

Newcastle City Learning Adult Learning Courses

September 2026 to July 2027



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Welcome to Newcastle City Learning

Welcome to your next step.

Whether you are returning to learning after a break, exploring a new interest or building skills for work and life, our adult learning courses are here to support you. From art and languages to English, maths, digital skills and vocational subjects this brochure opens the door to personal, professional and community growth.

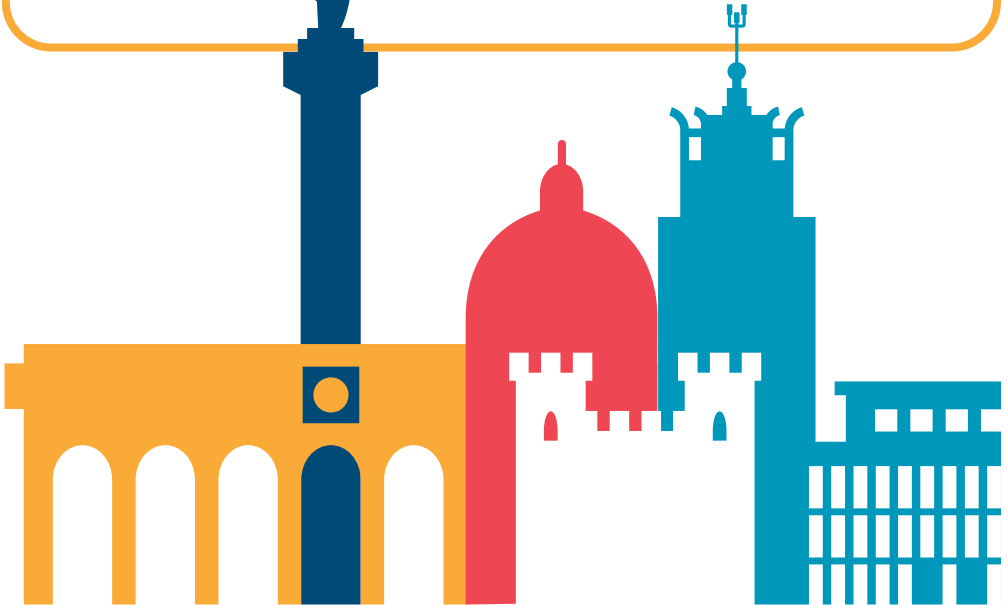
At Newcastle City Learning, we believe in creating real opportunities for everyone. Ofsted recently described our service as one where learners feel a strong sense of belonging, friendship and confidence. Learners are encouraged to take part in activities beyond their courses, to develop their abilities and to feel accepted and celebrated for who they are. Many describe their experience with us as life changing.

Learning as an adult is empowering. It helps you take control, adapt to change and play an active role in the region's future. As the Local Growth Plan sets out a bold vision for inclusive progress, adult learning is a vital part of that journey. Every new skill strengthens our communities and opens doors to new possibilities.

This is your time to connect, learn and grow. Our tutors are here to guide you, our courses are designed to fit around your life and our learning spaces are welcoming and inclusive. So, take a look, take a chance and take that first step. Your future starts here.

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Start where you are:

Adult learning that works for you

It's never too late to learn. Whether you want a better job, a fresh start or something just for you, adult learning is a positive first step.

Learning can help you find work or move forward

Adult learning builds skills, confidence and opportunities for jobs or progression. Around 3 in 4 adult learners move into work, further learning or both after a course.

Learning can lead to better pay

New skills and qualifications can open doors to better paid roles over time. Many adults see higher earnings within a few years of learning.

Learning supports mental health and confidence

Learning something new boosts confidence and gives a real sense of achievement. Over 70% of adult learners say their wellbeing improves.

Learning helps you feel connected

Courses are a great way to meet people and feel part of your community. Feeling connected supports better long-term health and wellbeing.

Learning helps you handle change

Learning supports you through job changes, caring roles or health challenges. Adults who keep learning are more likely to stay active and engaged in life and work.

Take the first step today

You don't need experience or qualifications, just the willingness to begin. Find a course that works for you and see where it can take you.

Functional Skills English and Maths

Why study Maths and English with us?

With Newcastle City Learning, you can learn from expert, friendly tutors in a supportive classroom where your needs and goals matter. You can progress at your own pace and take exams when you are ready.

Choose daytime classes at Westgate College or the Heaton Centre or evening classes at Heaton.

We enrol onto courses regularly throughout the year and the team are here to help you succeed every step of the way.

Studying English and Maths as an adult can open the door to new opportunities. At Newcastle City Learning, our learners achieve fantastic things:

- 94.5% of adults successfully completed their English and Maths courses
- 91% of people feel more confident in themselves and their abilities
- 58% are now studying at Level 2, Level 3 or degree level
- 31.5% are completing a professional qualification or work-based training, have started a job or have gained a promotion

For detailed information on our English and Maths courses for adults, scan the QR codes.



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GCSE Mathematics Foundation and Higher tier

Achieving a GCSE Maths qualification as an adult can be transformative.

At Newcastle City Learning, 96% of our learners achieve success, with 80% of learners achieving a grade 4 or above. We provide a supportive and encouraging learning environment that builds confidence and helps learners succeed, with most progressing onto employment, changing careers or moving on to further education.

Introduction to GCSE Maths - Summer 2026

Get a head start on your GCSE Maths Journey with our four-week summer course where you can see what would be involved.

Starting on 22 June 2026, this introduction course is great for building confidence, refreshing key skills and helping you decide whether GCSE Maths is the right next step for you.



For detailed information on our GCSE Maths courses for adults, scan the QR code.



Digital Skills

Over 80% of jobs now require basic digital skills and having strong digital abilities can boost earnings by up to 25%. Digital skills also support everyday life, making it easier to access online services like healthcare and banking, helping people feel more connected, reducing isolation and increase independence. Before enrolling you will need to complete an assessment with one of our tutors. Assessment sessions are available throughout the year at all three centres. Please call to book your session.

Essential Digital Skills

Beginners

Entry level

9 September 2026 -
7 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

9.30am - 12 noon

Westgate College

Essential Digital Skills

Beginners

Entry level

10 September 2026 -
8 July 2027 (Thursdays)

1 - 3.30pm

Heaton Centre

Essential Digital Skills

Beginners

Entry level

11 September 2026 -
9 July 2027 (Fridays)

1.30 - 4pm

Gosforth Library

Essential Digital Skills

Next Steps

Level 1 and level 2

9 September 2026 -
7 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

9.30am - 12 noon

Westgate College

Essential Digital Skills

Next Steps

Level 1 and level 2

10 September 2026 -
8 July 2027 (Thursdays)

1 - 3.30pm

Heaton Centre

Digital Skills Evening Class

Mixed levels

10 September 2026 -
8 July 2027 (Thursdays)

6 - 8.30pm

Heaton Centre

**Digital Workshops
(AI, Digital Marketing,
Coding etc)**

Mixed levels

11 September 2026 - 9 July 2027

(Fridays) 1 - 3pm

Westgate College

Level 1 Award in Cybersecurity

Level 1

5 January 2027 - 23 March 2027

(Tuesdays) 1 - 3.30pm

Westgate College

Digital Marketing for Beginners

Level 1

13 April 2027 - 6 July 2027

(Tuesdays) 1 - 3.30pm

Westgate College

**Level 1 Award in Digital
Business Skills**

Level 1

15 September 2026 -

8 December 2026

(Tuesdays) 1 - 3.30pm

Westgate College



To find out more scan the QR code



Beauty

Our beauty courses are ideal for aspiring beauty professionals. Discover key treatments, including skincare, manicures and makeup application, while gaining essential knowledge on professional image and industry standards.

Entry 3 City and Guilds Certificate in Beauty

14 September 2026 -
23 November 2026
(Mondays) 1 - 3pm
Westgate College

Level 1 City and Guilds Certificate in Beauty Therapy

14 September 2026 -
22 February 2027 (Mondays)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Westgate College

Level 1 City and Guilds Certificate in Beauty Therapy

1 March 2027 -
12 July 2027 (Mondays)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Westgate College

Level 2 City and Guilds Diploma in Beauty Therapy

15 September 2026 -
9 June 2027 (Tuesdays)
9.30am - 4.30pm
Westgate College

Level 2 City and Guilds Certificate in Beauty Therapy

16 September 2026 -
24 February 2027
(Wednesdays)
9.30am - 1.30pm
Westgate College

Level 3 City and Guilds Diploma in Beauty Therapy


16 September 2026 -
8 June 2027 (Wednesdays)
9.30am - 4.30pm
Westgate College

Level 2 Award in Manicure

15 September 2026 -
20 October 2026 (Tuesdays)
9.30am - 1.30pm
Westgate College

Level 2 Award Nail Technology

3 November 2026 -
2 February 2027 (Tuesdays)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Westgate College



**For more information
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Counselling

Are you interested in becoming a counsellor or developing your skills to better support others? We deliver accredited NCFE Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications, covering key approaches including person-centred, CBT and psychodynamic counselling, while helping strong practical communication skills.

NCFE/CACHE Level 2

Certificate in Counselling

8 September 2026 - 5 January 2027
(Tuesdays) 10am - 2pm
Gosforth Library

NCFE/CACHE Level 2

Certificate in Counselling

10 September 2026 -
7 January 2027 (Thursdays)
4.45pm - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE/CACHE Level 2

Certificate in Counselling

8 January 2027 - 7 May 2027
(Fridays) 10am - 2pm
Gosforth Library

NCFE/CACHE Level 2

Certificate in Counselling

3 March 2027 - 30 June 2027
(Wednesdays) 4.45pm - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE/CACHE Level 3

Certificate in Counselling

9 September 2026 -
24 February 2027 (Wednesdays)
4.45pm - 8.40pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE/CACHE Level 3

Certificate in Counselling

12 January 2027 -
29 June 2027
(Tuesdays) 10am - 2pm
Gosforth Library

NCFE/CACHE Level 3

Certificate in Counselling

14 January 2027 -
1 July 2027 (Thursdays)
4.45pm - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

Level 1 Certificate in Interpersonal Skills

18 September 2026 -
27 November 2026
(Fridays) 10am - 1pm
Gosforth Library

Level 1 Certificate in Interpersonal Skills

14 May 2027 -
9 July 2027 (Fridays)
10am - 1pm
Gosforth Library

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Education and Supporting Teaching and Learning

Our education courses are ideal for those interested in working with children and young people or supporting learning in schools and community settings.

You'll gain insight into how education settings operate while developing skills in communication, safeguarding and support.

These courses are a great pathway into further study, volunteering or employment in education.

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Introduction to Early Years Settings

Level 1

15 September 2026 -
8 December 2026 (Tuesdays)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Westgate College

NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

Level 2

11 September 2026 -
9 July 2027 (Fridays)
10am - 1.30pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning

Level 3

9 September 2026 -
7 July 2027 (Wednesdays)
6 - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

Level 1

13 April 2027 -
6 July 2027 (Tuesdays)
9.30am - 12.30pm
Westgate College



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Health and Social Care

Health and social care courses provide a strong introduction for anyone interested in supporting others or working in the care sector. You will gain essential knowledge of health, wellbeing and care settings, while developing transferable skills valued by employers.

These courses can help you build confidence, explore career opportunities and take your first steps into a rewarding and vital profession.

Gateway E3 Award in Health and Care

Entry 3

14 September 2026 -
7 December 2026 (Mondays)
12.30 - 3pm
Westgate College

Gateway E3 Award in Health and Care

Entry 3

12 April 2027 -
5 July 2027
(Mondays) 12.30 - 3pm
Heaton Centre

NCFE L1 Award in Introduction to Health and Social Care

Level 1

4 January 2027 -
22 March 2027 (Mondays)
12.30 - 3pm
Westgate College

NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Working in the Health Sector

Level 2

14 September 2026 -
5 July 2027 (Mondays)
9.30 - 11.30am
Westgate College



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Creative Arts

Our creative arts courses offer a welcoming space to explore your creativity, build confidence and support your wellbeing. Whether you are interested in drawing, painting, photography, textiles, printmaking or creative writing, you will develop practical skills while expressing your ideas and experiences. These courses are suitable for beginners and those looking to develop their practice in a relaxed, supportive environment.

You can enrol throughout the year.

The Printmaking Studio

Mixed levels
10 September 2026 -
8 July 2027 (Thursdays)
1 - 3.30pm
Heaton Centre

The Sewing Workshop

Mixed levels
9 September 2026 -
7 July 2027 (Wednesdays)
6 - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

The Textile Arts Studio

Mixed levels
11 September 2026 -
9 July 2027 (Fridays)
9.45am - 12.15pm
Heaton Centre

Art and Design

Level 1
11 September 2026 -
9 July 2027 (Fridays)
1.30 - 4pm
Gosforth Library

The Evening Art Studio

Mixed levels
10 September 2026 -
8 July 2027 (Thursdays)
6 - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

Painting and Drawing from Scratch

Entry 3
8 September 2026 -
6 July 2027 (Tuesdays)
1 - 3.30pm
Gosforth Library

The Drawing Studio

Mixed levels

9 September 2026 - 7 July 2027
(Wednesdays) 9.30am - 12 noon
Heaton Centre

Creative Arts Gosforth 1

Mixed levels

8 September 2026 - 6 July 2027
(Tuesdays) 10am - 12 noon
Gosforth Library

Creative Arts Gosforth 2

Mixed levels

11 September 2026 - 9 July 2027
(Fridays) 1 - 3pm
Gosforth Library

Creative Arts Heaton

Mixed levels

8 September 2026 - 6 July 2027
(Tuesdays) 10am - 12 noon
Heaton Centre

Mixed Media

Level 2

11 September 2026 - 9 July 2027
(Fridays) 10am - 12.30pm
Gosforth Library

Creative Writing

Mixed levels

8 September 2026 - 6 July 2027
(Tuesdays) 1 - 3.30pm
Heaton Centre

Photography Fundamentals

Mixed levels

9 September 2026 - 7 July 2027
(Wednesdays) 6 - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

The Shot Evolves (Photography)

Mixed levels

10 September 2026 - 8 July 2027
(Thursdays) 6 - 8.30pm
Heaton Centre

Beyond the Frame (Photography)

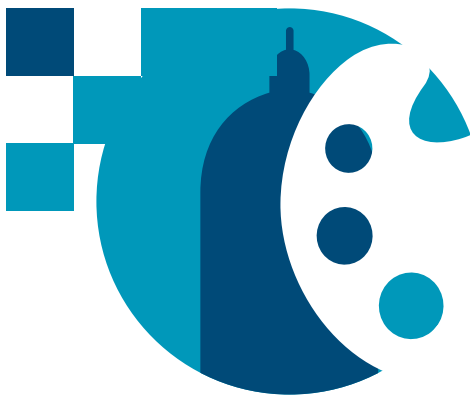
Mixed levels

8 September 2026 - 6 July 2027
(Tuesdays) 10am - 12 noon
Gosforth Library

Sewing for Beginners

Entry Level

9 September 2026 - 7 July 2027
(Wednesdays) 12.15 - 2.45pm
Heaton Centre



To find out more scan the QR code



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Learning a language can boost confidence, improve memory and mental agility, support wellbeing and open doors to travel, work and new connections. Whether you are a complete beginner or looking to develop your existing skills further, our courses in Spanish, French, German and Italian are practical, engaging and supportive. You will develop your language skills by exploring culture, travel and everyday communication.

You can enrol throughout the year. More details on page 18.

Spanish:

Spanish Advanced Group 1 (B1)

Advanced
7 September 2026 -
12 July 2027 (Mondays)
12 noon - 2pm
Heaton Centre

Spanish Advanced Group 2 (C1/2)

Advanced
8 September 2026 -
13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)
10am - 12 noon
Gosforth Library

Spanish Advanced Group 3 (B1/B2)

Advanced
8 September 2026 -
13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)
1 - 3pm
Gosforth Library

Spanish Advanced Group 4 (B1)

Advanced
9 November 2026 -
14 July 2027 (Wednesdays)
5.30 - 7.30pm
Heaton Centre

Spanish Intermediate

Level 2
7 September 2026 - 12 July 2027
(Mondays) 3 - 5pm
Heaton Centre

Spanish Improvers Group 1

Level 1

9 September 2026 -

14 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Spanish Improvers Group 2

Level 1

10 September 2026 -

15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre

Spanish Beginners (higher)

Entry level

10 September 2026 -

15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Spanish Beginners (lower) Group 1

Entry level

10 September 2026 -

15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

5.30 - 7.30pm

Heaton College

Spanish Beginners (lower) Group 2

Entry level

11 September 2026 -

16 July 2027 (Fridays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre

German

German Advanced

Advanced

8 September 2026 -

13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

German Intermediate

Level 2

9 September 2026 -

14 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

5.30 - 7.30pm

Heaton Centre

German Improvers

Level 1

8 September 2026 -

13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre

German Beginners (higher)

Entry Level

10 September 2026 -

15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

5.30 - 7.30pm

Heaton Centre

German Beginners (lower)

Entry Level

10 September 2026 -

15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre



Italian

Italian Advanced

Advanced

7 September 2026 -
12 July 2027 (Mondays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Italian Intermediate

Level 2

9 September 2026 -
14 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Italian Improvers

Level 1

8 September 2026 -
13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Italian Beginners (higher)

Entry level

11 September 2026 -
16 July 2027 (Fridays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre

Italian Beginners (lower)

Entry level

9 September 2026 -
14 July 2027 (Wednesdays)

10am - 12 noon

Heaton Centre

French

French Improvers

Level 1

10 September 2026 -
15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

French Beginners (higher)

Entry level

8 September 2026 -
13 July 2027 (Tuesdays)

3.30 - 5.30pm

Gosforth Library

French Beginners (lower)

Entry level

10 September 2026 -
15 July 2027 (Thursdays)

2 - 4pm

Heaton Centre

Your language level will need to be assessed by one of our tutors before you can enrol.

Assessment session dates at Heaton Centre

18 June, 25 June, 9 July and
16 July 2026 all at 5 - 7pm.

13 and 20 August 2026 both at
10am - 12 noon and 3 - 6pm.

Open day at Heaton Centre

2 September

Call **0191 278 2818** to book
your session.

For more information
scan the QR code



Future Skills: Vision for Work (Ages 19–24)

Struggling to get into the job market? Need some help with presenting yourself at job interviews? Need some real-life work experience to put onto your CV? Need to establish a personal career plan to move you forward?

This programme offers a supportive and practical route into work, helping you build confidence, independence and the skills employers are looking for.

Why join?

- Build confidence and resilience
- Gain real work experience
- Develop employability and vocational skills
- Improve English and maths for the workplace
- Receive support with wellbeing and personal development

Programme details

- Duration: 16 weeks
- Schedule: 3 days per week, 5 hours per day
- Focus: Practical learning, work experience and personal development
- Level 2 qualification in Customer Service (other pathways announced soon)

What you'll learn

- Work Experience and Employability Development
- Vocational Learning
- Functional English and Maths for Work
- Preparation for Adult Life and Employment

Support throughout your journey

Pastoral support

Our team will support your confidence, wellbeing and engagement, helping you stay motivated and succeed.

Work experience support

We work with a range of local employers to provide meaningful placements linked to your goals, with support every step of the way.

Financial support

You may be eligible for financial support while on the programme. Our team will guide you through the process.

Your next step starts here

Leave the programme feeling confident, capable and ready for your future.

How to enrol, fees and concessions

Our courses fill up quickly, so we recommend enrolling as early as possible. You can enrol in the following ways:

By phone

For enquiries, please call:
Westgate College on **0191 277 3520** or
Heaton Centre on **0191 278 2818**.

Online

Online enquiries are available.
Please check out our website:
www.newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk/enrol

In person

- Newcastle City Learning at Westgate College, West Road, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9LU
- Newcastle City Learning at Heaton Centre, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 5DY

Email enquiries to:
NCLGatewayEnquiries@newcastle.gov.uk

Please note our centres are closed on Bank Holidays.





Fees

You may be eligible to a free course if you are:

- Unemployed, actively seeking work and in receipt of certain benefits, or you are working and earn below the current earnings threshold
- Aged between 19-23 and studying your first full Level 2 or your first full Level 3 qualification
- Employed, but earning below the current earnings threshold
- Studying a Maths or English qualification and don't hold a Level 2 or above in these subjects
- Studying a Digital Skills qualification and don't hold a Level 1 or above in this subject

For further information on fees or to check if you are eligible for a free course, please visit:
www.newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk/learner-support/fees-and-paying-for-your-course
(scan QR code below):



or speak to one of our trained advisors at
Westgate College 0191 277 3520 or
Heaton Centre 0191 278 2818.

Whether you are eligible for fee remission will depend on which course you wish to study and your own individual circumstances.

The above is subject to meeting residency criteria and fee remission eligibility may change.

Our locations



Westgate College

West Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE4 9LU

Office opening times:

- Monday to Thursday,
8.30am to 4.30pm
- Friday, 8.30am to 4pm



Gosforth Library

Gosforth Library and
Learning Centre,
Regent Farm Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3HD

Opening times:

- Our classes run in this centre
on a Tuesday and Friday
during term time



Heaton Centre

Trewhitt Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE6 5DY

Office opening times during term time:

- Monday to Tuesday,
8.30am - 4.30pm
- Wednesday to Thursday,
8.30am - 6pm (4.30pm close
during holidays)
- Friday, 8.30am - 4pm



Ofsted

Newcastle City Learning was recently inspected by Ofsted (the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills), who inspect services providing education and skills for learners of all ages.

Inspection report: 10 March 2026

Exceptional

Strong standard ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

Expected standard ●

Needs attention

Urgent improvement



Read our report ↗

"Learners, including those with high needs, make extensive progress from their starting points. A high proportion gain qualifications and progress into further learning, employment and apprenticeships. Adults on tailored learning programmes develop their confidence and the skills to support them to gain employment and participate in their communities, thus reducing isolation."

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/42/53504>