

Community Learning Courses Newsletter 11 April 2023

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.
Due to our funding each person can attend only one course at a time –
and are welcomed and encouraged to join follow-on courses.

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Art Courses

Face to face

A variety of courses from 17th to 20th April at Weston Artspace including *Dry Jam*, *Creative Jam*, *Recycled Art*, and *Developing your Artistic Style*. All courses help participants become more confident in their own art and help develop skills that will increase confidence and motivation in everyday life.

Pop in and join us - you will receive a warm welcome and a cuppa!

Courses run throughout the week from Monday 17 – Thursday 20 April

At Weston Artspace, 73 High Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HE

For more info or to book a place contact:

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Introduction to IT

Face to face course

A great course for anyone wanting to build up their confidence with computers!
Learn new skills: from using the mouse/ touchpad and keyboard to how to create an email address;
using the free Google document resources and keeping safe online.

There is plenty of advice and support on offer from our knowledgeable staff.

Mondays and Thursdays 9:30-11:30am for 6 weeks starting 17 April 2023
at North Somerset Community Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages

Face to face courses

Learning English as a Second Language for Pre-Entry (beginners) Entry 1 and Entry 2 in Weston-super-Mare and Clevedon. The courses are mainly designed around speaking and listening. They are created to support vocabulary for everyday life – e.g. making a doctor’s appointment or for shopping or travel. We have our own internal assessment (not the national assessment). The expectation is for regular attendance and not miss more than 3 sessions of a 10 session course.

See flyer below for information about courses starting in April

[See our ESOL courses flyer](#)

Assessment information – ESOL Assessment for Parents

We can offer parents at your school a free ESOL assessment identify your starting point on your English level. We have a selection of ESOL courses we can signpost your parents to. The assessments tend to be on Thursdays are ‘speaking and listening’, ‘reading’ and ‘writing’.

[See our school assessment flyer](#)

For enquiries for current and future courses contact:

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Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test

Face to face in the classroom

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.

Tuesday **morning** 9.30-11.30am from 25 April 2023 for 7 sessions

[see our Driving Theory flyer morning](#)

or

Tuesday **evening** 6-8pm from 25 April 2023 for 7 sessions

[See our Driving Theory Flyer evening](#)

at North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, 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.

[See our Woodwork for Women course flyer](#)

Fridays 9.30am -2.30pm from 28 April for 5 weeks

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.

[See our BSL course flyer](#)

Fridays 10am -12.30pm from 5 May 2023 for 8 sessions
at The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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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.

[See our Early Years and Childcare course flyer](#)

Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 May 2023 10am -1pm for 6 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Managing your Money, Bills and Debt

Face to face course

Many of us feel worried about how we will manage as cost of living and fuel bills keep increasing. To help, in partnership with Alliance Homes we are offering a 3-hour workshop filled with useful tips and hints to help save money and to improve confidence contacting providers. Content includes: basic budgeting, meal planning, managing debt, how to find the best broadband and energy deals, and communication tips.

Everyone who completes the session will receive a £20 supermarket voucher.

Wednesday 10 May 2023 10am-1pm

At Vision North Somerset, 3 Neva Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1YD

[View Our Managing Money WsM course flyer](#)

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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.

[See our Aromatherapy course flyer](#)

Mondays 10am-12pm From 15 May for 8 sessions
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Morning After Drama Group

Face to face course

A fun and interactive course that uses drama as a base for those who need help with increasing their confidence, mental health issues or addictions. We've had amazing feedback from past courses about the positive impact that this can have on individual's lives.

Wednesdays 5-7pm (dates to be confirmed)

At The Stable, Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY

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Stitches

Face to face course

Would you like to learn how to sew or develop your sewing skills? This group will show you how! The group is very friendly and welcoming with skilled tutors who can teach you basic or advanced sewing techniques. Learning to use a sewing machine is always a favourite.

Wednesdays 10am-3pm (dates to be confirmed)
At The Stable, Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY

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Office Skills

Face to face course

This short course can give you the tools for a career in administration. Content includes Word, PowerPoint and Excel - to improve skills for work. Includes – how to insert tables and charts, create presentations, and add formulas and functions. Learn how to create 'signatures' and 'out of office' replies used in business emails. Tips for proof reading, avoiding scams, and staying safe online.

Mondays and Wednesdays 12-2pm for 6 weeks starting 5 June 2023
at North Somerset Community Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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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 and personal assistants 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.

[See our Prepare to Work in Adult Social Care course flyer](#)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am -2.30pm from 13 June for 6 sessions
at Somerset Hall, Portishead BS20 6AH

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Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures

Face to face 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.

[See our Goblin Combe woodland adventures course flyer](#)

Tuesdays 10am -2pm from 20 June for 5 sessions
At Goblin Combe Woodland, Cleeve BS49 4PQ

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