

## Northamptonshire Adult Learning Service - Progression Information



We do hope your course inspires you. As well as personal enjoyment, learning provides stepping stones to further achievement. Now may be a good time to think about your future learning or next steps. We have put together some information here which may be helpful.

### Courses with Adult Learning

Our service is proud to be rated a good provider by OFSTED (November 2016). “Our mission is to provide learning opportunities for adults in Northamptonshire, to enable them to develop their skills and improve their wellbeing, for themselves, their families and their communities”. We have three programme areas, Learning for Life, Learning for Wellbeing and Work and Learning for Personal Development.

#### Learning for life - Family Learning

Family Learning courses give you and your family the opportunity to learn new skills together as well as the opportunity to find out about how your children learn in nursery and school. Family Learning courses can help you and your children to improve English and maths skills, and on some courses, you will be able to work towards nationally recognised qualifications.

#### Learning for Life – Essential Skills

Courses will enable you to secure better employment, or access further training, further and higher education. These courses offer you the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised qualification in maths, English and ICT up to level 2. These courses are for anyone who does not have a level 2 qualification in English, maths or ICT.

#### Learning for Wellbeing - Learn2b (L2b) and Pathway2b

Courses designed to encourage your wellbeing, give you an opportunity to have some ‘time out’, learn something new and start to gain confidence in a social setting with like-minded people. These courses are for anyone who lives with, or has experienced, a mental health disorder.

#### Learning for Work - Neighbourhood learning

Build your confidence through courses about career planning, budget management or digital skills and the opportunity to gain qualifications such as Food Safety Level 2.

#### Learning for Personal Development

Take up a new interest, learn for your own personal development or enjoyment and build your confidence and use the skills to generate an additional income, become self-employed, secure better employment, or access further training, further and higher education.

### Information, Advice and Guidance

We can help you to find out if a course is suitable for you, or if you need help to understand our fees or concessions. If you would like information and advice from one of our team as part of your enrolment or decision making process, please see our website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning)

We also work in partnership with National Careers Service advisers who can provide information, advice and guidance to help you write a CV or make decisions on learning, training and work. The National Careers Service can be contacted by phone on 0800 100 900, or by texting your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 (you will receive a call from an adviser for free). Alternatively on their website <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

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### Further and Higher Education

Kettering Training Services	<a href="https://ketteringtrainingservices.co.uk/">https://ketteringtrainingservices.co.uk/</a>	01536 535900
Knuston Hall Residential College	<a href="http://www.knustonhall.org.uk/">www.knustonhall.org.uk/</a>	01604 362 200
Moulton College	<a href="http://www.moulton.ac.uk">www.moulton.ac.uk</a>	01604 491131
Northampton College	<a href="http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk">www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk</a>	01604 734567
The University of Northampton	<a href="http://www.northampton.ac.uk/">http://www.northampton.ac.uk/</a>	0300 303 2772
The University of The Third Age	<a href="http://www.u3a.org.uk/">http://www.u3a.org.uk/</a>	01604 890993
The Open University	<a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/">www.open.ac.uk/</a>	0300 303 5303
Tresham College	<a href="http://www.tresham.ac.uk">www.tresham.ac.uk</a>	0845 658 8990

### Local Community

Apprenticeships <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Business & IP Centre Northamptonshire runs workshops, information and advice sessions on self-employment and intellectual property, and offers free access to business databases.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/businesslibrary](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/businesslibrary)

Employment and Disability Service (EADS) - help for people living with a disability within or problems with their mental health to enter into the work place for the first time, or after a break. EADS is for people across Northamptonshire and Leicestershire:

<https://www.olympuscareservices.co.uk/services/employment-disability-service-eads/>

Evolve Your Future <http://www.evolveyourfuture.co.uk/>

Kettering Community Unit <http://www.kcultd.org.uk/>

Northampton Jesus Centre - <https://www.northamptonjesuscentre.org.uk/>

The Mallows Company <https://themallowscompany.com/>

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### Online

Alison <https://alison.com/>  
 Aspire Northamptonshire <http://www.aspirenorthants.co.uk/>  
 BBC Webwise <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/>  
 BBC Learning online courses <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/onlinecourses/>  
 Everyday finance and maths <http://learningmathsonline.ac.uk/wp/>  
 Free on-line courses from a range of universities <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>  
 Information Technology <https://digital.wings.uk.barclays/>  
 UK NARIC - comparison of international qualifications and skills <https://www.naric.org.uk/naric/>

### Volunteering

Do-it [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk) to search the online database of positions  
 Nene Valley Community Action <https://www.nvca.org.uk/> 01933 313526  
 Northamptonshire Get Involved Hub <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/jobs-and-careers/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx>

### Friends and Family

Healthy food and activity tips [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)  
 Events in Northamptonshire <https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Northampton/>  
 Free activities for families <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>  
 Help children learn <http://www.familylearning.org.uk/>  
 Helping children to read <http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>  
 Learning with children on days out <http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/northampton>

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