

Community Learning Newsletter- July 2026

North Somerset Community Learning

short courses for adults aged **19+** living in North Somerset

Priority is given to those with **few or no qualifications**, and to those wanting to build skills for work, confidence, well-being, or further learning.

Courses are FREE for learners on benefits or low incomes.

Learners may attend **one course at a time**, but are warmly encouraged to join follow-on courses.

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Creative Writing: Short Stories (Online Course)

Suitable for beginners as well as 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.

- **Delivered over 6 weeks**
- **7th September 2026**
- **Location: Online (access to a laptop or computer required)**

Contact:

Email Leanne Carter – Leanne.Carter@n-somerset.gov.uk or Tel: 07385 378495



Introduction to IT

Perfect for beginners or anyone wanting to build confidence with computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, create an email address, use free online tools, and stay safe online.

Supportive staff will help you practice your new digital skills.

- **Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.30am**
- **14th September to 14th October 2026** (10 sessions)

and

- **Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.30am**
- **2nd November to 2nd December 2026** (10 sessions)

- **Location:** North Somerset Community Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1QZ

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Office Skills

Gain essential digital skills for administrative work. Learn Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, including tables, charts, formulas, presentations, and collaborative working. Includes email signatures, out of office replies, proofreading, scam awareness, and online safety.

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Becoming A Novelist (online course)

Have an idea you'd love to develop into a novel? Join this engaging 8-week creative writing course and explore character creation, setting, descriptive writing and more.

Suitable for both beginners and experienced writers, you'll receive weekly writing prompts, tutor guidance and supportive feedback to help bring your ideas to life.

Tasks are shared each Monday and must be completed by Friday afternoon.

Access to a laptop or computer is required.

- **Delivered over 8 weeks**
 - **26th October 2026**
- **Location: Online (access to a laptop or computer required)**

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Online Maths & English (Functional Skills Entry Level 1 up to Level 2)

A free 12 week online course for adults without GCSE Grade C/4 or Level 2 Maths or English. Includes one weekly video call, full learning resources, and tutor support.

Gain a nationally recognised qualification.

Contact:

Email Sarah on saztraining@outlook.com or Tel: 07517 471 821



Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test

Improve your understanding of the **Highway Code**, build confidence with **multiple-choice questions**, and learn strategies for the **Hazard Perception Test**.
Ideal for learners preparing for their first test or those needing extra support.

Option 1 – Morning Course

- **Tuesdays**, 10am–12:30pm
- **Dates and times to be confirmed** (6 sessions)
- **Location:** North Somerset Training Hub, 31 Alexandra Parade,
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Option 2 – Evening Course

- **Tuesdays**, 6pm–8:30pm
- **Dates and times to be confirmed** (6 sessions)

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Get Growing

This is an introduction to develop a range of skills related to growing edible plants.
Aimed to improve horticultural knowledge, wellbeing and safety. It will include planning and preparation of growing sites and focus on plant needs at the beginning of the growing cycle.

- **Dates and location to be confirmed**

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Bead and Wire Jewellery Making

A relaxed, creative course where you'll learn or develop skills in bead and wire jewellery design. Make beautiful pieces while supporting your wellbeing and creativity.

- **Dates and location to be confirmed**

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