

Community Learning offer 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.

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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.

Delivered over 8 weeks from 27 October. Tasks are sent out on a Monday to be completed by Friday.

For more info and to book a place contact:

Leanne Carter Leanne.Carter@n-somerset.gov.uk phone/text 07385 378495

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 free online resources for creating documents and keeping safe online.

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

There is plenty of advice and support on offer from our knowledgeable staff to help you get the most out of your new digital skills outside of the classroom.

Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 – 11.30am from 3 November 2025 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 working on Word, PowerPoint and Excel skills including working collaboratively - to improve skills for work. Also 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](#)

Monday and Wednesday afternoons 12 – 2pm from 3 November for 5 weeks.
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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 -12.30 pm from 4 November to 9 December (6 sessions)

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

or

Tuesday **evenings** 6-8.30pm 4 November to 9 December (6 sessions)

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

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

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Creative Gift Making

A great course to develop your creative thinking!
Learn new skills to make or transform items into gifts and/or decorations.

Tuesday mornings from 10.30am - 12.45pm from 4 November for 4 weeks
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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Bead and Wire Jewellery Making

Learn the skills to create beautiful jewellery with bead and wire with the support of our experienced tutor. All resources are supplied.

Thursdays 9:30 am – 12pm from 6 November – 4 December 2025 (5 sessions).

at The Waverley Room, Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, Clevedon BS21 6NN

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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](#)

Fridays 9.30am-2.30pm from 7 November to 19 December (7 sessions)

at The Bradbury Room, Vision North Somerset, Neva Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1YD

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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 14 November to 12 December (5 sessions)

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

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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](#)

For enquiries for current and future courses contact:

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From January 2026

On-Line Maths and English Courses

Would you like an English and/or Maths qualification at Level 1 or 2?

If you don't already have a level 2 or Grade C (or 4) in GCSE 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:

Sarah on saztraining@outlook.com or phone/text 07517 471 821

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 26 January to 16 March 2026 (7 sessions excluding 16 February)
at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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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 Intro to BSL course flyer](#)

Fridays 10am -12.30pm from 30 January to 27 March 2026 (8 sessions excluding 20 February)
at The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

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