

Community Learning Courses Newsletter 4 January 2022

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

Becoming a Novelist

Email course

Have you ever fancied writing a novel? Or maybe you've started one and feel stuck? Let us help! This course will guide you through the important bits of the craft – planning, character, plot, theme, setting – all the fun stuff.

The course is suitable for just about everyone, if you are a beginner with a great idea or an experienced writer who has run out of steam.

This course runs over 8 weeks

From 10 January 2022

For more info and to book a place contact:

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Business Skills (1)

Face to face course

Gain new IT business skills to help find a job. Basic and Intermediate. Learn how to: format and edit Word, spreadsheets and presentations; attach and upload files; online security and social media awareness.

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am from 10 January for 5 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages

Face to Face classes

Learning English as a Second Language for those with no English, Beginners English and Levels upwards. All courses deliver sessions on speaking, listening and pronunciation with a focus on using English when out and about. These classes also seek to enable and support social integration supporting language for shopping, visiting new places, and for meeting and greeting new people. For the higher-level groups language for employment is covered as well as gaining techniques to improve presentational abilities when speaking English out loud.

Mondays from 10 January for 12 sessions

Entry 1 (Beginner Plus)

10am - 12pm.

Pre-Entry (Beginner Low)

1-3pm

Medium/Advanced

4-6pm

Wednesdays from 12 January for 12 sessions

No English Higher

1-2.30pm

No English Lower

2.45-4:15pm

All at St Paul's Church Hall, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1EF

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Fridays from 14 January for 12 sessions

ESOL Beginners Plus

10am - 12pm.

at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ (these rooms are not on ground level.
Please let us know if an alternative venue is required)

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Office Skills

Face to face course

Learn IT skills useful for working in an office or improving your administration skills. Gain skills using Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Create formal letters, write business email. Learn to use office equipment. Useful for those who have already have basic IT skills.

Mondays and Wednesdays 12 – 2pm from 10 January for 5 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Exploring Art

Face to face course

A multimedia course for those who love to experiment with a wide range of materials and want to develop new ideas and creative skills. May include paint, papers, collage, ink, fabric, stitch and 3D work. Some previous art/making experience is recommended.

Thursdays 9.30am – 12.30pm from 13 January for 10 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Exploring Jewellery

Face to face course

A course for jewellery lovers to investigate inspirations, develop design ideas and use a varied selection of hand tools to learn new skills. Materials used may include beads, wire, wood, paper, stones and more. Some basic hand tool experience and reasonable dexterity is recommended.

Thursdays 1.30-4.30pm from 13 January for 10 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Confidence for Employment

Face to face - one day workshop

Are you looking for a new opportunity? Do you feel apprehensive about looking for work, or do you feel you put it off as you don't feel quite ready? Do you feel that you lack confidence in yourself? If yes, this may be the course for you! The course includes – confidence, resilience and motivation building to help you set goals to boldly take the next steps in your search for employment.

Friday 14 January 9.30am – 3.30pm

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

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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.

Fridays 9.30am -2.30pm from 21 January for 5 sessions

at The South West Skills Campus, Locking Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS22 8NL

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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.

Fridays 10am -12.30pm from 28 January for 8 sessions

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

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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.

Monday to Friday, 31 January to 4 February (5 days) 9.30am -2.30pm
at The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1AJ

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Introduction to Aromatherapy at Home

Face to Face course

Use aromatherapy for health, wellbeing and stress relief. Learn about essential oils, their benefits, blending, recipes and basic massage techniques.

Mondays 10am-12pm from 31 January for 8 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test

Face to face and live teaching on Zoom

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.

Face to face in the classroom

Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm from 1 February 2022 for 7 sessions
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Remote on Zoom

Tuesday evenings 6-8pm from 1 February 2022 for 7 sessions (excluding 22 Feb) until 22 March

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Introduction to Creating a Mosaic

Face to face course

Create your own beautiful mosaic picture.
Design the mosaic and use techniques to create tile patterns. Learn to use tile cutting tools.
Select effective colours and textures. Discover the history and traditions of mosaic making.

Wednesdays 10am – 1pm from 2 February for 6 sessions
at Vision North Somerset, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1YD

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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.

Thursdays 10am -12pm from 3 February 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.

Tuesdays and Fridays from 15 March 2022 10am -1pm for 6 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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And to be announced...

Live Better

Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures

Managing Work and Business at Home

Brush up your Maths

Get Growing

Covid Safety: as appropriate to guidance when the course runs face-to-face learning will observe social distancing rules and sanitation procedures.