

Remote Learning offer for courses funded by Adult and Community Learning

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This document includes the remote learning offer provided by learning providers for courses funded by Adult and Community Learning.

For further information please follow the links to each individual learning provider's website. If you have any questions regarding the courses they deliver please contact the learning provider directly.

Business Angel Ltd

<https://www.business-angel.co.uk/covid19specifics>

ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNACCREDITED FELTING AND PATCHWORK COURSES:

In line with regulations and guidance, from 6 January 2021, all classes will be delivered remotely via Zoom - this will continue until restrictions are lifted and we are able to return to classroom learning. Once we return to classroom learning, the following arrangements will remain in place for any learners who are required to continue to self-isolate.

ENROLMENT

- If you want to enrol on one of our courses, please complete the [contact form](#) or call us
- We will send you an email with all the enrolment information, your confirmation of receipt of this will constitute your enrolment onto the course.

CLASS ARRANGEMENTS:

- Prior to each session, you will receive an invitation to join the session via Zoom. This will be sent using your preferred contact method
- Technical support is available if you need it to join the class - please let us know
- Resources - will be supplied as and when required
- During the session you will have the opportunity to share your experiences, receive support if required and receive information and instructions for the next session
- Your progress and achievement will be recorded weekly and you will have the opportunity to comment on this and will receive feedback from your tutor. This process will identify any additional support required

ECHO for Extra Choices in Herefordshire

<https://www.echoherefordshire.org.uk/get-involved/adult-community-learning/>

Group learning, peer support and the development of practical skills are central to the majority of our courses. Because of this, the abilities of the learners who access our courses, plus the

lack of technical support and equipment our learners have at home, we are unfortunately unable to offer any of our courses in the form of remote learning.

Herefordshire Ludlow and North Shropshire College

<https://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/news-article/5fe082dced064>

Following the announcement of another lockdown on the 4th January, the College would like to clarify the following;

- Remote teaching will continue until February half-term. Tutors will be in touch with students if they have not already.
- **Following a change in government guidance, the College has made the decision to cancel all exams scheduled up to the February Half Term - Some final exams may still take place to allow students to be certificated and advance to the next level of learning, if this is the case, your tutor will be in touch with you. If you are unsure whether your exam is taking place or not, please contact your subject tutor.**
- The College is open to children of critical workers, EHCP, LAC and other vulnerable students (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>) if they cannot work effectively at home. Students should contact their tutor or student services to discuss this further.
- Updated guidance from the government says that if a student does not have a device or connectivity at home, they can request to come into college instead. To do this, you would need to contact the Student Services Team on 01432 352 235.
- Adult and Community Learning classes due to start this week will unfortunately be postponed.
- Keep an eye out for future posts, as we're working on providing you some information to access free mobile data for your mobile devices while you're working from home, watch this space!

National Star College

<https://www.nationalstar.org/learning-programmes/prospectus/adult-community-learning/>

To be confirmed

Nationwide Community Learning Partnership (NCLP)

<http://www.nclpparentingcourses.org.uk/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As of 05/01/21 due to a national lockdown, NCLP delivery will now all be virtual. Your tutor will contact you to explain how this works. The course is portfolio based, we have made sure all learners have their portfolios and for any new learners the portfolio will be posted out to you.

Anyone who does not have internet connection or a laptop, tablet or computer device, Herefordshire County Council has a limited amount of laptops that can be applied for, on a first come first served basis, please contact your tutor if you need to avail of this opportunity.

Your course portfolio is paper based, and your tutor will stay in contact with you to support you via phone and email should you not have internet connection.

If you have any further questions, please contact Rachel on 07891919998 or rachelc@ymtb.co.uk

Red Spark Learning CIC

<http://www.redsparklearning.co.uk/>

Virtual Class

We have an online learning platform which allows us to deliver all our classes online during the Covid 19 lockdown. Our moodle platform allows you to take part in the lesson over a web link so you can talk to, and listen to the tutor and the other students. It also has great quizzes and activities.

Coping with Covid

Currently due to the Covid 19 pandemic we are delivering all our courses online through our virtual learning platform, or VLE, Moodle. If you would like to improve your English (applies to every course page) but do not have the technology to access our Moodle site or have accessibility issues, please contact us and we will work on finding a solution with you.

Studying with RSL (Every course gives appropriate information)

Our English lessons run for three hours per lesson and are on Mondays and Thursdays, running both in the morning and in the afternoon. Our qualifications start at E1 (very basic) and go up to a L2 (GCSE standard). We assess our students to ensure they study at the appropriate level with the average for obtaining a qualification being over a 17 week period.

How it works normally:

In the pre pandemic days we would hold classes in Hereford and Leominster and students would come every week to build up their skills. When they were ready, they would sit an exam and then, if they wanted to, progress to the next level. *We are looking forward to returning to classroom delivery and meeting you all, however, our primary concern is keeping all our students safe.*

How it works now:

Now students log on at their appointed lesson time every week and see, listen and talk with the tutor on our learning platform. The tutor will teach you the skills you need and set you tasks on the learning platform. (You can also talk with the other students). Your quizzes and assignments are marked and if you don't succeed the first time, you can try again.

Links [ONLINE LEARNING](#)

Links [BKSB ASSESSMENT.](#)

MOODLE

Our [MOODLE PLATFORM](#) has quizzes, videos, assignments, a chat room and the Big Blue Button, a webinar facility which allows you to see, listen and speak to your tutor and the other students. It saves your work and your feedback from your tutor. If you are a new student and need a password please call or txt 07815 910320.

The Cart Shed Charity CIO

<https://thecartshed.co.uk/courses-acl-funded/>

Remote Education Offer at The Cart Shed Charity

During the spring and summer of 2020, The Cart Shed developed an **online learning platform** to support participants. This provides an alternative to attending our usual woodland and horticulture sessions.

We use this online learning platform:

1. to provide remote support and learning for those unable or not wishing to attend *on-site* sessions;
2. as a backup option for transferring *on site* courses in the event of local lockdown.

Our online learning platform has been very successful 2020 and continues to be improved in 2021. It can be applied to a range of funding (including Adult & Community Learning) as well as individual requirements.

What you can expect if you join an online course or your *on-site* course is transferred to our online learning platform:

- Courses are designed to be as close as possible to the woodland experience – social interaction, community, wellbeing education & support and practical craft activities.
- Most courses run from 10am to 3pm on 1 day of the week for several weeks.
- Dedicated, secure and confidential learning platform using Microsoft Teams through a range of devices (mobiles, tablets, laptops).
- Support with accessing the online learning and support, even for those with no or limited experience using computers or the internet.
- Tablets with internet access available for loan for those who do not have computer or internet access already.
- Activity packs delivered to your door to provide materials and tools for completing the practical activities.
- Regular assessment of progress against learning and wellbeing goals by our team of practical skills tutors and wellbeing tutors (qualified Occupational Therapists and Mental Health nurses)

The Houghton Project

<http://www.houghtonproject.co.uk/>

No remote offer provided at this time.

Walsingham Support

<https://www.walsingham.com/community-solutions/education-and-skills-development/>

Online sessions at Creative Learning

As a result of the current pandemic Creative Learning developed online Zoom sessions in April 2020 to ensure that we could remain open and able to offer services to the people we support. When we were able again offer face to face opportunities, we continued with the Zoom sessions to support people who were unable or preferred not to attend in person. This has enabled us to be very responsive to new lockdowns and we can move fully to online provision as required.

Our Zoom sessions have been very successful, and we continue to improve and add to the sessions on offer via this platform. It can be applied to a range of funding (including Adult & Community Learning courses) as well as individual requirements.

What you can expect if you join an online session or your face to face session is transferred to our online learning platform:

- The online programmes are designed to follow our normal face to face sessions as nearly as possible.
- The sessions run for 1 hour at a time, and each activity offered has at least 3 sessions available each week. People can attend one or more of the sessions as suits them.
- You will receive support with accessing the online learning and support, even for those with no or limited experience using computers or the internet.
- Tablets with internet access are available for loan for those who do not have computer or internet access already.
- Activity packs are delivered to your door to provide materials for completing the practical activities during the sessions, and to continue and extend the activities once the Zoom session has ended.
- Regular 1-1 sessions via telephone to check learning and well-being by our experienced facilitators

If you are interested in joining one of our online sessions, please contact us on 01531 670802 or by emailing debra.thomas@walsingham.com

Whitehead-Ross Education and Consulting

<https://www.wrecltd.co.uk/covid-19-update/>

Remote Education Offer (COVID-19)

All courses at Whitehead-Ross Education are currently continuing to be delivered face-to-face following Department for Education guidance. We have a full risk-assessment in place, which is reviewed and updated regularly, to minimise the risk to learners in attending their classroom sessions. This includes smaller group sizes, classroom tables spread out with less furniture, hand sanitiser dispensers at the entrance and the requirement to wear masks when arriving, leaving or moving around (you do not need to wear a mask when sat down at your table).

Should you need to self-isolate or remain at home once your course has started, you should let your Tutor know immediately. The following arrangements are in place:

Arrangements for adult learners

- You should continue to attend the normal session day/times remotely and will be e-mailed a Zoom link to enable you to attend the class remotely. Please note that this arrangement is only available for learners who need to self-isolate and is not an optional alternative to attending classroom sessions if you do not need to self-isolate.
- Your Tutor will e-mail you handouts and work to complete at home, which must be returned on time by the deadline set by your Tutor.
- Your Tutor may provide you with a personal log-in to access our Moodle e-learning website, which contains course handouts, resources and videos.
- Completing a course and qualification from home requires commitment and focus. We expect all adult learners to remain in communication with their Tutor throughout the course and respond to their calls or e-mails in a timely manner. If you do not respond to calls or e-mails you may be withdrawn from your course, as Tutors have limited time for chasing learners who do not communicate or return coursework on time.
- If you do not have a computer or laptop at home, your Tutor will post handouts and work to your home address and arrange 1-2-1 sessions on the telephone.
- If you have any additional needs or requirements, please do not panic. Our Tutors will provide 1-2-1 support as required to help you.

Arrangements for Traineeship learners in Swindon and Worcestershire

- Your Tutor will contact you to arrange individual sessions with you and send you a Zoom link to enable you to attend the class remotely. Please note that this arrangement is only available for learners who need to self-isolate and is not an optional alternative to attending classroom sessions if you do not need to self-isolate.
- Your Tutor will e-mail you handouts and work to complete at home, which must be returned on time by the deadline set by your Tutor.
- Your Tutor will post you a CGP Functional Skills Study book for Maths and English to work through at home.
- We expect you to remain in communication with your Tutor and respond to their calls, text messages or e-mails in a timely manner.
- If you do not have a computer or laptop at home, your Tutor will post handouts and work to your home address and arrange 1-2-1 sessions on the telephone.

If you have any additional needs or requirements, please do not panic. Our Tutors will provide 1-2-1 support as required to help you.