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Kingsway Learning Centre,
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Adult Learning Prospectus

Spring Term 2021-22

UPDATED NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to Adult Learning

I'm really pleased to present you with our 2021/22 Adult Learning Prospectus.

Getting involved in Adult Learning is a great way to meet new friends, learn new skills, and support you in developing your career. We have a wide range of subjects on offer this year so please take the time to browse our Prospectus to see what sparks your interest! However, if you would like any further information about any of our courses then please give us a call or drop in to one of our enrolment days, where we will be happy to talk through your options in more detail.

Halton's Adult Learning Team provides a supportive and inclusive learning environment and we welcome all individuals and skills levels. I look forward to seeing you in class very soon! So, whether you are looking to return to work and want to enhance your employability skills or are retired or just want to broaden your horizons, please come and visit us and we will be very happy to help you make the right Adult Learning choice for you.



Siobhan Saunders

Divisional Manager
Employment Learning & Skills

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Why Learn With Us?

Join an Adult Learning course with Halton Borough Council and you will learn in a relaxed, friendly environment with small class sizes. All our community venues are easily accessible and last year over 95% of our learners said that our centres were welcoming and our staff were friendly and helpful. As well as our class based courses, we also offer a number of online courses where you can study in the comfort of your home – all you need is access to the internet and a smart phone or computer.

Our learners tell us that Adult Learning has helped them to:

- Build confidence
- Make new friends
- Find a job
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Start their own business
- Improve personal wellbeing
- Progress to further learning

Come and see what Adult Learning can do for you!

Learning for All

So What's Stopping You?

I never enjoyed school...

Learning in a community venue is not like learning in school. Whether this is your first qualification or whether you want to develop a new skill we can help you choose the course that's right for you and support you every step of the way.

I've got young children...

If the course is linked to a qualification, we may be able to provide free childcare at an onsite nursery. Some of our Children's Centre courses also have crèche places so the children can play while you learn.

I don't have access to a computer

Halton Adult Learning, in conjunction with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority are now able to offer no-cost loan equipment to those who cannot start or continue their learning because they don't have access to a suitable laptop or tablet

I can't afford it...

The majority of courses are free and we try to minimise costs for learners. Some courses have fees attached but you may be entitled to fee remission depending on your circumstances.

I'm nervous around new people..

Most of our courses run with small class sizes in a relaxed environment. All of our tutors are friendly and approachable and you will receive all the support you need while on course. Our friendly support staff are on hand to answer any queries and make sure you choose the course that's right for you. Over 97% of our learners said their confidence had improved after attending an Adult Learning course.

Don't just take our word for it, this is what our learners say ...

Fantastic tutor & lovely room. I am really enjoying my course

I enjoyed learning new things, I always had help & support

It feels good to achieve something

What Support is Available?

Our learners come with a wide range of abilities. We can offer additional help with maths, English and ICT if needed and we offer a range of support for learners with visual and hearing impairments, dyslexia and physical support needs. This can take place in a variety of settings, from the classroom to individual one-to-one discussions with your tutor.

Learning Facilities

Our main Learning Centres are fitted with a good range of equipment including interactive whiteboards, tablets and computers. In addition, our main centres have height adjustable tables installed and disabled access toilet facilities.

What Next?

At the end of each course our tutors offer guidance on the next steps available to you, this can include:

- Access to information, advice and guidance through the National Careers Service
- Advice on community volunteering
- Links with Jobcentre Plus
- Signposting to local colleges
- Information on other courses
- Advice on employment options

**National
Careers
Service**™

The National Careers Service is interested in helping people to unlock their potential through employment, skills and training.

Are you looking for careers advice to help find out about access to training to enhance your skills?

Are you seeking guidance on the work options available to you?

Do you need practical job search support such as CV drafting, interview tips and advice on how to gain the job you want?

If the answer to any of the questions above is yes you would benefit from accessing face to face support from the National Careers Service.

To make an appointment to receive one to one advice with a qualified advisor please contact National Careers Service by calling 0800 100 900.

Appointments are available in Runcorn and Widnes and can be arranged at a time and date convenient to you.

Don't miss out, book today!

Ready to Enrol?

Come along to one of our enrolment days where you will receive help and advice to choose the best course for you. Our friendly staff will be on hand between 10.30 am and 5.30pm to welcome you to one of our centres. Alternatively, call our office on 0151 511 7788 to arrange an individual appointment.

What you need to bring with you

- Some form of ID – e.g. Driving licence, bank card, letter addressed to you
- National Insurance Number
- If you are in employment, proof of earnings – e.g. Wage slip (within 3 months), contract, P60
- Payment if applicable
- Proof of benefit if you require fee remission
- You will be asked about your highest qualification, employment status and residency eligibility if applicable

Adult Learning Enrolment Dates

Due to current COVID Restrictions, unfortunately we are unable to offer our usual drop in enrolment sessions – however we are now able to take bookings for face to face appointments. These are taking place:

Our Spring Term enrolment dates are

Wednesday 5th January at Acorn Learning Centre, Castlefields, Runcorn *

Thursday 6th January at Kingsway Learning Centre, Victoria Road, Widnes *

Enrolment session times are between 10.30am and 5.30pm.

If you are interested in any courses, please contact us to arrange an appointment:

Tel: 0151 511 7788

Email: adult.learning@halton.gov.uk

www.facebook.com/haltonadultlearning

Fee Remission Entitlement

Many of our courses are free or you may be entitled to 50% remission depending on different circumstances. Contact us for further details

100% remission - free

- Unemployed, looking for work and in receipt of the following benefits; Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance or Universal Credit
- You earn less than £345 per month and are in receipt of a state benefit – Universal credit, income support, Council Tax benefit, Working Tax Credit
- Aged 19 – 23 and studying towards your first level 2 qualification (including entry level and level qualifications)
- You earn less than £18,525 per year and live within the Liverpool City Region (Liverpool, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton and the Wirral)

50% remission - half price

- In receipt of other state benefits – Universal Credit, Disabled Persons tax credits, pension guarantee credit, children's tax credit





Rebecca Moore

Learner Ambassador

Hi my name is Rebecca Moore and I am a Learner Ambassador for Halton Adult Learning.

Part of my role is to inspire and motivate people to help them to realise and achieve their goals. I wanted to tell you a little bit about my journey with Halton Adult Learning, so that hopefully I could demonstrate to you that learning really is for everyone!

I first heard about Halton Adult Learning on Facebook whilst I was working in a nursery. I enjoyed my job, but knew that what I really wanted to do was become a Teaching Assistant. When I saw their post advertising a L2 Supporting Teaching and Learning course I decided to give them a call. The information, advice and guidance I received was brilliant and not only did I enrol on this course, but also on a Functional Skills Maths qualification too.

I was so excited to start my new courses, but naturally felt nervous on my first day. These feelings didn't last very long though as all of the staff, at the centre, are so welcoming and friendly and support is always readily available.

There's such a wide choice of courses on offer and the availability of distance learning courses meant that I could complete a L2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems at a time that was convenient to me and my family.

I am so glad that I made that initial decision to contact Halton Adult Learning. I have met some amazing people, improved my knowledge and skills and definitely become more confident. Most of the courses are free and they can even help with childcare. So, finally, what would I say to anyone who was unsure about enrolling? I would say 100% GO FOR IT !

English

Improve your English skills and start working towards a nationally recognised qualification. The Functional Skills English courses will give you confidence in using your skills as well as the opportunity to gain a qualification. Tutors will work with you to design your own learning programme, which will include individual and group work. Classes are delivered in a safe, comfortable learning environment.



Getting Started with English

Our Getting Started course will give you a great introduction to studying English and will assess your starting point so your programme is tailored to suit your needs.

- Initial assessment of your existing skills
- Refresher sessions to prepare you for your course

This is a 5 session course and you will need to attend each week to achieve the course aims.

On completion of the Getting Started with English Course you will work towards an English qualification and develop skills in

- Understanding written information, such as forms, newspapers and letters
- Writing skills
- Spelling
- Punctuation and grammar

You will also develop your communication skills when speaking and listening, to include presentation skills

You will work at your own pace but you will need to attend each week to achieve the course aims.

Maths

Improve your maths skills and start working towards a nationally recognised qualification. The Functional Skills Maths courses will give you confidence in using your skills in everyday situations such as budgeting, working out discounts in sales as well as the opportunity to gain a qualification. Tutors will work with you to design your own learning programme, which will include individual and group work. Classes are delivered in a safe, comfortable learning environment.

Getting Started with Maths

Our Getting Started course will give you a great introduction to studying Maths and will assess your starting point so your programme is tailored to suit your needs.

- Initial assessment of your existing skills
- Refresher sessions to prepare you for your course

This is a 5 session course and you will need to attend each week to achieve the course aims.

On completion of the Getting Started with Maths Course you will work towards a Maths qualification and develop skills in:

- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Using measurement

You will work at your own pace but will need to attend each week to achieve the course aims

We asked our learners what they liked most about our Maths courses, this is what they said:

I enjoyed the learning environment with the very informative tutor. I also liked the small numbers of people in the class

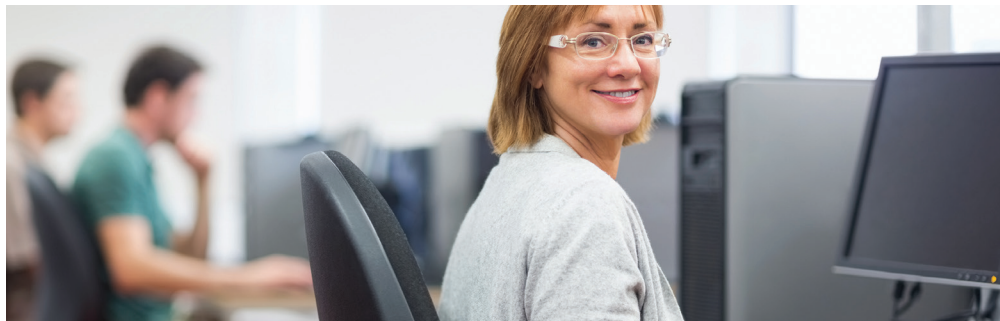
It's all positive and helped me to open my mind towards learning again

I enjoyed meeting different people, and everyone on a different level of maths. The teacher helped everyone if we got stuck.

Computer Skills

We believe that everyone should be able to engage in a digital world if they choose to, therefore all of our computer courses are free of charge.

We deliver a range of computer courses from absolute beginners to more advanced skills. Our friendly classes will take you step by step through a range of computer packages to make some of those everyday tasks much easier!



Keyboarding for Beginners

Learn the basics in a friendly, relaxed class. You will learn:

- How to turn the computer on and off safely
- How to use the mouse and keyboard
- How to use the internet to support your hobbies and interests
- Internet safety
- An introduction to Word Processing

This is an 11 week course you will complete an assessment at the end of your course. You will need to attend one 2.5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.

First Step Computers

Once you have mastered the basics, our First Step course will introduce you to some more Microsoft packages. You will learn:

- How to create text documents and posters using Microsoft Word
- Spreadsheet basics using Microsoft Excel
- How to design greetings cards and professional looking documents using Microsoft Publisher
- How to create presentations using Microsoft Powerpoint
- How to set up and use an email account

This is an 11 week course you will complete an assessment at the end of your course. You will need to attend one 2.5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.

Next Step Computers

Our Next Step course will explore each of the above topics in more detail and allow you to practice your skills. You will learn:

- How to use a file management system to create, move and delete folders
- More advanced Word Processing
- Formulas and functions in Microsoft Excel
- More advanced use of Microsoft Powerpoint

This is an 11 week course you will complete an assessment at the end of your course. You will need to attend one 2.5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.

Level 1 IT

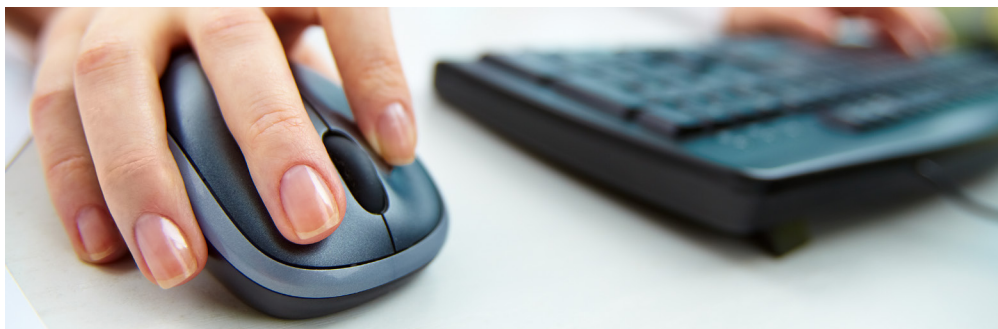
Our Level 1 IT course will build on the skills you've gained on our other IT courses and you will explore a range of IT topics in more detail. Topics include:

- File management
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- E mail functions

This is a 15 week course and you will complete an assessment at the end of your course. You will need to attend one 2.5 hour session per week to achieve your course aims.

Level 2 IT

This course offers a qualification to improve ICT knowledge and experience to help you in work or at home. You will learn how to use a variety technology to problem solve and enhance your skills Presentations, Spreadsheets, Databases and Word Processing. This programme will be suitable for you if you have completed the ICT Level 1 Functional Skills or working to Level 1 through assessment you will need to attend one 2.5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.



IT Drop In


Our IT Drop in runs weekly in both Kingsway and Acorn Learning Centres. It is designed to help those needing a little help with internet based job search and job applications, but provides an ideal opportunity for anyone wanting to practice their IT skills between sessions. There is no need to book, just drop in and a member of our friendly staff will be on hand to support you.

Essential Digital Skills

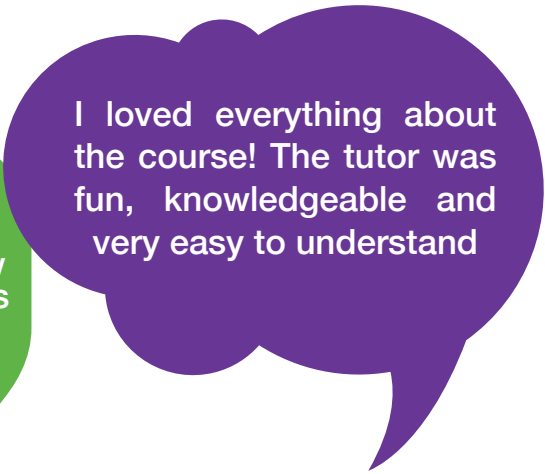
This course offers a qualification to improve ICT knowledge and understanding to help you in work or at home. You will learn how to use a variety of technology to focus your skills on the following:

- Using Devices and Handling Information
- Creating and editing
- Communicating
- Transacting
- Being Safe and Responsible Online
- Using Devices and Handling Information
- Creating and Editing documents & Digital Media
- Communicating and sharing online
- Managing online activity & your Digital footprint

We asked our learners what they liked most about our computer courses, this is what they said:



Good tutor and clear instructions, great fellow students and surroundings



I loved everything about the course! The tutor was fun, knowledgeable and very easy to understand

Adult Learning COURSE LIST

AUTUMN TERM 2021

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Spring Term Course List

2021-2022

Halton Adult Learning Service Enrolment Dates:

Wednesday 5th Jan, 10.30 - 5.30* Thursday 6th Jan, 10.30 - 5.30*

*to book a place on either enrolment day please contact the **Adult Learning term on 0151 511 7788** or drop them an email, **adult.learning:halton.gov.uk**

Maths & English						
Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Getting Started English	Tues	9.30 - 12.00	11/01/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Getting Started English	Tues	9.30 - 12.00	01/03/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Entry to English	Tues & Thur	12.30 - 3.00	10/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Moving On English	Tues & Thur	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Evening English	Wed	6.00 - 8.30	12/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Getting Started English	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Getting Started English	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	28/02/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Entry to English	Mon & Wed	12.30 - 3.00	10/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Moving On English	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Evening English	Tues	6.00 - 8.30	11/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Adult English	Thur	9.30 - 11.30	13/01/2022	Upton	10	FREE
Getting Started Maths	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Getting Start Maths	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	28/02/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Entry to Maths	Mon & Wed	12.30 - 3.00	10/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Moving On Maths	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Evening Maths	Wed	6.00 - 8.30	12/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
Getting Started Maths	Tues	9.30 - 12.00	11/01/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Getting Started Maths	Wed	9.30 - 12.00	02/03/2022	KLC	5	FREE

Moving On Maths	Tues & Thur	9.30 - 12.00	11/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Entry to Maths	Tues & Thur	12.30 - 3.00	11/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE

*(Limited Crèche places available at DCC)

Reading Volunteers						
Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Volunteer Reading Programme	Thur & Fri	9.30 - 12.00	13/01/2022	ALC	5	FREE

IT & Digital						
Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Level 1 IT	Wed	9.30 – 12.00	12/01/2022	ALC	10	FREE
IT Drop in	Mon	1.00 - 3.00	28/02/2022	KLC	TERM TIME	FREE
Next Steps Computers	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	28/02/2022	KLC	11	FREE
Level 2 IT	Tues	5.30 - 8.00	11/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Level 2 Coding	Mon	9.30 - 2.30	12/01/2022	ALC	20	FREE
Level 1 Interactive Media	Thur	9.30 - 2.30	13/01/2022	ALC	15	FREE
IT Keyboarding	Mon	9.30 - 12.00	10/01/2021	KLC	11	FREE
First Steps Computers	Mon	1.00 - 3.30	10/01/2021	KLC	11	FREE

Skills for Employment						
Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Interview Skills Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	10/01/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE
Applying for Jobs Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	17/01/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE
Interview Skills Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	24/01/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE
Applying for Jobs Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	31/01/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE

Skills for Employment

Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Interview Skills Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	07/02/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE
Applying for Jobs Workshop	Mon & Wed	9.30 - 2.30	14/02/2022	KLC	2 days	FREE
Onwards & Upwards	Tues	9.30 - 2.30	11/01/2022	KLC	5 weeks	FREE
Steps to Success	Tues	9.30 - 2.30	01/03/2022	KLC	3 weeks	FREE
HEP: Customer Services	Wed/Fri	9.30 - 3.00	11/01/2022	KLC	5 weeks	FREE
HEP: Customer Services	Wed/Fri	9.30 - 3.00	02/03/2022	KLC	5 weeks	FREE

Wellbeing

Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Improve your Confidence	Mon	10.00 - 12.00	10/01/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Coping with Stress	Mon	1.00 - 3.00	10/01/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Improve your Confidence	Mon	1.00 - 3.00	28/02/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Coping with Stress	Mon	10.00 - 12.00	28/02/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Mindfulness	Fri	10.00 - 12.00	14/01/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Mindfulness	Fri	10.00 - 12.00	04/03/2022	KLC	5	FREE
Creative Relaxation	Fri	12.30 - 3.00	14/01/2022	KLC	10	FREE
Improve your Confidence	Wed	10.00 - 12.00	12/01/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Coping with Stress	Wed	1.00 - 3.00	12/01/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Improve your Confidence	Wed	1.00 - 3.00	02/03/2022	ALC	5	FREE
Coping with Stress	Wed	10.00 - 12.00	02/03/2022	ALC	5	FREE

Arts & Crafts

Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
Art for Pleasure	Thur	12.00 - 2.30	13/01/2022	KLC	10	£60
Art for Pleasure	Thur	3.30 - 6.00	13/01/2022	ALC	10	£60
Interior Design	Wed	12.30 – 3.00	12/01/2022	ONLINE	5	FREE
Interior Design	Wed	5.30 – 8.00	12/01/2022	ONLINE	5	FREE

Childcare

Course	Day	Time	Start Date	Venue	No. of Weeks	Fee
L1 Cert in Caring for Children	Thur	9.30 - 2.30	13/01/2022	KLC	22	£120
L2 Cert in Teaching & Learning	Wed	9.30 - 2.30	Sep-22	KLC	33	£234

KEY

KLC = Kingsway Learning Centre

ALC = Acorn Learning Centre

HLL = Halton Lea Library

DCC = Ditton Children's Centre

KCC = Kingsway Children's Centre

WHCC = Windmill Hill Children's Centre

HBCC = Halton Brook Children's Centre

UCC = Upton Children's Centre

WRCC = Warrington Road Children's Centre

BCC = Brookvale Children's Centre

HLCC = Halton Lodge Children's Centre

CCOM = Castlefields Community Centre

UCOM = Upton Community Centre

ONLINE = Please note to join an online course you will need access to a computer or tablet, the internet, headphones, a phone camera and a variety of craft resources

Volunteer Reading

READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Why not sign up to our Reading Volunteer programme and support others to gain the reading skills needed to access information and enjoy the magic of books. You will be involved in a training programme and then mentored while working with the people you will support to learn to read and improve their reading skills. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your love of reading, support others, meet new people and make new friends.

Level 1 Interactive Media.

This is a 2-term course for learners interested in gaining a recognised Level 1 qualification in Interactive Media. The course will improve ICT knowledge and understanding to help you in work or at home. This course will enable you to develop basic skills in the use of interactive media and the underpinning knowledge of interactive media processes. It will provide a basis for progression to other areas of study and, enable you to make more informed career choices. You will also develop a basic understanding of health and safety relevant to interactive media and use equipment and software competently and safely.

Distance Learning

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Do you want to study at a time that suits you? Do you want to develop your skills or explore a new area of learning? Well, Halton Adult Learning has just that offer! We are now launching a range of Distance Learning courses that allow you to study in your own time to enhance and develop your skills and knowledge. You will have your own digital assessor to support you through the process, giving you regular feedback to ensure you get the best out of your online studies.

Courses Offered are:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Business Administration
- Information, Advice & Guidance
- Lean Management
- Equality & Diversity

Coding Level 2

This qualification is a theory based qualification designed for learners who are looking to gain an introduction to coding. You will study topics such as: principles of coding; stages of the software development cycle, coding terminology, different coding types, methods of testing and DevOps processes as well as effective communication and project management in coding. Whilst it would be beneficial to have some coding knowledge there is no requirement to demonstrate any coding skills. This course will support the learner to progress into further study / employment in a coding or IT related role.

Family Learning

Our Family Learning programmes take place in schools and children's centres and provide a wealth of information to help parents support their children's learning and development. All Family Learning courses are free of charge so please get in touch for details of a course near you.



These are run in partnership with school staff and give parents a great insight into the school curriculum along with some great ideas of fun activities that will boost children's learning. Some courses are for parents only, others are for parents and children to learn together – all are relaxed and fun. Courses and workshops on offer include:

- Fun with Reading
- Fun with Numbers
- Fun with Phonics
- Make Your Own Storybook
- Keep Your Child Safe Online
- Good Mental Health for Children

We asked our learners what they liked most about our school based courses, this is what they said:

It was good to meet other parents and knowing they had similar fears about helping their child succeed.

I enjoyed learning new skills in a fun environment. Being able to help my boys with their maths.

I gained a lot of useful knowledge which will help me support my child with KS1 English in the near future.

Courses in Children's Centres

These courses are designed for parents of young children and you must be registered with one of our Children's Centres and be a Halton resident. We offer a wide variety of courses including:

Courses in Children's Centres

- Maths and English
- Puppet Play
- EYFS
- Learning Together
- Musical Activities for Child development
- Make a sensory toy to support Children's learning
- Story Sacks



Courses vary in each venue so please contact your nearest Children's Centre for more details:

Widnes Kingsway Children's Centre 0151 420 5482 Ditton Children's Centre 0151 420 5482 Upton Children's Centre 0151 257 2450 Warrington Road Children's Centre 0151 424 4686	Runcorn Halton Brook Children's Centre 01928 573265 Halton Lodge Children's Centre 01928 573107 Windmill Hill Children's Centre 01928 717132 Brookvale Children's Centre 01928 79 7160
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We asked our learners what they liked most about our Children's centre courses, this is what they said:

I've learnt ways to help my child develop and I've enjoyed being creative

Before I started the course I was diagnosed with Post Natal Depression. This course has helped my mental health no end and it has given me a new lease of life.

I enjoyed meeting new people, also it helped my confidence. The course helped me to keep my kids healthy and safe

Childcare

Our Childcare programme will equip you with the skills and experience you will need to undertake a career in the childcare sector. Our courses are relaxed and informal and you will be supported by skilled and experienced teaching staff throughout.

In addition to the course fee, there is an additional one-off charge of £30 which covers registration with CACHE, the examination awarding body.



L1 Certificate in Caring for Children

An introductory course starting in January for learners with little or no experience of childcare, who are thinking of a career in Primary, Secondary or a Special School setting. This L1 qualification is a good **introduction** to childcare and will give a good grounding for those wishing to undertake the L2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools. Some of the topics covered include:

- Understanding Play for Early Learning
- Sharing Learning Experiences with Children
- Respecting and Valuing Children
- Supporting Healthy Choices
- Communicating with Children

This is an 22 week course and you will need to attend one 5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.

The L1 course fee of £120 is payable at enrolment or in 2 instalments of £60 per term, payable before the first day of each term.

L2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

A full year course, starting in September, for learners with little or no experience of childcare, who would like to work in a Primary, Secondary or Special School setting. This recognised L2 qualification is the industry standard to work in a supervised role. This course is suitable for learners wanting to work as a Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant or Special Educational Needs Assistant. Some of the topics covered include:

- Child Development
- Health & Safety / Safeguarding
- Supporting positive behaviour
- Supporting learning activities
- Communication Skills

You must be able to complete a **250 hour work placement** at a school or nursery throughout the year to gain your industry experience.

This is a **full year course** and you will need to attend one 5 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.

The L2 **course fee of £180** is payable at enrolment or in 3 instalments of £60 payable before the first day of each term.

Learners enrolling on the L2 course will be subject to an enhanced **Disclosure and Barring Service check**. The cost for this is currently £44.

Added Value:

Although not a qualification requirement, all childcare learners are offered the opportunity to gain a **L3 First Aid qualification** at a subsidised rate to enhance their employability skills.

We asked our learners what they liked most about our Childcare courses, this is what they said:

I liked how laidback the course was but everything always got done to a good standard and on time, the tutor is brilliant.

Did you know?...

Last year:

100% of learners said their course was well taught and met their needs.

100% of learners completing the course gained a L2 qualification.

92% of employers who provided childcare placements said they would be willing to, or had already, employed their student

Arts and Crafts

Come and join us for some relaxing and inspiring art based courses and learn new skills or a new hobby to enhance your free time and your health and wellbeing.

Art for Pleasure

A series of 3 short courses for beginners and intermediates to improve skills in a variety of art techniques. 3 courses are on offer:

Drawing:

- How to use a variety of drawing tools including a variety of pencils, charcoals, pens.
- How to draw in perspective, using effective composition

Painting:

- Developing skills in creating colour and texture in art
- Discovering the properties of watercolour and acrylic paints
- Using various painting tools and techniques
- Exploring a variety of colour mixing techniques
- Developing your own creative style of art
- Experimenting with ideas
- Completing your own unique artwork.

Mixed Media:

- Developing skills in creating colour, texture and form
- Discovering the properties of art media including watercolour and gouache
- Using various painting tools and techniques
- Exploring mixed media: combining paints, using collage
- Developing your own creative style of art through transcribing others artwork
- Experimenting with ideas and completing your own unique artwork

Each course is 2.5 weeks in length and you will need to attend one 2 hour session per week to achieve the course aims.



Let's Get Crafty

Let's get Crafty: Interior Design

On this 5 week course, you will explore how to create mood boards understand the impact of colour, lighting and textiles as well as learning to budget for your project.

Let's Get Crafty: Creative Home Crafts

On this 5 week course, you will learn how to make items from things you will find around your home - plant pots from plastic bottles, decorative bowls from buttons and string wall art from recycled magazines and so much more!



Skills for Employment

The Adult Learning Team has a highly successful track record in supporting local people into employment. Our courses are planned and designed with local employers to enable adults develop the skills needed for employment. These short, part-time courses will give you a quick boost to help you get the job you want.



Halton Employment Partnership Awards

These courses are designed to help adults get into work as quickly as possible. They are planned with local employers to ensure you develop the skills needed for employment, relevant to local job opportunities. Courses are held in the following areas:

- Care
- Construction
- Contact Centre Operations
- Customer Service
- Traffic Management
- Highway Maintenance
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Environmental Services
- Warehousing and Storage
- Business Administration

Courses are generally 5 weeks long but can vary in length depending on the subject. You do need to attend regularly to achieve the course aims.

Did you know?

You could be guaranteed an interview on completion of a course linked with local employers!

I enjoyed working with the lads and the tutors were very helpful, especially preparing me for my interview. I can take everything I learnt to future interviews and I think I have massively improved my skills

I enjoyed learning new things, the confidence boost and the prep for the interview

Employability

If you have been out of work for some time and are looking to get back into the job market, our employability courses will help you brush up on your application and interview skills. You will:

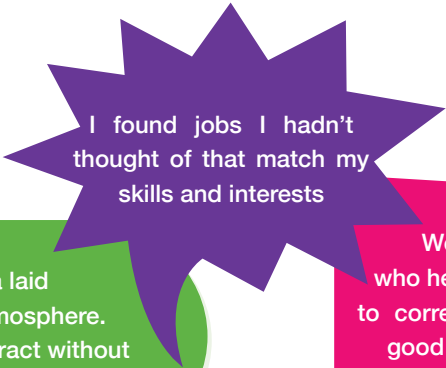
- Increase your knowledge of the job application process
- Learn how to 'sell' your skills
- Learn how to prepare well for interviews and practice some interview techniques
- Learn new ways to communicate effectively

Employability Workshops

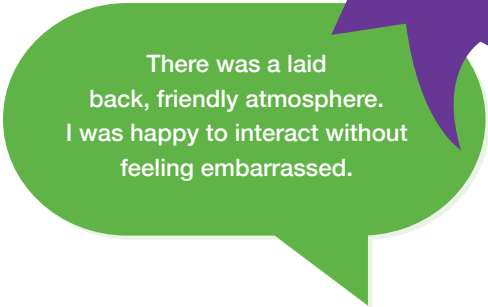
These short half day workshops offer a 'quick fix' for those who need to brush up on their skills. They are ideal for those who need some support to identify jobs that may be suitable or for those who need some pre-interview support. During the workshop you will:

- Apply for jobs
- Prepare for interview
- Action plan
- Set realistic goals

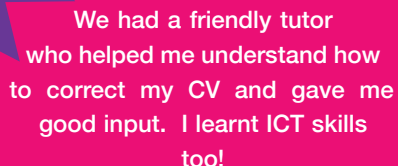
We asked our learners what they liked most about our Employability courses, this is what they said:



I found jobs I hadn't thought of that match my skills and interests



There was a laid back, friendly atmosphere. I was happy to interact without feeling embarrassed.



We had a friendly tutor who helped me understand how to correct my CV and gave me good input. I learnt ICT skills too!

LEARN to Live Well

We now offer a variety of short courses designed to promote personal development and to support good mental health. These courses introduce you to new skills in learning how to relax and how to cope with life in times of turmoil and change. You will be encouraged and supported in making positive changes to your life, whatever your circumstances. Classes are delivered in the Centres as well as online. All you need is WiFi access and use of a Smartphone or Computer.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF OUR COURSES

Build your Confidence

Understand what confidence is and how it affects your self-esteem. Identify your own barriers and learn how to overcome these through developing your own assertiveness and self-worth

Coping with Stress

We establish what stress is and what the triggers are. We focus on how stress presents itself and how it can affect everyday life. This course helps you to develop effective strategies to cope with stress

Mindfulness

If you suffer with stress, anxiety or depression, (and even if you don't) these sessions may be really helpful for you. The practice of Mindfulness has been clinically proven to reduce stress, anxiety and depression and add more calmness and enjoyment to life.

Joining a learning group will allow you to connect with others in a safe and comfortable environment. All courses are for a few hours a week for a five week period. Our friendly and welcoming staff will provide support and offer progression advice for you to continue with your learning journey. No previous experience is required and all materials are provided.



'Big journeys begin with small steps.'

Useful Information

Venue Details

Kingsway Learning Centre
Victoria Road
Widnes
Cheshire
WA8 7QY

Acorn Learning Centre
Kingshead Close
Castlefields
Runcorn
Cheshire
WA7 2JE

Venue Parking

Location	Restrictions
Runcorn	
Acorn Learning Centre	-
Widnes	
Lacey Street	None
Alforde Street	8am-6pm (On street parking)
Victoria Road	8am-6pm
St Paul's Road	8am-6pm

Parking on Double Yellow Lines is not permitted. If you are a Blue Badge holder you may park for up to 3 hours if you are not causing an obstruction

If you are travelling by bus you can contact the Neighbourhood Travel Team to request a timetable or for help to plan a journey Phone: 0800 1953 173, Email: ntt@halton.gov.uk.



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