



# Warwickshire Adult Community Learning

September 2025 – July 2026

Courses in **Rugby and  
surrounding areas**

*Learning changes lives*



# Welcome to Warwickshire ACL



**Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning (ACL) 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.**

You can explore the breadth of courses we offer in these pages, including stories from some of our learners. To find out more details, including what courses are available near you, visit our webpages at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl)

## **Emma's Story: Empowering Local Entrepreneurs**

As a committed member of All Communities Matter in Nuneaton, I've always been passionate about supporting local talent. Many of the entrepreneurs I work with - crafters, bakers, artists, and home-based creators - are incredibly skilled but often struggle with customer engagement and sales. Wanting to help, I reached out to ACL for support, and together we launched the "Beginner Business and Branding" course.

**With the specialist expertise of ACL staff, we created a flexible, evening-based online course tailored to our community's entrepreneurial needs.**

The course not only improved our understanding of business fundamentals but also boosted our confidence. ACL helped me see my business in a new light and inspired fresh ideas.

Despite initial challenges my tutor's support was instrumental in helping me and others grow. As a result, I now feel more confident advising others and have seen fellow stallholders take proactive steps in their businesses.

This experience has been transformative. I've gained practical skills, renewed motivation, and have a clearer vision for the future. I'm now working on expanding our digital presence and helping others do the same.

I highly recommend ACL courses to anyone looking to grow personally and professionally. It's more than just business training: it's a catalyst for community empowerment.

### **Careers Support – Your Future Starts Here!**

Ready to take the next big step in your career journey? While you're learning with us, we're here to fuel your ambitions and guide you toward success!

Whether you're exploring your options or chasing a dream job, our expert careers team is by your side every step of the way. From personalised advice to practical guidance, we'll help you unlock your potential and shape a future you're proud of.

Let's make your career dreams a reality together!



# Computer and Digital Skills



**Technology is rapidly changing the way we live, work, and learn, connecting us and creating new possibilities and challenges as it does so. Is this new way of working a mystery to you? Do you want to learn how to use a computer, be safe and shop online, or complete a simple online form?**

People enrol on our courses for all sorts of reasons: rediscovering a forgotten passion, exploring the capabilities of their own devices, getting the most out of social media, designing a website, improving job prospects, or simply staying in touch with family and friends.

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 those designed for the absolute beginner to ones for more advanced learners. 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 at Entry 3.

### 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

### Other courses may include:

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

Fees may apply, please ask for details.

## Louise's Story

*"The IT courses helped improve my knowledge of computers. It helped me with confidence to secure a job with the extra knowledge I learnt. It also helped that our teacher was brilliant, easy to understand and empathetic to all of our needs, which in turn is why we kept going."*

Louise started learning with ACL through our links with the Job Centre, completed the EDSQ Stage 1, 2 and 3 and gained employment.



# English



## Boost Your Confidence in English with FREE courses.

Do you already have a good grasp of English but want to take your skills to the next level?

Would you like to feel more confident in your reading, writing, speaking and listening?

Are you aiming to gain a recognised English qualification?

If so, ACL's English courses are the perfect next step for you!

We offer FREE English courses for adult learners at all levels – from short introductory sessions to Functional Skills and GCSE English. Whatever your goal is we have a course to suit you.

### Why Choose ACL?

- Courses designed for **all levels** of learners
- Flexible **online and face-to-face** options
- Supportive tutors who help you learn at **your own pace**
- Convenient **times and locations** to fit your lifestyle

### New! One-Year GCSE English Language Course

Our new GCSE course is designed to be completed in just one academic year. It focuses on **real-life, practical content** and offers a fantastic opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification, build your confidence and open doors to further education or career opportunities.

### Functional Skills in English

These flexible courses cover the three key areas: **Reading, Writing, and Speaking & Listening**. Delivered in a supportive environment, our tutors will work with you to help you achieve your goals – whether you're learning online or in person. Classes run at a variety of times and venues both face-to-face and online to suit every level of learner. You will be offered the most appropriate course for your level once assessments are complete.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Hill Street	Various	Various	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 16.00-18.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

## Maria's Story

*“My course helped me to realise what I can achieve, improved my confidence and self-esteem. I'm very proud and grateful for all of the support that I have received - I think my decision to study at ACL was one of the best things I have ever done. The other students I have met from all different backgrounds and cultures have made my learning journey so much more fun.”*



# Maths



## Build Your Confidence in Maths.

Do you feel unsure about your maths skills?

Would you like to improve your understanding of numbers and everyday calculations?

Do you need a recognised maths qualification to help you get a job or move on to further study?

If so, we're here to help!

At ACL, we offer a wide range of FREE Maths courses designed for adults of all levels – whether you're just getting started or ready to take on a GCSE.

### Courses Available:

- Short introductory courses – perfect for building confidence
- Functional Skills Maths – from Entry Level to Level 2
- GCSE Maths – for those aiming for a nationally recognised qualification or for progression to employment or further study

### Why Choose ACL?

- Learn at **your own pace** in a supportive, friendly environment
- Courses designed to help you **progress step-by-step**
- Gain skills that boost your **confidence, independence and employability**
- Flexible **online and face-to-face** options to suit your schedule

Our sessions are relaxed and informal, with experienced tutors who will support you every step of the way. Whether you're brushing up on the basics or working towards a qualification, we'll help you achieve your personal goals. You will be offered the most appropriate course for your level once assessments are complete.

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Hill Street	Various	Various	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	

## Angela's Story

*"I was eager to find work in the public sector, but didn't have the required Maths qualification. That was a real blow to my confidence, but rather than let it hold me back I decided to act. I enrolled on a Maths course with ACL, completed quickly and passed the final exam with 98%! I've now secured employment, and I know that my improved Maths skills will support me in my new role and my future professional development. There's no judgment, just a welcoming space to learn and grow."*



# Arts & Crafts, Languages, Life Skills and Wellbeing



## Looking to learn something new, boost your wellbeing, or grow your confidence?

We're here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're interested in picking up a new skill, learning a language, or simply doing something for yourself, we offer a wide range of courses designed to fit around your life: daytime or evening, in person or online.

Our courses are designed to help you feel more confident, open new job opportunities, and support your journey into further learning. With new courses starting each term and running throughout the year, there's always something to explore.

To find out more about the courses currently available, please visit our website. If there is a course below that isn't on our website and you are interested in joining, please contact: [acl@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:acl@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Here's a quick guide to help you choose the right level:

- **Beginners** – Perfect if you're completely new to the subject
- **Beginners Plus** – Great if you've got prior experience and want to build on it
- **Intermediate** – Ideal if you've already completed a year or two of learning
- **Advanced** – For those who've completed intermediate courses and want to improve

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
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Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Hill Street	Mon	10.00-12.00	29/09/25	08/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Sewing Mixed Ability	Hill Street	Tue	10.00-12.00	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Patchwork & Quilting	Hill Street	Tue	12.30-14.30	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Crochet for Beginners	Rugby Library	Tue	12.30-14.30	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Art & Craft	Rugby Library	Tue	13.00-15.00	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Yoga	Hill Street	Tue	12.30-13.30	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Meditation for Relaxation	Hill Street	Tue	13.30-14.30	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Creative Craft	Rugby Library	Wed	13.00-15.00	01/10/25	10/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Yoga	Hill Street	Thu	10.00-11.00	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Meditation for Relaxation	Hill Street	Thu	11.30-12.30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Yoga	Hill Street	Thu	13.00-14.00	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Overslade C Centre	Fri	09.30-11.30	03/10/25	12/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Crochet for Beginners	Overslade C Centre	Fri	12.30-14.30	03/10/25	12/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Art for Relaxation	Hill Street	Fri	10.00-12.00	03/10/25	12/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
French Intermediate	Online	Mon	18.00-19.30	29/09/25	08/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Land Art Photography Beginners	Online	Tue	15:00-16:30	30/09/25	09/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Business Start Up & Branding	Online	Wed	18.30-20.00	01/10/25	10/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
German Intermediate	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	01/10/25	10/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Land Art Photography Intermediate	Online	Wed	18:00-19:30	01/10/25	10/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free

Land Art Photography Advanced	Online	Thu	10.00-11.30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Online	Thu	19.00-20.30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
French Culture & Conversation Advanced	Online	Thu	18.00-19.30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free
Yoga	Online	Thu	18:30-19:30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Meditation and Relaxation	Online	Thu	17:30-18:30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£45	£22.50	Free
Italian Beginners Online	Online	Thu	10.00-11.30	02/10/25	11/12/25	10	£90	£45	Free

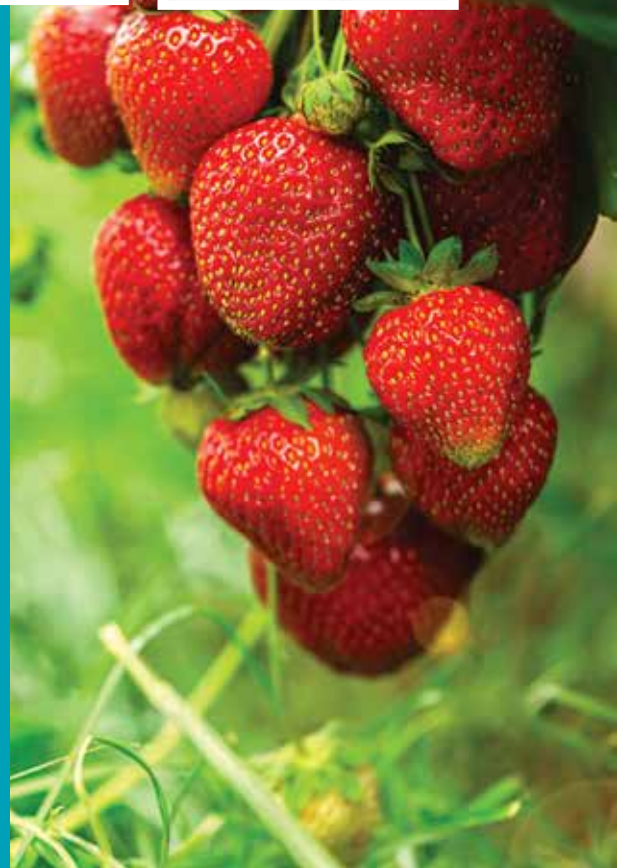
## Kata's Story

A year ago, my partner and I made a life-changing move from the heart of Budapest to the peaceful countryside of Warwickshire. Back in Budapest, we lived in a small flat nestled in a shared building with a tiny courtyard. Despite its modest size, I saw potential in that space.

With the support of our neighbours, I transformed it into a vibrant green haven. We had ivy trailing across wires, herbs flourishing in balcony boxes, and strawberries ripening on the top floor. It was more than just gardening; it was about creating life, community, and beauty in an unexpected place.

When we arrived in England, I was filled with hope but also uncertainty. I wanted to connect with people and contribute to my new community, but I wasn't sure how. My partner encouraged me to take an English course, and I enrolled in an ESOL class with ACL. This decision became a turning point. As my language skills improved, so did my confidence and sense of belonging.

Through my tutor, I discovered the Grow Your Own horticulture course, and I immediately knew it was the perfect fit. It brought together my passion for nature, creativity, and learning. The course has been transformative. My tutor's knowledge and encouragement have inspired me deeply. My tutor nurtures each student's growth with care and attention.



# Family Learning



Family Learning takes place among family members including parents, grandparents and carers. Families learn together, in a relaxed atmosphere and parents and carers discover how their children learn and develop.

We have courses such as Family Food, Understanding your Child, Story and Number Explorers (REAL programme), Play and Learn, Film Club, Story Sacks, and more!

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks
Family Learning Moving On Level 1	Bloxham Centre	Wed	09.30-11.30	16/09/25	17/09/25	30
Family Learning Moving On Level 2	Bloxham Centre	Wed	12.30-14.30	16/09/25	17/09/25	30

## Family Learning: 'Moving On' Course

Our unique programme is designed specifically for parents and carers to gain a Level 1 and 2 qualifications in a family-friendly, flexible way.

### Why take this course?

- You can help your children.
- You can brush up your own skills and get back into learning.
- It is a progression route into employment or further education.
- You could choose to progress onto a University of Warwick Lifelong Learning Degree.

### This FREE course offers:

- In person and online opportunities, to allow you to choose your learning pace and fit around your family life.
- Support and guidance from experienced and qualified teachers.
- Modules that are meaningful to family life, such as Family Relationships, Cooking Skills and Understanding Play

Contact [FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk) for further information

Learners who complete the 'Moving On' course are offered a guaranteed interview for specific University of Warwick BA (Hons) degrees: **Early Childhood, Child and Family (Mental Health or Health and Wellbeing).**

Please see the university website for their terms and conditions.

## Siorsa's Story

*"Since starting the course, I feel I have grown so much in confidence. Before joining the Family Learning course, I felt like I had no direction in my life, now I can say that I'm working towards something for myself and my future to provide for my children. I have achieved things I never thought I could and have made some lovely friendships along the way."*





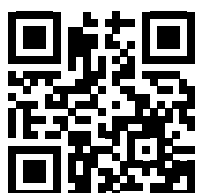
# Active Learning



**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, Math's and IT qualifications and support you on your journey to employment.

**Does this sound of interest to you or someone you support?**



We do not currently have Active Learning programmes in Rugby, but we do welcome expressions of interest using this form: <https://bit.ly/4k78PEs>

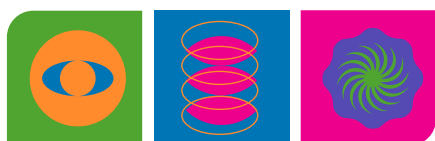
**Warwickshire libraries are FREE to join. You can do this online or visit your local library to sign up.**

As a member you can borrow books including eBooks, we have free Wi Fi, computers, events for adults and children.

Some libraries have FREE access to digital devices and tablets to use that include a data allowance and IT support.

For further information pop into a library or visit

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)



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## Stefan's Story

*"It is a lovely class, and I make lots of friends. The tutors are 'magnifique'! I would tell people to do the course. We learn about the local community. We learn how to use money and the value of items. We have learnt about healthy eating. In music sessions we learn about different types of music and where it comes from. I liked music this year."*



# English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



## Is this for me?

Yes, if you are looking to improve your English for work, study, or everyday life. Apply if you are 19+ and meet our residency criteria (see page 11).

## What will I learn?

You will gain skills to improve your communication, give you better job opportunities, take your first step towards other qualifications or help you feel more independent in managing your daily communication tasks.

## What can I expect?

Develop your English part-time (2 hours per week) and have the option to take exams at a range of levels throughout the year.

## Why would I join?

To build your confidence whilst making friends from different backgrounds, share experiences, and practise English in a friendly, supportive environment. The courses will help you learn about British culture and customs, and will be helpful if you are working towards citizenship or residency. You will also be supported to progress to further provision with us like Maths, Family Learning or Digital Skills.

## What will happen to once I register for a course?

You will be invited to an appointment to see an ESOL tutor who will check your residency and English level. We will then talk to you about the best pathway for you. This will also give you an opportunity to discuss your career aspirations and additional learning needs.

## Amin's Story

*"The ESOL class has been very good for me. I learned English in this class, especially speaking and listening. In the class, I met other people, made friends, and I feel I'm not alone. We practise together and help each other. I also learned important things for life, like filling forms, talking to the doctor, or shopping. This class is very important for me and I want it to continue."*

## What should I bring to my appointment?

Please bring your ID and your residency proof to show you are eligible to study with us. The courses are free, but you might have to pay for exams, depending on income - you will be asked to show evidence at your appointment.

## Will I be offered a course at the appointment?

The appointment will help decide on the best class for you. If you meet the residency criteria to study with us, we aim to place you onto a course. If no place is available you may be placed on a waiting list. If you are not eligible for our provision, we aim to share other providers in the area who may be better suited for you.

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

Our courses run over an academic year, and you are expected to attend each week. If you are unable to attend a regular session, please discuss your availability at your assessment. We can explore other options with you.

**ESOL applications are now open on our website –please apply NOW and you will be invited to a face-to-face appointment with an ESOL tutor/ to discuss learning needs.**

Venue	Day	Time	Course Length	COST
Hill Street Youth and Community Centre	Thu	09.30-11.30 12.30-14.30	2-hour weekly session (term time only)	FREE COURSE (exam fees may apply) **
Online (digital skills criteria to be met)	Wed Tue	10.00- 12.00 18.00-20.00		

## FAST TRACK qualification only course: Tuesday 10.00 to 14.30, Camp Hill, Nuneaton CV10 9QA

Intensive version of intermediate courses (Entry 3) with a larger focus on exam practice and preparations. Opportunities to take an exam at the end of each term. Every learner who wishes to embark on this course will be assessed for suitability during the enrolment stage.

# Enrolment Fees and Eligibility

## Am I eligible?

We accept learners aged 19 or over on 31/08/2025. You must be legally resident in the UK, and may be asked for evidence of this.

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.

## 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, IT and ESOL classes that are **free**.

Please bring some form of ID with you such as a passport, birth certificate, residence card etc

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)

## Volunteer with ACL

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back, grow your confidence, and connect with your community? Join our vibrant team of volunteers at ACL and help adult learners thrive!

We're proud to have a dedicated group of volunteers who support tutors and learners across a wide range of subjects in venues throughout the county. Now, we're inviting **you** to be part of this rewarding journey.

### Why volunteer with ACL?

- **Support learners** in their classes and help them build skills for life.
- **Share your knowledge** and make a real impact.
- **Grow personally** while helping others succeed.

Many of our volunteers are also learners themselves and they've found the experience incredibly positive and fulfilling.

Volunteers consistently say they enjoy working with a diverse group of learners and watching their confidence grow.

### Our volunteers said

*"It is hugely rewarding. You get valuable insight into the cultures of others and yet it reinforces that we all want roughly the same things from life."*

*"It is rewarding to help students learn - Try it!"*

*"I've really enjoyed volunteering, and want to continue it next year!"*



# How to enrol

## Sign up online

By visiting our website at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl) and following the 'Booking onto a course' link to search available courses. You can then fill in our online enrolment form to apply for a course or enquire if the course is full. Please enquire about a course if you are interested and it is not listed. New courses and updates can be found on our website.

## Sign up by phone

If you need support you can ring **01926 736392** to talk to one of our friendly staff. Please be aware that there may be a long wait at busy times.

## Sign up in person

By visiting one of our main centres to enrol or enquire. See September enrolment dates below.

**You can sign up now online or by phone, or attend an enrolment session in September at the following locations:**

Leamington Spa:	Rugby:	Nuneaton:
<b>Wednesday 3 September 2025</b> <b>12pm - 7pm</b> Pound Lane Learning Centre, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7RT	<b>Thursday 4 September 2025</b> <b>12pm - 7pm</b> Hill Street Youth & Community Centre, Hill Street, Rugby CV21 2NB	<b>Monday 8 September 2025</b> <b>12pm - 7pm</b> Hatters Space, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5DN

## Venues

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

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

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

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

**Bloxham Centre:** 8 Somers Rd, Rugby, CV22 7DE

