Welcome to the Gilbert Richards Centre

We are part of the AgeUK Coventry organisation, operated by mainly volunteers. We have groups and classes covering Crafts, Textiles, Computers and IT, Art, Woodwork and some self employed tutors offering classes from Spanish to Portraiture with live models. We also host some Adult Education classes.

But more than even the hobbies, interest and learning we offer very friendly supportive groups where all are welcomed and encouraged. We pride ourselves in being friendly. If any of our classes or groups interest you please telephone us and arrange a visit to find out whether it is for you.

There is a modest charge per class/session which you can pay weekly or if you would prefer buy nine weeks in advance and get a further week free. The classes/groups run throughout the year unless otherwise stated.

Enrolment for all the fixed term classes starts 3rd September; you will need to book by paying in advance. Most of those classes start week beginning 17th September, some a little later.

If we have interested or intrigued you please telephone us on 024 7667 2911 9.30 – 3.30 or check out the web site – www.ageukcoventry.org.uk/our-services/gilbert-richards-centre/

We look forward to hearing from you.

Diana, Tony and Mick
(The volunteer team heading up this programme)

Art

Art Club  Monday 1 – 3  £3.60 session
Leader Judy
Here we cover all forms of art and welcome those who share our enthusiasm. We are a very friendly group and if you come with some idea you will find a home.

Painting – any media  Tuesday 1 – 3  £3.60 session

This is a self directing group who work with all forms of art and paints. There is no formal tuition but instead a very approachable and friendly group of people who will be delighted to help develop your skills.

Painting in Oils  Wednesday 2.30 – 4.30  £5.25 session
Leader Norman
This is mixed ability group who have the love of oil painting in common. It would be helpful if you have the basics but with the skills and enthusiasm around you, you will be able to develop your skills and confidence.

Portrait Workshop  Friday 9.30 – 12.30
Tania
starting 21/9 for 10 weeks £60
This group paint from life, using models, there is no formal teaching but all the members are so skilled and friendly they will guide you to new heights of skill.

Water Colours  Wednesday 1-3  £3.60 session
Self Directed Group
A very supportive group with a wide variety of skills but all very interested in their water colours.
Woodworking

Workshop Manager Roger
£5.00 per session
We have a well equipped woodworking workshop which is staffed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for those who have reached the required standard to work on their own projects or help with the products sold to aid the Centre. New wood workers are welcome including those who know little – yet.

Languages

Spanish
Tuesday 10-12
Tutor Pilar
10 weeks 12.00 per session
This class is for those with a post ‘A’ level standard allowing them to develop understanding and fluency.

Adult Education

Sculptural Art/ Surface Decoration
Monday 2.30 – 4.30
6 weeks each are spent on these areas

Meditation
Wednesday 1.15 – 2.15

Floral Watercolours 4 wks /
Watercolours Techniques 7 wks
Thursday 12.15 – 2.15

Family History Beginners
Thursday 10-12
Exploring your family history

All enrolment for these classes is undertaken by the Adult Education Service from 4th Sept. www.coventry.gov.uk/adulteded

Crafts

Beading
Tutor Shelia
Mondays 12.15 – 2.15
£3.60 session
We do off-loom bead weaving, which allows us to create shapes like baubles and items of jewellery. Anyone joining us will be encouraged to decide on a project and work at their own pace to completion. We have lots of experience and knowledge which we are delighted to share.

Creative Crafts
Tuesday 10-12
Tutor Sandra
£3.60 session

Flower Arranging
Friday 1 – 3
Tutor Jessica
including flowers £12.00 session
You will learn to create many styles of floral displays as well as conditioning flowers to extend their life in the display.

Spinning and Weaving
Tuesday 10-12
Tutor Linda
£3.60 session
Here you can come without any knowledge and within a short period you will be spinning and/or weaving with the help of your colleagues

Polymer Clay
Tuesday 12.30 – 4.30
Self Directed Group
materials extra £6.90 session
This group meets every two weeks. Polymer clay is a man-made substance that can be baked in an ordinary oven so opening up many possibilities for the average student. It can make jewellery, figurines, animals, small bowls as well as a variety of other applications within a mixed media project. It will take you just 2/3 sessions to gain enough basic knowledge to allow you to decide on your own project and create.

Pottery
Janet
Monday 9.30 – 1.00
Bob
Thursday 12.30 – 3.30
Both these classes have a waiting list, but please say if interested.
Upholstery  
Tutor Shelia  
Thursday 10 – 12  
£3.60 session 
A basic knowledge of materials, padding, webbing and sewing techniques would be useful as you pick up the traditional upholstery methods and practises. Ideally you will repair or recover a small chair or stool and progress as your skill increases.

Textiles

Advanced Dressmaking  
Tutor Diana  
Friday 1 – 4  
£114 for a 12 week term 
For this course you do need some basic knowledge of dressmaking, seaming and fitting, but by picking your project you will develop and improve your skills over the weeks. Diana is a self-employed tutor and runs her own enrolment please phone 024 76714894

Crochet  
Tutor Caroline  
Monday 10 -12  
£3.60 session 
We cover all aspects of crochet, from the very basics, to reading a pattern and understanding new stitches, we are also a very social and supportive group.

Knitting  
Tutor Caroline  
Thursday 10-12  
£3.60 session 
Just come and develop your skills to knit a variety of stitches and patterns. At present the skill level is fairly basic but new members with greater skills would be very welcome as would those who simply enjoy knitting.

Quilting and Patchwork  
Group led.  
Thursday 2 – 4  
£3.60 session or £36 for the course 
This is a group of enthusiasts who love their quilting and patchwork and are happy to share their skills.

However to introduce people new to the craft and the group, Diana will run a 10 week course starting 20th September. This will include basic quilting and binding before moving on to piecing and creating a variety of patterns using strips of fabrics. You will need to book your place on this course and pay for all 10 weeks in advance.

Sewing Projects  
Tutor Francis  
Wednesday 9.45 -12.45  
£5.25 session 
For this class you need some basic sewing skills, and then following our tuition you will be designing and cutting quilting items for table mats, baby quilts, bags and wall hangings. But more you will be working within a friendly group of like-minded people.

Computers and IT Software

Computers for Beginners  
Tutor Ken  
Wednesday 10-12  
starting 19th Sept  
£48 for a 12 wk course 
We aim to give you the confidence to use your computer by giving you the knowledge of what the computer can do for you. We shall cover the equipment and standard uses i.e. email, internet, word processing.

Computing for Beginners Plus  
Tutor Alan  
Tuesday 1 – 3  
starting 18th/20th Sept  
£48 for a 12 wk course
Moving on from the basic course this allows students to develop their skills and confidence.

iPad and Android Tablets  
Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30  
starting 19th Sept.  
£40 per 10 weeks course 
You do not need any prior knowledge, as we shall cover all aspects needed for you to use the IPad/Tablet effectively including using the internet, email, camera and organising your photos, downloading apps, and video calling

Computer Club  
Tutor Alan  
Friday 10 – 12  
£4.40 session 
This is a group of fairly experienced computer users who enjoy expanding their skills and knowledge. At present we are working through all the changes made to Windows 10 system but depending on demand we can cover other areas such as Excel, Publisher and Photoshop.
WANTED - REAL ENTHUSIASTS

Could you lead a group of over 50’s and pass on your enthusiasm and interest - either as a volunteer or self-employed?

YES

Then give us a call and talk about your skills and how we can help each other.

Gilbert Richards Centre

Broadway, Earlsdon Coventry CV5 6NT