

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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Get Growing

A short course introducing gardening skills and understanding plant needs – with a focus on getting ready for the coming growing season. This will include planning a vegetable garden, preparing the growing areas, seed sowing, safety and tool care.

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm from 10 March to 31 March (4 sessions)

At Coleridge Road Community Garden (via the gate between 65 and 67 Coleridge Road,
Weston super-Mare BS23 3UJ

For more info and to book a place contact:

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

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 13 April. Tasks are sent out on a Monday to be completed by Friday.

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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 21 April to 19 May (5 sessions)

At Goblin Combe Woodland, Cleeve BS49 4PQ

For more info or to book a place contact:

JP Evans julie.evans@n-somerset.gov.uk phone/text 07795 390 667

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.

Fridays 9.30am - 2.30pm from 24 April to 22 May 2026 (5 sessions)

[See our Woodwork for Women course flyer April 2026](#)

Or

Fridays 9.30am -2.30pm from 5 June to 3 July 2026 (5 sessions)

[See our Woodwork for Women course flyer June 2026](#)

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

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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](#)

Thursdays 9.30am - 2.30pm from 7 May to 3 July (7 sessions excluding 28 May)

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

For more info and to book a place contact

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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 April to July 2026 course flyer](#)

Mondays 10 Sessions from 20 April 2026

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

Pre Entry Plus 9.30 - 11am

Entry 1 Plus 11.30am - 1.30pm

Tuesdays 10 Sessions from 21 April 2026

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

Entry 1 Plus 7-8.30pm

Wednesdays 11 Sessions from 22 April 2026

at Friends Meeting House, High Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1JF

Pre-Entry Plus (10 Sessions) 9.30 - 11am (Piano Room)

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

Pre-Entry Plus Mixed Level (Group 2) 12.30 - 2pm (Piano Room)

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

Thursdays 10 Sessions from 23 April 2026

At The Studio, The Stable, 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 11 Sessions from 24 April 2026 Portishead

at The Folk hall, 95 High Street, Portishead BS20 6PR

Pre-Entry to Entry 1 9.45 - 11.45am

Entry 1 Plus to Entry 2 Plus 9.45 - 11.45am

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ESOL (cont.)

Fridays 11 Sessions from 24 April 2026 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 more info or 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 Intro to BSL course flyer](#)

Fridays 10am -12.30pm from 8 May to 3 July 2026 (8 sessions excluding 29 May)
at The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

For more info or to book a place contact:

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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 11 May to 29 June 2026 (7 sessions excluding 25 May)
at The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX

For more info and to book a place contact

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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 2 June to 7 July (6 sessions)
[See our Prepare to Pass the Driving Theory Test course flyer MORNING](#)

or

Tuesday **evenings** 6 - 8.30pm 2 June to 7 July (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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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.

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 8 June 2026 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.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons 12 - 2pm from 8 June 2026 for 5 weeks.
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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

Your Tenancy, Your Home

Advice and support in your tenancy with expert tutors from Citizens Advice North Somerset. Understanding your tenancy agreement. Knowing yours, and your landlords' rights and responsibilities. Tips on effective communication with your landlord. Know what to do, and who to contact if things go wrong. Refreshments are provided!

One session on a Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm (next date to be confirmed)

at Friends Meeting House, corner of High Street and Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare B23 1JF

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