

# GoLearn!

Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

# Adult Learning Courses 2026-2027

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# Welcome to GoLearn! 2026-27

**It gives me great joy to share our new adult learning brochure.**

As a service, our mission is 'To engage adults into learning and support them to develop a range of knowledge, skills and behaviours that promote access to opportunity and wellbeing.' Whether your goal is to gain an essential qualification, or you are learning a new skill for your own personal development, we are delighted to support you with your journey.

Courses for 2026/27 include:

- Digital Skills courses helping you with the basic skills to get you up and running with a computer.
- CV Writing and Application Forms courses to show you how to shine when applying for jobs.
- Maths and English Functional Skills courses aimed at giving you the skills you need to get into and progress in employment.
- Better Mental Health Workshops including: 'Sleep, Burnout and Self-Care', 'Social Media and Wellbeing'.

As you browse this year's brochure, we hope you enjoy reading our learner stories, and that you are inspired to take a leap into learning.

Best wishes,

**Paul Fleming, GoLearn! Head of Service**



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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.

## Discover GoLearn! Online

**Finding your course and applying online is now even easier with our website.**

Browse [www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk](http://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 to start browsing.

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If you are in need any further information or advice on choosing the correct course please contact us on **FREephone 0800 988 0308** where a member of our friendly team will be happy to help.

# Apprenticeships and Work Based Learning

**Our team works with employers of all sizes to design training programmes to meet organisational needs.**

We tailor programmes around job roles and skills gaps to make the training relevant to your occupational area, within the scope of the chosen apprenticeship standard or standalone qualification.



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## LEARNER VOICE

### Meet Hannah

Hannah, a payroll manager at Northumberland County Council, completed the Level 3 Payroll Administrator Apprenticeship in 2023, achieving a Distinction.



***“I’ve loved doing the apprenticeship. The support from the team has been superb. I’m learning in every session, and I’m able to start using what I’ve learned in my day-to-day job. [...] The group sessions have allowed us to talk in depth about the practical side of payroll, sharing best practice techniques, ideas, and views with peers from across the country.”***

Eager to support her entire team, Hannah went on to enrol nine of her team from Northumberland on the Level 3 standard. Hannah progressed on to the level 5 Payroll Assistant Manager apprenticeship and achieved a second distinction.

Visit us online to read Hannah’s full story



## What’s on offer...

**Our level 3 and 4 work-based courses include:**

- Leadership and Management
- Customer Service
- Education and Training
- Assessing Competence
- Contact us for enrolment details.

**Our level 2 to level 5 apprenticeships include:**

- Administrative assistant
- Business administrator
- Payroll administrator
- Payroll assistant manager
- Teaching assistant
- Specialist teaching assistant
- Ask your employer to contact us for details of apprenticeships we can offer; our course offer is responsive to employer need.

# Employability

**Our Employability courses are designed to give you the knowledge and skills required by local employers, to support you into employment or improve your career.**

We offer a mix of one day and short courses to support you, whether you are seeking work, seeking a better job, or if your current job is at risk.



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## Our courses include:

- ◆ Improving your CV writing
- ◆ Successful application skills
- ◆ Work skills

## Our level 1 to level 3 qualifications include:

- ◆ Preparing to work in schools
- ◆ Mental health awareness
- ◆ First aid at work
- ◆ Emergency first aid
- ◆ Paediatric first aid
- ◆ We can offer support for employees going through organisational change.  
(Contact us for more details.)

\*Selected courses are free.  
Conditions apply - contact  
the GoLearn team for details.



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# English and Maths

**FREE**  
courses\*

**At GoLearn, we will provide you with the support you need to achieve your goals. Whatever your current level, we have a course for you.**

Whether you are helping with your child's homework, calculating your household budget, or want to improve your writing, we have something to support everyone.

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## What's on offer...

- A range of courses designed to unlock your English and maths skills as well as accredited qualifications such as English Functional Skills (Entry, Level 1, or Level 2) and Maths Functional Skills (Entry, Level 1, or Level 2)

## LEARNER VOICE

### Meet Becs

Rebecca (Becs) is 35 years old, from Loughborough and started with GoLearn in 2022. At primary school Becs was diagnosed with dyslexia and found school very hard. She has worked in lots of different jobs, including retail, part time in a kennels and then she started to work at a primary school, first as a cleaner and now also as a lunchtime supervisor. Becs is studying both English and Maths.



***“After experiencing [issues] at work I decided to return to learning for my own benefit. I wanted to prove to myself and others what I can do. [...] I hope to become a Learning Support Assistant. It really has given me a goal in life. I also now have a better understanding of both subjects, which has allowed me to understand and support my children with their homework. If someone was to ask me whether they should take an adult learning course, I'd say go for it; it will increase your confidence.”***

# English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Whether you are a complete beginner or just need that extra help to make you confident in speaking, reading and writing English, our courses for adults aged 19+ will make you more confident, skilled and independent.

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## What's on offer...

- English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) – Pre-Entry, Entry, and Level 1.
- ESOL Summer School Courses (July 2027).
- Driving Theory Test for Speakers of Other Languages.
- Wellbeing for Speakers of Other Languages.

## LEARNER VOICE

Mandy (Sze Man Wong) moved to the UK in March 2023 from Hong Kong, joined one of our ESOL courses the following October and later went on to complete an ESOL Work Skills course at Oadby Library. Mandy had this to say about her tutor and her learning:

*"[...] I feel more confident in using English in daily life now even in finding a job. Additionally, [tutor] recommended us to join the Work Skills class and the sessions on writing CVs, cover letters and preparing for interview questions were very helpful. Previously, I have applied for many jobs without receiving any interview opportunities, however, I received my first interview invitation a few days ago. Although the result is uncertain, it still encourages me a lot."*

Visit us online to hear Mandy's story:



# Digital Skills

**FREE**  
courses\*

**Digital Skills are the gateway to life and work. Whether you are a complete beginner or want to grow your skills, we have something for you!**

Our courses for adults aged 19+ can give you both recognised qualifications that employers are looking for, and useful skills for everyday life.

*"The course has been really helpful and valuable for me, because I learnt lot of things which I now use in my daily work. I liked that I could bring in outside ideas and projects."*

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## What's on offer...

- ◆ Digital Skills for Beginners
- ◆ Digital Functional Skills (Entry and Level 1)
- ◆ Certificate in Digital Skills (Level 1 and Level 2)
- ◆ Website Development (WordPress)
- ◆ Website Development: E-Commerce (WordPress)
- ◆ We offer training for businesses and organisations. (Contact us for more details.)

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# Family Learning

Family learning courses are all about families learning together. Courses help parents and carers to develop confidence and learn new skills to support their child's individual learning and development. Classes are run in libraries, schools, Family Hubs and online.

Family learning is about having fun and enjoying learning as a family. We run classes linked to ages and stages of children from five months to primary years learning.

Courses support families to improve skills, knowledge and confidence, increase well-being, and resilience.

Family learning courses are free. There is no formal initial assessment to gain a place on a family learning course, you will be asked to complete an initial assessment at the start of the course and to complete activities in class and at home.

We offer support for Family Hubs, schools and other local organisations who work with families and children – contact us for more information.



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## What's on offer...

### ◆ Early Years Learning:

- ◆ Baby Sign
- ◆ Sensory Play
- ◆ Toilet Training
- ◆ Story Sacks/Story Boxes
- ◆ Toddler Talk
- ◆ 2 to 4 Move Some More
- ◆ School Ready



### ◆ School Years:

- ◆ EYFS
- ◆ English
- ◆ Phonics
- ◆ Reading
- ◆ Maths
- ◆ Paediatric First Aid
- ◆ Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience
- ◆ Food and Nutrition
- ◆ Workshops



# Better Mental Health



**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.**

Courses focus on learning and developing tools and strategies that you can use in everyday life. Whether you would like to improve your mental wellbeing, maintain good mental wellbeing, or learn something new about mental health we have a course to suit you.

## What's on offer...

- Learning for Confidence and Better Mental Health
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing
- Introduction to Mindfulness
- Connecting with Nature
- Stress, Burnout and Self-Care
- Social Media and Wellbeing

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*"Overall, this course is both insightful and highly practical. It has strengthened my self-awareness and helped me build healthier habits in my daily life."*



*"The mental health and wellbeing course has been an incredibly valuable learning experience for me. I learned how to better recognise my emotions, understand the source of stress, and apply techniques that genuinely help me."*

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# Learning for Wellbeing

(Arts, crafts, dance and fitness, special interest)

**Discover a new passion for creativity; improve your physical and mental health by taking part in our dance/exercise classes; be intrigued by our specialist subjects - Photography and Astronomy; save money by learning to cook on a budget.**

On our courses you will find a like-minded, supportive community. You will grow in confidence, make new friendships and a lot more - most importantly, we hope you will enjoy your learning experience.



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## What's on offer...

- Arts courses including Developing Drawing, Botanical Drawing, Painting including Watercolour, Acrylics, Pen and Wash, Mixed Media and Silk Painting,
- Crafts courses including Fused Glass, Stained Glass, Pottery and Sewing.
- Exercise courses including Yoga, Seated Yoga, Back, Neck and Shoulder Strengthening, Ballet Barre Core Fitness for Wellbeing and Relaxation.
- Dance courses including Dance for Fitness and Wellbeing, Ballet for Wellbeing and Fitness, Contemporary to Jazz – Dance for Wellbeing, Adult Tap Dancing.
- Specialist subject courses including Digital Photography, Astronomy, Drama, Singing, Christmas Paper Craft, Scrapbooking, Book Binding and Mono Printing.
- 'for Wellbeing' courses – these courses are aimed at those with more complex needs, e.g. anxiety, stress, low level mental health issues, physical disability, These include: Singing for Wellbeing, Drama for Wellbeing, Pottery for Wellbeing, Art for Wellbeing, Yoga for Wellbeing, Seated Yoga for Wellbeing and Contemporary to Jazz – Dance for Wellbeing.
- Wellbeing cafes – these are short 5-week courses based around creative mindfulness activities, offering information and advice to help you move onto something new that will support your needs for the future.

Please note the following restrictions on repetition of courses:

- 'For Wellbeing' courses can be repeated twice.
- Intermediate and Independent Learners courses can be repeated once
- Beginners and Beginners Next Steps courses cannot be repeated.
- Courses without levels or described as 'mixed level', do not have restrictions currently.

# Languages

**Whether through technology, media, or travel – we are all becoming increasingly connected as global citizens.**

Learning a new language provides you with a new appreciation of diverse cultures and a new skill that can be used for business, work, holidays, and family life.

We offer four different languages in total with level progression from Entry 3 (introductory courses for complete beginners) through to Level 2 (upper intermediate courses).



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## What's on...

- French
- Italian
- German
- Spanish



## LEARNER VOICE

### Meet Amy

Amy and her partner Matt wanted to be able to communicate in Spanish when visiting Valencia for a holiday in summer 2024. They completed an introductory Spanish course, followed by one of our Moving On courses.

*“I have been so surprised at how quickly I feel my Spanish has improved and how confident I felt giving it a go whilst we were in Valencia earlier in the year. Not only was I confidently ordering food and requesting a table (never mind the cheeky agua de Valencia), but Luisa’s personal recommendations for the trip were fantastic and we thoroughly enjoyed the amazing city! Luisa was passionate and invested throughout the classes, and I am really looking forward to Year 2!”*



# British Sign Language (BSL)

**British Sign Language (BSL) is used by approximately 150,000 people in the UK.**

Learning BSL is a powerful skill which allows you to communicate with Deaf colleagues, friends and family.

Our BSL courses are taught largely by a team of Deaf tutors, and we make sure to blend the learning of signs with Deaf Awareness as well as some knowledge of Deaf history and culture.



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## What's on offer...

- British Sign Language - Beginners 1
- British Sign Language - Beginners 2
- BSL and Deaf Awareness training for businesses and organisations. (Contact us for more details.)



# Learning for Independence

**A wide range of courses for adults with learning disabilities are available, providing opportunities to develop skills and knowledge in key areas.**

Courses provide support for you to become more confident and independent, learning skills that can be used in everyday life. Before enrolling you will be offered one-to-one information, advice, and guidance with our specialist coordinators to identify your goals for the future, help you to choose your course and look together at the support you need to succeed.



## What's on offer...

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

Accredited and non-accredited course options are available.



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# Fees and Finance

**Finance should never be a barrier to learning and if you think you would be unable to enrol on one of our courses due to the cost, we have several options to support you.**

If you are in receipt of **Job Seeker's Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit**, you could be entitled to enrol on your course for FREE.

If your **earnings are less than £26,800** you may be able to join your course for FREE.

If you are not in receipt of state benefits, but your annual **income is below £28,733.50**, you may be entitled to pay the reduced cost for your course.

If you need support with the cost of studying you can apply for the **Learner Support Fund** which is available to all eligible learners and can reimburse the cost of childcare, travel, exam fees and resources.

If you feel that you might struggle to pay your course fee all at once, you are also able to pay in instalments if the total cost of your course is above £50.

**For more detail on the support we can provide to help with costs visit our Financial Support page.**

For more information



## Our Main 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.



## CONNECT TO WORK

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**Connect to Work is here to support both job seekers and employers in our communities.**

**For job seekers:** We help you find, secure, and stay in meaningful work. Our service offers personalised, one-to-one support for people with disabilities, long-term health conditions, or other complex barriers to employment, helping you build confidence, develop skills, and achieve your career goals.

**For employers:** We work closely with you to support the recruitment of talented, motivated employees. We also help you create inclusive and supportive workplaces by offering guidance, ongoing support, and practical solutions so that everyone can thrive at work.

## Want more information?

[leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk/connect-to-work](https://leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk/connect-to-work)



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