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GoLearn!

Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

Courses 2023-2024



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Welcome to our **NEW** GoLearn! brochure

This year has seen a lot of exciting changes for GoLearn, from our NEW look brochure through to our eagerly anticipated NEW website – www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk



Something that has not changed is our commitment to providing lifelong learning opportunities for communities across Leicestershire, because enrolling on a course can be a life changing experience. In 2022 over 97% of those attending courses reported that participation had a positive impact on their wellbeing. Those choosing to study for career or employment reasons told us that the skills that they developed on their course, had provided them with a wide range of new opportunities.

Whether you are new to adult learning or planning a return to learning, I would encourage you to look a little further into our NEW brochure and see what GoLearn can offer you.

In this brochure you will see the highlights of what we offer including the FREE Essential Digital Skills Qualification, GCSE English, and maths, Multiply, which is a national programme to support adults to improve their numeracy skills, and other popular programmes including, Emotional Literacy for Families, Coping with Change, Languages, Silver Clay and more!

We are confident that our brochure includes something for everyone this year but if you need help finding the right course, please call our FREE enrolment line on 0800 988 0308, or contact one of our Learning & Work Advisors who are on hand to point you in the right direction with FREE and impartial guidance.

Wishing you every success for your learning journey.

Paul Fleming
Head of Service – GoLearn!

NEW website!

Visit us online to enrol, view detailed course information, see our latest news and events, and so much more!



Search GoLearn Leicestershire on Facebook

We love to hear about how you are getting on with your courses and our Facebook page is a great way for you to keep in touch with us and give feedback. Why not send us a comment and share a photo and inspire others to learn too?

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Why GoLearn!

Lifelong learning is at the core of everything we do. From Drawing and Painting courses to GCSE Maths, we support 1000s of learners every year to meet their personal goals.



Here are just a few reasons why lifelong learning might be right for you...



In need of some direction?

Book a FREE advice appointment now

Our Learning and Work Advisors provide confidential advice on:



If you would like a FREE appointment with one of our friendly Learning and Work Advisors, please email LALS.LWA@leics.gov.uk or call **FREephone 0800 988 0308**.



Discover GoLearn! Online



Finding your course and enrolling online is now even easier with our NEW website.

Browse www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk and discover 100s of online and face-to-face courses in venues across the county with our new and improved course search. Scan the QR Code below to start browsing.



Digital Skills

Whether you are a complete beginner, or want to grow your skills, we have something for you!

Digital skills are the gateway to life and work. Our courses can give you both recognised qualifications that employers are looking for and useful skills for everyday life.

We offer everything from Essential Digital Skills qualifications, designed for absolute beginners, through to the advanced ICDL Level 3 certification.

If you are looking to learn IT skills for everyday life, we have courses which are perfect for absolute beginners and anyone looking to gain a little more confidence.

For anyone looking to explore digital skills further, we have a range of specialist IT courses on subjects like Photoshop, Sage Accounting, and Website Design – perfect to boost your skills at work, or simply to discover a new hobby!



Need to know more?

For more information on our Digital Skills courses, or to discuss which course is right for you, contact the team on **FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308**, or visit us online.

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The biggest barrier was my confidence to be able to develop a professional looking website. After a few weeks of head scratching to get to grips with the basics it just clicked, and I was able to not only do the things Maxine [Tutor] had showed us during the course but, I also had the confidence to learn additional things for myself such as WooCommerce.”

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What's on offer...

- Digital Skills for Beginners
- Essential Digital Skills Qualification (Entry 3 and Level 1)
- Introduction to Internet and Email Skills
- Introduction to Smartphones and Tablets
- Photoshop Editing Techniques
- Website Development
- SAGE Computerised Accounts
- Level 1 and/or Level 2 Certificate in Digital Skills
- Level 3 Certificate in Digital Skills (ICDL Advanced)



Find your course now!



English and Maths

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I've got a brilliant group in Maths and English. My confidence has increased and I know things I didn't know before. It's getting my brain going and it gives me something extra to put on my CV. I have a brilliant tutor in Radha - we can go to her for any queries and support."

Find your course now!



Whether you are looking to brush-up on the basics, grow your confidence, or gain a qualification, our English and maths courses will provide you with the guidance and support you need to succeed.

Our maths classes can help you feel more confident in working with numbers and solving problems; whether you are helping with your child's homework, calculating your household budget, or tackling data at work, we have something for all!

If you're looking to develop your reading skills, improve your writing, or become more confident in speaking, our English classes will provide you with the help you need to achieve your goals at the right level for you.

What's on offer...

- ◆ English – Pre-GCSE and GCSE
- ◆ English – Functional Skills (Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2)
- ◆ English – Distance Learning (Level 1, Level 2, Level 2 Fast-track, GCSE)
- ◆ English – Developing Reading and Writing Skills
- ◆ English – Creative Writing Courses
- ◆ Maths – Pre-GCSE and GCSE
- ◆ Maths – Functional Skills (Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2)
- ◆ Maths – Distance Learning (Level 1, Level 2, Level 2 Fast-track, GCSE)

Need to know more?

For more information on English and Maths courses, or to book an assessment, scan the QR code opposite or call us on **Freephone 0800 988 0308**.

Getting better with numbers

Whether you are aged 19-99, if you're looking to boost your confidence with numbers and polish up your maths skills, our new Multiply courses can get you to where you want to be.

Multiply is a new government funded programme aimed at creating opportunities for adults to develop numeracy skills to help improve employment prospects and life chances.

Our courses will help you focus on:

- increasing confidence with numbers
- improving numeracy skills to help you manage money
- upskilling yourself for employment
- preparing you for future learning.

Find out more
about Multiply



**SKILLS
FOR LIFE
MULTIPLY**

The types of courses we offer include:

- **Cook, Meet & Eat** – Using seasonal foods to produce a meal each week and learn useful number skills along the way
- **Numbers for home** – Talk about ways to reduce household bills and find out what cost of living support is available to help you manage your money
- **Applications and Games using maths skills** – Using a tablet to explore some of the applications that are available to improve your maths skills in fun and interesting ways



**Need
to know
more?**

Courses take place in community venues across the county, online and in the workplace. Visit the Multiply website for more details www.leicestershire.gov.uk/multiply





Work Based Learning

Apprenticeships

Employees, Apprentices and Trainees

Apprenticeships mean you will work alongside experienced staff to learn while you earn a wage. Apprenticeships are for you if you want to have a real job while you gain a qualification. We work closely with the apprentice and employer to plan an individualised learning experience for each apprentice. Training is **FREE** for apprentices – and you earn a wage.

Find Apprenticeship vacancies in England
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Traineeships are pre-apprenticeship work experience programmes with an employability, maths and English study programme. Enrolment is only available via application to an employer. Training is **FREE** for apprentices – and you gain real job experience.

Find Traineeship vacancies in England
www.gov.uk/find-traineeship

We also offer other short courses designed to help you do your job better, many of these are **FREE** – and fit around your job.

Please speak to your employer if you wish to study with us or, for **FREE** impartial Information, Advice, and Guidance, contact our Learning & Work Advisors (see page 6 for more details).



We come to you, our training is delivered virtually or in person at your workplace, supported by bespoke online resources. We work with you to design training that works for business.

Training provider
LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Employer reviews
★★★★ Excellent (29 reviews)

Our Apprenticeships are rated excellent by employers on the Apprenticeship Service.

It is so refreshing to work with an employer that is committed to their apprentices' ongoing development."

Need to know more?

For more information, call us on **FREephone 0800 988 0308** or email WorkBasedLearningTeam@leics.gov.uk



We are continuously updating our training courses to meet the local skills demand – ask your employer to contact us for further advice of how we can help with workforce development.

The main delivery sectors for our apprenticeship training are:

- Adult Social Care
- Teaching and Learning
- Business Administration, Payroll and Management

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ESOL stands for 'English for Speakers of Other Languages' and is an English language course that helps to improve the lives of people whose first language is not English.

Joining ESOL English courses with us will help you to improve your quality of life, carry out everyday tasks independently and find work.

Our ESOL tutors will support you to learn the language skills you need to be able to communicate in English. You will learn grammar and punctuation, writing and reading, and speaking and listening.

By taking our ESOL English courses, you will be able to fully interact with people in your everyday life, whether it is going to the supermarket, sorting out your banking, or going to the Doctors.

We have short courses that will develop your skills and create more opportunities for your future.

Our courses are a safe and welcoming space for you to learn. You will have a chance to make new friends in class and in the community.

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“It was very important for me to understand how to make a telephone call, put together a CV, complete an application form and learn various interview techniques. All the material given on the Work Skills course was excellent and I really liked the interesting content.”

What's on offer...

- ESOL (Entry 1 up to Level 2)
- ESOL Driving Test Theory
- ESOL Everyday Maths
- ESOL Everyday ICT
- ESOL Work Skills
- ESOL Summer School (Pre-Entry/Entry 2)

Find your course now!



Need to know more?

For more information on ESOL courses, or to speak to a member of the team, call us on **FREephone 0800 988 0308**, visit one of our Enrolment Centres (see page 30), or visit us online.

Languages



The course exceeded my expectations and renewed a love of languages which I haven't had since school. On a family holiday in Italy this summer, it was very gratifying to be able to order food, greet people in shops, and ask for directions. It made the holiday far more experiential than my previous trips abroad"



Find your course now!



Need to know more?

Explore the full range of Languages courses by visiting us online or by calling us on **FREephone 0800 988 0308**.

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Whether through technology, media, or travel – we are all becoming more and more connected as global citizens. Learning a new language provides you with a new appreciation of different cultures and a new skill that can be used for business, work, holidays, and family life.

By learning another language, you can gain a skill valued by employers, improve your confidence, and broaden your horizons. Classes are fun, social, and interactive, and help keep you and your brain active, whatever your age! You will discover more about the country, its culture, and its people to enhance your travel and life experiences.

We offer courses in various languages, including French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Greek and Italian at levels from beginners through to advanced. We offer learning in the classroom and online, so you can fit study around your life and work. We have both daytime and evening courses, and additional practice and interest sessions to help keep your new skills honed.

Many of our language courses are accredited through The Skills and Education Group except for: Portuguese, Greek and our Advanced Languages offer which are tutor assessed and you will be given certificates of achievement. Tutors will assess you throughout the course through class activities and homework and give you helpful feedback on your progress regularly, so you know how you're doing.



What's on offer...

- French
- Italian
- German
- Spanish
- Portuguese





British Sign Language (BSL)

Learning BSL is a powerful skill which allows you to communicate with d/Deaf colleagues, friends and family and is used by approximately 150,000 people in the UK.

With the historic passing of the BSL Bill in the UK Parliament in 2022, BSL is more visible and celebrated than ever before. Our face-to-face BSL courses are taught exclusively by d/Deaf tutors (with our hearing tutor only teaching our online courses). We make sure we blend the learning of signs with d/Deaf Awareness as well as some knowledge of d/Deaf history and culture.

Courses are non-accredited so there are no exams – and tutors work hard to make sure you learn in a fun and social environment.

Need to know more?

For more information on our BSL courses, or to enrol, call us on **FREephone 0800 988 0303** or visit us online.

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This was the perfect course for both my wife and I to progress from no knowledge at all, to being confident in having a conversation with a person from the deaf community. Everyone found the course speed suited to us with our different abilities.

The tutor and interpreter were first class (and very patient) and I cannot recommend this course highly enough. You're never too old to learn a new skill.”

For more information call **FREephone 0800 988 0308**

British Sign Language – Staff Training for Businesses

We can offer you a tailored course to suit your needs, enabling you to communicate with staff or clients/customers who have a hearing loss. The course can consist of Deaf Awareness, together with learning basic British Sign Language (BSL) with tailored signs. We can deliver the training to your preferred venue at a competitive price and have experience of working with both teachers and medical staff.



What's on offer...

- BSL Beginners Part 1
- BSL Beginners Part 2
- BSL An Introduction (Classroom Based and Online)

Find your course now!



Family Learning



Family Learning classes are taught at libraries, Children's Family and Wellbeing Centres, schools, online and in the community.

Courses are designed to help you support your child's education journey, by learning how your child is taught in school while you also develop your own knowledge.

For parents of children aged 6 months to 3 years, Family Learning deliver courses focused on sensory play, storytime fun, arts and crafts and encourage development of fine motor skills, nutrition, healthy eating and learning through play.

For parents of children aged 4 to 9 years old, we offer courses that are designed around reading, phonics, maths and English. These courses support parents and carers to understand the journey from Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2, and the transition into Key Stage 3 and secondary school.

We also offer courses that teach you about children's social and emotional wellbeing, resilience, children's health, First Aid, how to keep your family safe online and budgeting.

Throughout the year we run sessions during school holidays and half terms based around different cultural and local events.

Some courses are delivered as joint learning where you can learn alongside your child, while other courses are for adults only. All Family Learning courses are FREE and are specially designed for those who do not currently hold a Level 2 qualification.

Find your course now!



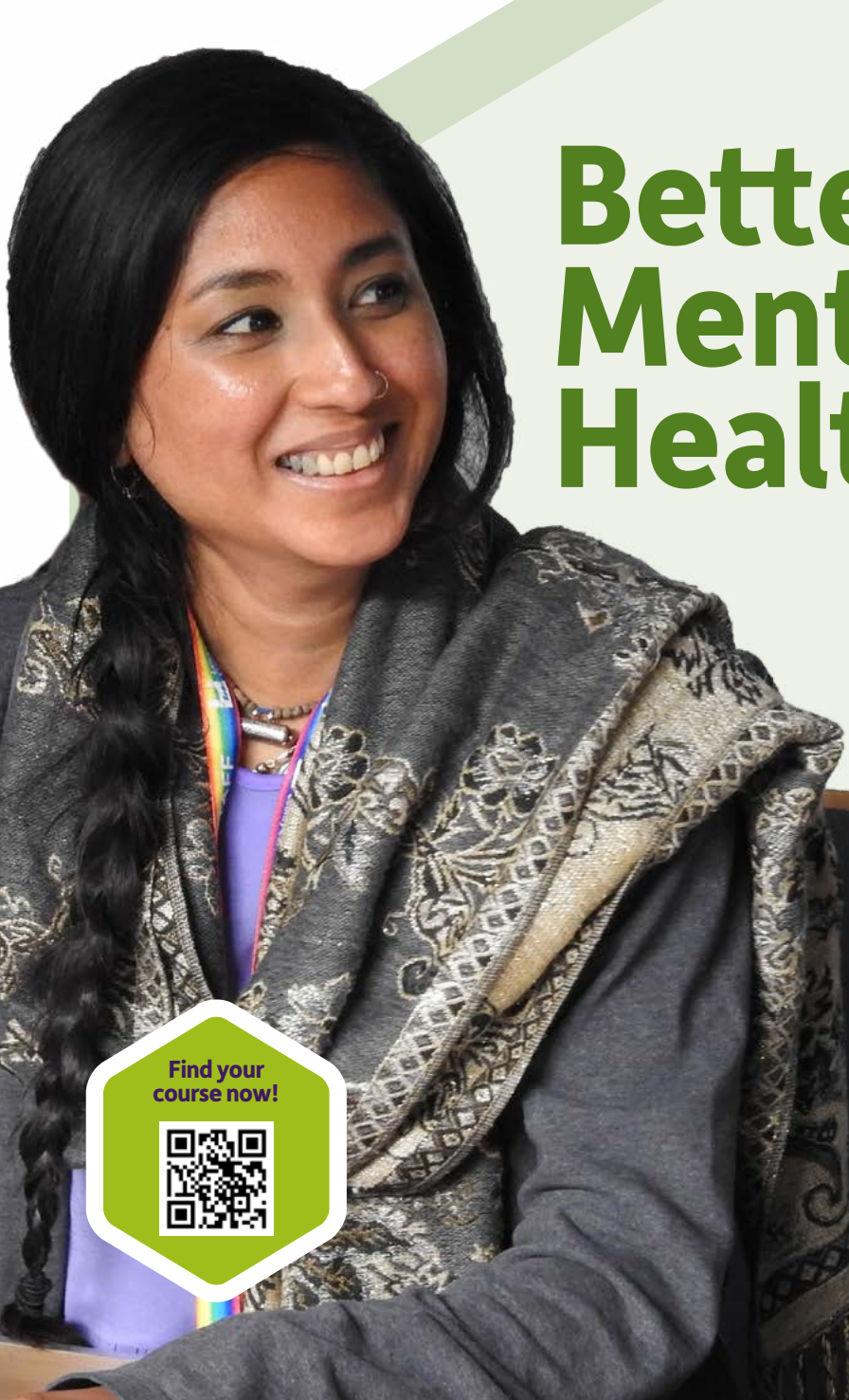
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Over the last few years, I have completed many of the Family Learning courses, such as Story Sacks and Making Sense of KS1 Maths. I have found these courses immensely helpful in terms of being able to support my own children with their early learning of both literacy and numeracy. A particular benefit of the teaching methods of the Family Learning courses, is that children are encouraged to learn alongside their parents - the courses are fully inclusive.”

Need to know more?

For more information, and to view the Family Learning courses available near you, visit us online or call us on **FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308**.



Better Mental Health



For more information call
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Better mental health courses are designed to give you the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge that can be used to support good mental health.

Whether you would like to improve or maintain your mental wellbeing, or learn something new about mental health, we have a course to suit you. Courses include a variety of engaging learning activities and resources with the emphasis on being able to use what you learn in everyday life. Your individual wellbeing goals will be included in a personalised learning plan that is tailored to you. Joining a course gives you the opportunity to learn with others in a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Following these courses you might continue your learning journey with further courses, volunteering or employment.



Find your course now!



I have learnt to cope better with my mental health and to be more positive about the future. I would definitely recommend the course to family and friends."

What's on offer...

- Learning for Confidence and Better Mental Health
- Introduction to Mindfulness
- Sleep and Wellbeing
- Coping With Change
- Introduction to Self-Care
- Positive Wellbeing Goals
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing

Need to know more?

For more information on our mental health courses call us on **FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308** or visit us online.

Learning for Wellbeing

Discover a new passion for creativity or get fitter this year by taking part in a course from our Learning for Wellbeing programme.

On our courses, you will find a like-minded, supportive community. With expert guidance from your tutor, you will learn and develop new creative skills that you can use in class but also at home and in your community.

Our courses enable you to build confidence, make new friends, gain creative skills, get fitter and also have time to yourself away from the stresses and strains of daily life, supporting good health and wellbeing.



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While I'm at pottery I feel comfortable, everyone is nice to me [...], going to pottery is my favourite thing to do, I also think I'm learning loads and getting much better at making things, when everyone says how good things I've made are it gives me confidence, [...] it is very good for my mental health as well.”



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What's on offer...

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum offers a broad range of creative and fitness courses at all levels of ability. The majority of courses are face-to-face with some online options:

- Drawing and Painting (all media and botanical)
- Pottery (traditional, silver and polymer clay)
- Sewing (Reuse Fabric, Asian Fashion and project workshops)
- Patchwork and Quilting
- Upcycle Furniture (small objects)
- Glass (stained, fused and lampwork)
- Creative Writing for Wellbeing
- Cookery (Indian, baking, healthy on a budget and one-pot)
- Yoga (traditional and seated)
- Ballet for Wellbeing
- Ballet Barre for Fitness
- Tap Dancing
- Astronomy
- Photography

Our courses are taught by experts in their fields with a vast range of practical and professional experience. We provide a welcoming, safe space for new and returning learners to learn new skills and progress.



Find your course now!



Need to know more?

To explore the full range of Learning for Wellbeing courses, visit us online or call **FREephone 0800 988 0308**.

Learning for Independence

We offer a wide range of courses for adults with learning disabilities, providing opportunities for individuals to develop skills and knowledge in key areas.



Before enrolling, every individual is offered one-to-one information, advice and guidance with our specialist coordinators, so that we can identify starting points and goals for the future. This also ensures that the most beneficial and relevant course of learning is chosen and learners have the appropriate support to succeed.

Learning is delivered through practical and engaging learning activities which encourage learners to be self-advocates, make choices, become more independent, express opinions and work with others, developing valuable skills that can be transferred outside of the classroom. Learners benefit from a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment where mutual respect is embedded.

Learners progress to become more confident and independent in their everyday lives and may continue on to further learning, volunteering or employment after attending courses.

Need to know more?

For more information on our courses, and to book an information, advice and guidance meeting for our Learning for Independence courses, visit our website or call us on **FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308**.

Find your course now!



What's on offer...

- ◆ Health and Wellbeing
- ◆ Work and Volunteering
- ◆ Independence
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Engaging with the Community
- ◆ Numeracy
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Literacy

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Our Enrolment Centres

The map below shows our GoLearn! Adult Learning Centres and Suites. We also offer online and face-to-face courses in local venues, to better help you fit your learning around life and work. Visit us online for more detail. For more information on venues, scan the QR codes below or email us at adulthoodlearning@leics.gov.uk



The Moira Adult Learning Centre

Moira Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1AX



Loughborough Library

31 Granby Street, Loughborough, LE11 3DU



Coalville Library

High Street, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3EA



Hinckley Library

Lancaster Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0AT



Melton Library

Wilton Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0UJ



The Roundhill Adult Learning Centre

997 Melton Road, Thurmaston, Leicestershire, LE4 8GQ



Wigston Library

Bull Head Street, Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, LE18 1PA



The Symington Building

Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7LT



The Enderby Adult Learning Centre

Townsend Road, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 4PG



Fees and Finance



To view the fees for your courses, visit us online where detailed course information is available for the entire 23/24 programme.

Many GoLearn courses are funded for FREE through the Department of Education. Fee paying courses can cost anywhere between £3.00p/h to £5.50p/h, depending on the subject.

If you receive one of the benefits listed below, you may be able to attend your course for FREE:

- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit (dependant on take-home pay)

If you do not receive the above benefits, but your course is accredited (meaning you will gain a qualification up to and including Level 2) then you may still be able to attend your course for FREE.

You will need to be in work, whether part-time or full-time, but earning less than £20,319** gross salary.



A 70% Reduced Cost is available to any learner who receives certain benefits or is on a low household income. To be eligible for the Reduced Cost, you will need to receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Attendance Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Carers Allowance
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (dependant on take-home pay)
- Disability Living Allowance/ Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

If you do not receive any of the benefits listed above, you may still be eligible for the Reduced Cost if you have an income less than £23,874.83* before tax.

If you think the course will help you to find work, or more sustainable employment, and you receive one of the benefits listed previously, your course may also be FREE, depending on your take-home pay. Please discuss this on enrolment.

*** This figure, referred to as the 'Low Wage Concession', changes annually on the 1st of April in line with the national living wage.*

** Income could come from earned wages, pensions, or benefits not listed above.*



Can I pay by instalments?

If your course fees are over £50 you can break the cost of study up into a number of easy payments.

The number of instalments you can pay in varies depending on the amount you need to pay and the length of the course. Any materials and exam fees will need to be paid upfront as part of the first instalment. Instalment plans need to be put in place by our Enrolment team, so if you wish to pay by instalments, please contact us on FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308 or by email at adultlearning@leics.gov.uk to enrol.

Support with costs

What is the Discretionary Learner Support Fund?

At GoLearn, we know that course fees alone are not the only financial costs learners face. Our Discretionary Learner Support Fund (DLSF) is available to help cover the hidden cost of learning like childcare, transport, resources, and exam fees.

You can claim up to £405 (per child, per course, per term) to help cover the cost of childcare whilst you are in class, up to £116 to cover the cost of transport, and up to £58 to cover resources like textbooks and stationery. If your exam fees are not already included in your course costs, you may also be able to use the DLSF to cover this cost.

Rules and eligibility criteria apply and, if you would like more information, please contact us on FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308 to discuss. Alternatively, you can email us at adultlearning@leics.gov.uk and we can arrange a suitable time to call you.



Start your learning journey today with GoLearn!



Online

Our online Course Search can be found by visiting us at GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk or by scanning the QR code. You can search by keyword, venue and course type and view detailed course information. Most courses are available for direct enrolment via the website. For courses which require an Initial Assessment (IA), or chat with a member of the team, you can submit an enquiry and we will get back to you with more details.



By phone

Our FREEPHONE enrolment line is open year-round from 8:30am till 7:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). To speak to a member of the team, call us on FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308, selecting 'Option 1' from the list.



In person

If you prefer to visit our centres in person to pay or enrol, you can do so by visiting one of our Enrolment Centres. To arrange a time to visit please call us on FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308, selecting 'Option 2'. Alternatively, you can email us at the address below to be advised of our up-to-date opening times.



Via email

If you would like more information on your chosen course, or if you would like to make an appointment for one of the team to call you at a convenient time, please email us at adultlearning@leics.gov.uk



Every effort has been made to make sure the information contained in this brochure is correct. However, as you know, things can change. Please contact us for up-to-date course information.



If you require an accessible version of this brochure please contact us on FREEPHONE 0800 988 0308 or email us at adultlearning@leics.gov.uk and we will explore the options available.



Don't miss out!

A 30% Early Bird Discount on course fees is available for all fee-paying courses from Monday 3 July until Friday 29 September 2023.

A 20% New Year Discount is available from Friday 1 December 2023 until Wednesday 31 January 2024.

Visit us online to search courses and enrol.

Check out our new website

www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk

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