

## **Community Learning Courses from January 2025**

### **Community Learning offers short courses for adults living in North Somerset (minimum age 19)**

Priority is given to those who have few or no qualifications, and to those who wish to develop skills and confidence for work, further learning or to improve their health and wellbeing.

Our courses are FREE for those on benefits and with low incomes.

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

**If you are interested in any course that has already started, please contact the relevant person. They may be able to run the course again and will be happy to add you to a waiting list if they think the course is suitable for you.**

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### **Creative Writing: Short Stories**

On-line course

Suitable for beginners and more experienced writers. Explore techniques such as character creation, setting, descriptive writing and much more. Writing tasks are sent out on a Monday morning to be completed by Friday afternoon. Support is available during the week and detailed feedback is given.

Access to a laptop or computer is required.

[See our Creative Writing Short Stories flyer](#)

Delivered over 6 weeks from 6 January

**For more info and to book a place contact:**

**Leanne Carter** [Leanne.Carter@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Leanne.Carter@n-somerset.gov.uk) phone/text 07385 378495

## **ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages**

Learning English as a Second Language for Pre-Entry (no English) to Entry 2 (some conversational English) in Weston-super-Mare, Portishead and Clevedon. The courses are designed for those with no confidence and those taking their first steps into classroom learning. Participants will learn about other existing provision and have help to progress to higher levels with Weston College.

[See our ESOL courses flyer](#)

Mondays 10 Sessions from 13 January 2025

At The Studio, The Stables, 3-6 Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY

Pre Entry Plus 9.30 - 11am

Entry 2 Plus 11.30am – 1.30pm

Tuesdays 10 Sessions from 14 January 2025

Venue to be confirmed

Entry 1 Plus 7 - 8.30pm

Wednesdays 10 Sessions from 15 January 2025

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

Pre-Entry (Group 1) 12.30 - 2pm (Main Hall)

Pre-Entry (Group 2) 12.30 - 2pm (Alden Room)

Below Pre-Entry 2.45 - 4.15pm (Main Hall)

Thursdays 10 Sessions from 16 January 2025

at Seetec Pluss Training Room, The Stables, 3-6 Wadham Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JY

ESOL Computers 9.30 - 11.30am

ESOL Job Club - Contact Iona for further info (see below for details)

Fridays 10 Sessions from 17 January 2025 Portishead  
at The Folk Hall, 95 High Street, Portishead BS20 6PR

Entry 1 9.45 - 11.45am

Entry 1 Plus to Entry 2 Plus 9.45 - 11.45am

Fridays 10 Sessions from 17 January 2025 Clevedon  
at Clevedon Children's Centre, The Barn, Great Western Road, Clevedon BS21 6HB

Pre-Entry Plus 12.30 - 2pm

Entry 1 & 2 Plus 12.30 - 2pm

**For enquiries for current and future courses contact:**

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### **Introduction to IT**

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.

[See our Intro to IT course flyer](#)

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am from 13 January for 5 weeks

at North Somerset Community Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1QZ

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## **Office Skills**

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.

[See our Office Skills course flyer](#)

Mondays and Wednesdays 12 - 2pm from 13 January for 5 weeks

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## **NEW course**

### **Caring for Children**

A great course for parenting tips or for preparing to move onto further courses or work in childcare.

Learn to help children develop their communication and language skills. How children learn by playing and through senses and experiences. Diet, exercise and social play. Understanding and respecting the rights of children. How to progress onto further qualifications and work in childcare.

Gain Level 1 CACHE Award in Caring for Children.

[See our Caring for Children course flyer](#)

Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm from 30 January 2025 for 7 sessions (excluding 20 Feb)  
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

**For more info and to book a place contact**

**JP Evans [Julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk) phone/text 07795 390 667**

## **Introduction to Aromatherapy at Home**

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

[See our Aromatherapy at Home course flyer](#)

Mondays 10am - 12.30pm from 3 February – 24 March for 7 sessions

(excluding 17 February)

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

**For more info and to book a place contact**

**JP Evans [Julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk) phone/text 07795 390 667**

## **Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test**

Improve your understanding of the rules of driving based on the Highway Code. Gain confidence answering multiple choice questions and learn how to approach the Theory and Hazard Perception Tests.

Tuesday mornings 10am - 12.30pm from 4 February – 18 March for 6 sessions  
(excluding 18 February)

[See our Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test course flyer MORNING](#)

or

Tuesday evenings 6 - 8.30pm from 4 February – 18 March for 6 sessions  
(excluding 18 February)

[See our Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test course flyer EVENING](#)

at North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23  
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**For more info or to book a place contact:**

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## **Woodwork for Women**

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 February for 5 weeks

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

**For more info and to book a place contact**

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## **Introduction to British Sign Language**

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 Introduction to BSL course flyer](#)

Fridays 10am - 12.30pm from 31 January to 28 March 2025 for 8 sessions  
(excluding 21 March)

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

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## **Becoming A Novelist**

On-line course

Do you have ideas for a novel but you're not sure how to put them together? This 8-week course is suitable for beginners and more experienced writers will also benefit from the inspirational tasks. You will be exploring techniques such as character creation, setting, descriptive writing and much more. You will have the guidance and support of our creative writing tutor.

Access to a laptop or computer is required.

[See our Becoming A Novelist course flyer](#)

Delivered over 8 weeks from 3 March

with tasks being sent out on a Monday to be completed by Friday.

**For more info and to book a place contact:**

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## **Goblin Combe Woodland Adventures**

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 4 March for 5 sessions

At Goblin Combe Woodland, Cleeve BS49 4PQ

**For more info or to book a place contact:**

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## **Free On-Line Maths and English Courses**

Would you like an English and/or Maths qualification? If you don't already have a level 2 or Grade C in English or maths you can take part in this free online course and gain a nationally recognised Functional Skills qualification that is tailored to your level.

12 week course. One video call per week. All resources provided and a tutor who will help you learn.

**For more info contact:**

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