

Adult Learning and Skills

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Adult Learning and Skills (ALS)

Who are we and what do we do?

- We are part of Islington Council.
- We deliver FREE courses to Islington Residents.
- Our courses are delivered at over 40 venues across Islington including Children's Centres, Schools, Community Centres, Libraries and Job Centres.
- All our tutors are adult learning specialists: they understand how it feels to go back into education as an adult.

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What can ALS do for you?

Improve your skills

- Writing
- Reading
- Speaking
- Using numbers
- Using a computer or smartphone



What can ALS do for you?

Improve your wellbeing

- Build your confidence
- Tackle stress
- Learn how to make and repair clothing
- Learn to fix things around the house



What can ALS do for you?

Help you to live sustainably and save money

- Adapt and repair – don't discard and replace
- Save on your household bills
- Manage your budget



What can ALS do for you?

Help you get back into work or into a new job

- Get expert advice and guidance
- Write your CV and job application
- Get qualifications that can lead to employment
- Turn personal experience into a new career



What can ALS do for you?

Find your community and make connections

- Meet new people
- Add a highlight to your week
- Share your experiences with others
- Be part of something great!



What do ALS learners say about their experience with us?

It helps me make friends and feel a sense of belonging.

The course is making me feel more confident around people as I enjoy the social aspect.

I'm much happier with my life.

My confidence has grown since being on the course, as I now feel more confident to talk to people that I do not know.

What do ALS learners say about their experience with us?

I've learned how to deal with any problem I could face in my life

Islington ACL has changed my life.

It's a really great opportunity for people from different backgrounds to meet.

It has given me a confidence that I never envisaged happening.

What courses do we offer?

Developing your skills and getting qualifications

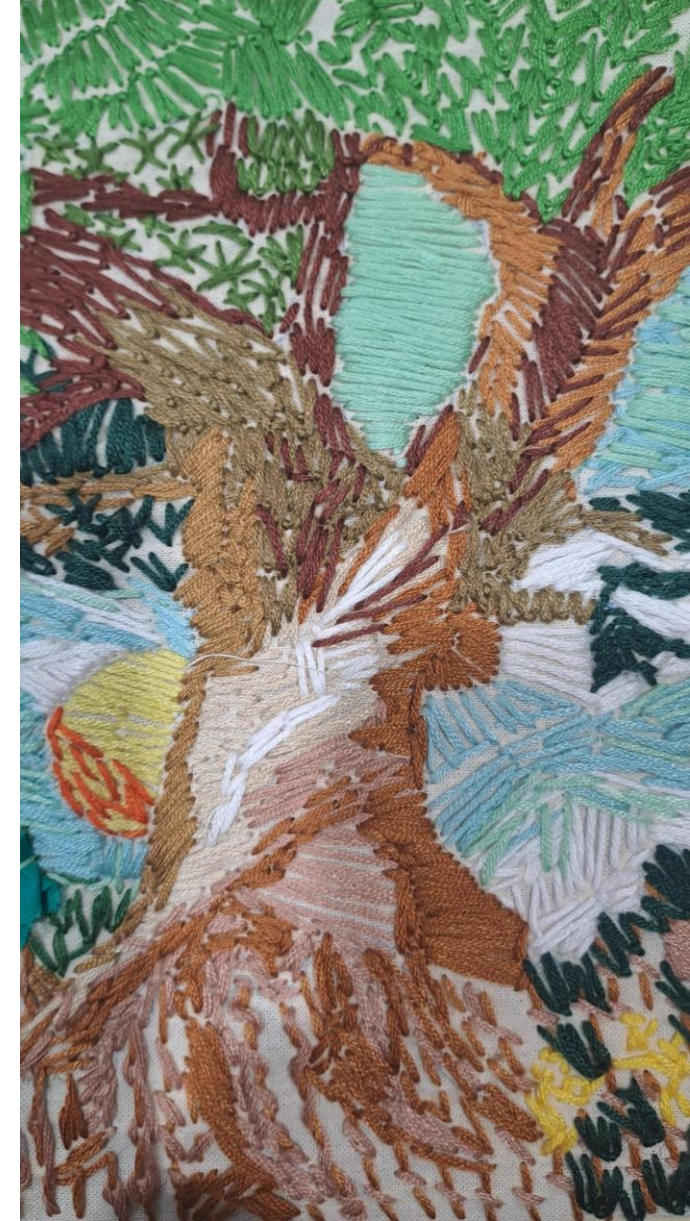
- ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages
- English Functional Skills up to Level 2
- Maths Functional Skills up to level 2
- Digital Skills: getting started, for everyday life and for work



What courses do we offer?

Improving your wellbeing and being creative

- Repair, reuse and create: sustainable sewing embroidery and lingerie making
- DIY for women: electrics and plumbing
- The Shed: practical projects, woodwork and crafts
- Stress less, achieve more
- Empower you: confidence unlocked



What courses do we offer?

Living more sustainably

- Cycle Mechanics Levels 1 and 2
- Greener digital skills
- Effective household budgeting



What courses do we offer?

Preparing for Work and Life

- CV secrets
- Boost your interview skills
- Employment support
- Information, advice and guidance 1-2-1s
- British Sign Language



What courses do we offer?

Job-specific Qualifications

- Working with Children
- Administration
- Market Trading
- Adult Social Care
- Teaching Adults
- Customer Service
- Food Safety in Catering



How do we support our learners?

We offer:

- a dyslexia screening and assessment service.
- one to one support for reading and spelling using a structured phonics system called *That Reading Thing*.
- We are a trauma informed service so we understand the impact that trauma can have on learning.



Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for our free courses you must:

- Be 19 or over
- Live in London
- Be unemployed or earning less than £28,860pa



Find out more and enrol: get in touch or come and meet us

Weekly enrolments at Central Library:

2nd Floor, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF
1pm every Monday during term-time.

 www.adultlearning.islington.gov.uk



07734 777 466



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Attend an enrolment day:



The Community Centre,
76 Parkhurst Road, N7 0FF



January 2027

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th

April 2027

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th

Questions