

Community Learning Courses Newsletter 6 September 2021

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 currently free and held both face to face and remotely. For remote courses participants will need access to the internet with a laptop, PC or tablet.

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.

No English Level

Wednesdays 1-3pm from 8 September for 14 sessions.

Pre-Entry Level

Mondays 1-3pm from 6 September for 14 sessions

Entry 1 Level

Mondays 10am - 12pm from 6 September for 14 sessions

Entry 2 Plus Level, Speaking, Listening and Pronouncing

Mondays 4-6pm from 6 September for 14 sessions

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

For all enquiries and to book an initial assessment contact:

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Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UhU2OpFB-UDSSmBPM3RTpPPEU5ozd3zT/view?usp=sharing>

Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures

Face to face course 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.

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm from 15 September for 5 sessions.

At Goblin Combe Woodland, Cleeve.

For more info and to book a place contact:

Alice at goblincombeadventures@gmail.com

or **JP Evans** phone/text 07795 390 667 julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk

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 17th September for 5 sessions

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

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Positive Art

Face to face in the classroom

Use paint, paper, collage, print and positive energy to enjoy and develop your creative skills by exploring a wealth of art making techniques.

Thursdays 9.30-12.30 from 23 September for 10 weeks

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

For more info and to book a place contact:

Jo Urch joan.urch@n-somerset.gov.uk phone/text 07920 082952

Jewellery Making

Face to face course

Use bead and wire to create beautiful jewellery for yourself and for gifts

Thursdays 13.30 – 16.30 from 23 September 2021 for 10 weeks

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

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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 27 September for 8 sessions

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

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Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R8iXMhKNtcl7F5tq3oZnl_F8_aa_os09/view?usp=sharing

Business Skills (1)

Face to face

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; On-line security and social media awareness.

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am from 27 September for 5 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Office Skills

Face to face

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 27 September for 5 weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Brush up your English

Face to face

This course will help you develop your spelling and grammar skills

Mondays 2.30-4.30 pm from 27 September for 6weeks
at North Somerset Training Hub, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Alliance Care Academy

Face to face

A great opportunity to get into work in adult social care. Learn skills geared toward the care industry and a range of Level 1 qualifications including Customer Service, Employability and Prepare to Work in Adult Social Care.

A guaranteed interview with Alliance Living Care for those who successfully complete the course.

Monday - Friday 9.30 am-2.30 pm from 27 September for 3 weeks

Weeks 1 & 2 at South West Skills Campus BS22 8ND

Week 3 at Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1AJ

For more info and to book a place contact:

The Employment Service Team employmentsupport@weston.ac.uk phone 01934 411 147

Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XCNgoTaEc3iq9EvfxReGZWlr7Jnwx7Y0/view?usp=sharing>

Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test

Face to face and remote

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.

Remote on Zoom

Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm from 28 September for 7 sessions

Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/19UeVegajR9uhu5ZKX-9d4QEAUkS3Vtqm/view?usp=sharing>

Face to Face in the classroom

Tuesday evenings 6-8pm from 28 September for 7 sessions

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

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Confidence for Employment

Face to face course

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.

One (2 hour) session a week for 6 weeks
September 2021 – dates and venue to be confirmed

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More creative writing courses for September 2021

On-line courses – you will need a computer or laptop to attend.

Scriptwriting for beginners

Mainly for beginners but experienced scriptwriters are welcome too. We'll be exploring, plotting, creating characters, dialogue, conflict, creating scenes, the three-act structure, genre and much more.. A different task will be emailed to you on Monday mornings giving you until Friday evening to return it to your tutor. You'll also have plenty of opportunity to ask for help.

Developing the Novel

A follow up course to Becoming a Novelist.

Explore the techniques you have learnt by applying them to new extracts from your novel. The course will cover techniques such as writing cliff-hangers; describing a key moment of change for your main character; eliminating plot-holes; writing a strong inciting incident and research. A different task will be emailed to you on Monday mornings giving you until Friday evening to return it to your tutor. You'll also have plenty of opportunity to ask for help.

Watch this space for further information
September 2021 – dates to be confirmed

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Introduction to British Sign Language

Face to face

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 1 October for 8 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Introduction to Early Years and Working in the Childcare Sector

Face to face

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.

Tuesday and Friday from 5 October 10am -1pm for 6 sessions
at The Campus, 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.

Thursdays 10am -12pm from 7 October for 7 sessions

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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.

Thursdays 1.15-3.15 from 7 October for 8 sessions
at Portishead Youth Centre BS20 7DD

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Creative Writing – How to Write Short Stories

On-line course – you will need a computer or laptop to attend.

Have you always wanted to write, but don't know where to start?
This course is suitable for beginners and more experienced writers. Explore the main elements of short fiction; creating characters, plotting, dialogue, setting and descriptive writing.
A different task will be emailed to you on Monday mornings giving you until Friday evening to return it to your tutor. You'll also have plenty of opportunity to ask for help.

October 2021 for 6 weeks
Dates to be confirmed

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Managing Work and Business at Home

Face to face course

A level 1 qualification that covers skills you will need to work from home, or to run your own business, including; customer service skills, communication skills, IT communication skills, understanding how a business works & health and safety.

Two sessions a week for 4 weeks or individual modules can be taken as required.
Dates and venue to be confirmed

For more info and to book a place contact:

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Brush up your Maths

Face to face in the classroom

Maths taught in a friendly and supportive way.

One session a week for 9 weeks

Dates and venue to be confirmed

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Get Growing

Face to face in the allotment

How to grow your own vegetables from planting to eating!

One (3 hour) session a week for 11 weeks

Dates to be confirmed

At the Great Rhyne Allotments (behind Windwhistle School)

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Becoming a Novelist

Email course

Have you ever fancied writing a novel? Or maybe you've started 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

Dates to be confirmed

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