up adult learning opportunities, then I highly recommend ACL.

anitadaffern.com



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 and is an opportunity for parents and carers to discover how their children learn and develop.

Family Learning offers the following courses and workshops:

For all parents and carers:

- Family Money Matters • Family Budgeting
- Family Food • Food Explorers
- Understanding your Child • Story Sacks

For parents and carers with children under 5 years old:

- Story Explorers • Number Explorers • Play and Learn
- Together into School • 50 Things to do before you are 5

For parents and carers with school-aged children:

- Family Reading (Primary) • Family English (Primary)
- Family Maths (Primary) • Film Club
- Phonics • Art Explorers • Soothing Sacks
- Multiply Maths Workshops • Story in a Box
- GRIT Street Art

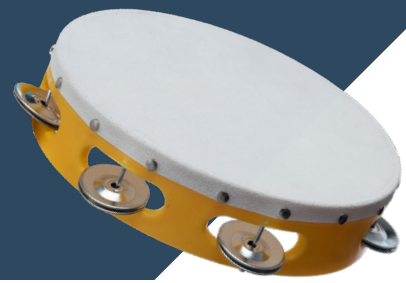
We run our courses across Warwickshire, in a variety of settings, including schools, nurseries, children and family centres and community venues. Some of our courses are 'open to the community' and some are 'invitation only' for parents with children attending specific settings.

You can keep up to date with the courses running by signing up to our ACL newsletter or following our social media.

You can contact FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk for further information about Family Learning courses.



Active Learning



Our Active Learning programme is a suite of courses for adults with SEND and/or learning differences. Our courses promote independence, build confidence, and develop new skills.

Classes are small, supportive and fun, led by highly experienced teaching and support staff. We can also support you to access English, maths and IT qualifications and offer careers guidance.

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
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Life Skills	Rugby Library	Thu	13.00-15.00	19/09/24	10/07/25	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Basic Cooking Skills	TBC	Thu	13.00-15.00	TBC	TBC	35	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness	Hill Street	Tue	13.00-15.00	17/09/24	22/10/24	6	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness	Hill Street	Tue	13.00-15.00	07/01/25	11/02/25	6	FREE	FREE	FREE
Work Readiness	Hill Street	Tue	13.00-15.00	06/05/25	20/05/25	3	FREE	FREE	FREE

New learners can enrol at any time during the academic year. Please contact us for more information or to book an enrolment session.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



Is this for me?

Yes, if you are 19+, permanent UK resident and English is not your first language.

What will I learn?

Skills to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

What can I expect?

Develop your English communication. There will be an opportunity to take exams suited to your learning level.

Why should I join?

To improve your communication skills, employability options and the chance to meet learners from around the world.

What will happen once I register for a course?

You will be invited to an assessment session where we will check your level and give you advice about the best class for you. There will also be an opportunity to discuss your career.

What do I need to bring to my appointment?

You will need to bring your ID and your residency proof to show you are eligible to study with us. You will be sent an email listing the items you need to bring.

Will I be offered a course at the appointment?

The appointment will help us to decide on the best class for you. If you meet the criteria to study with us, we aim to place you onto a course. Please be aware you may be placed onto a waiting list if a suitable place is not available.

What if I can't attend a course every week?

If you are unable to attend a regular session, please discuss your availability at your assessment. We can explore other options with you.

Venue	Day	Time	Course Length	COST
Hill Street Youth and Community Centre	Various	Various	One session per week, September to July	FREE (exam fees may apply)

Course highlights:

- Qualifications at Entry Level to Level 1
- Learners from a range of nationalities
- Enrichment activities including visits and guest speakers to sessions
- Topics and activities in your sessions will help you integrate into your local community



How to Find Us

Venues

Benn Partnership Centre: Railway Terrace, Rugby, CV21 3HR

Hill Street Youth and Community Centre: Hill Street, Rugby, CV21 2NB

Rugby Library: Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ

Overslade Community Centre: 68 Buchanan Road, Rugby, CV22 6AZ

How to enrol

Online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl

follow the 'Booking onto a course' link.
Complete the enrolment form to apply or
make an enquiry.

Call us on 01926 736392

and an advisor can answer questions
and assist you with the process.

In person at one of our centres.

*Please note our course list is a guide and
may be subject to change. Get in touch if
something you're interested in is not listed.*

For any enquiries please email acl@warwickshire.gov.uk



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Enrolment Dates for September:

Rugby:	Leamington Spa:	Nuneaton:
<p>Tuesday 3 September 2024 2pm - 7pm Hill Street Centre, Hill Street, Rugby CV21 2NB</p>	<p>Thursday 5 September 2024 2pm - 7pm Pound Lane Learning Centre, Lillington, CV32 7RT</p>	<p>Monday 9 September 2024 2pm - 7pm Hatters Space, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5DN</p>

Enrolment Fees and Eligibility

Fees

English, Maths, Family Learning and some other classes, including Essential Digital Skills, are free. You will be required to complete an eligibility form for all English, Maths, Computer & Digital Skills and ESOL classes that are free.

Details of the fees for each course can be found on our website. Please contact us for further advice. For ESOL and some other courses, you may be eligible for a free course and exams if you earn less than £25,000 per year.

Where fees apply, we operate the following categories:

- A** Full fee (depending on eligibility and/or non Warwickshire resident)
- B** Discounted fee (50% for learners aged 66 or over)
- C** Fully remitted (FREE for learners in receipt of qualifying benefits)

Am I eligible?

We accept learners aged 19 or over on 31/08/2024. Most learners are required to have been permanently resident in the UK for the last 3 years. If you do not meet these criteria please contact us. 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 please contact us for more information as different fee rates may apply.

