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**We're an Adult Learning  
Community Interest Company (CIC).  
A CIC is a special type of limited  
company that exists to benefit the  
community rather than private  
shareholders - also known as  
a social enterprise...**

Most of our courses are free\* because they're subsidised by Government funding. We reinvest any profits to make more courses and qualifications available to you, supporting local skills development and business needs.

We regularly send out surveys to find out how, what and when you want to learn. We're getting more requests for online learning, so we're expanding our hybrid and online offer. This helps make learning more accessible but don't worry, we still offer plenty of face-to-face options too!

When you learn with us, you'll experience small classes at locations close to you, with expert tutors who are totally committed to helping you achieve your learning goals. We're proud to offer an unrivalled learning experience, which ensures you're at the heart of everything we do.

\*Eligibility applies



All the staff at SS&L are super supportive. I was really nervous starting last September but staff and other learners quickly made me feel at ease. I have passed maths level one and two first time! Something I never thought possible. Dave is a fab tutor who will go over and over stuff until you get it. If you don't understand it one way he will find another.

So glad I made the call and got started just wish I had done it sooner.

Deb - Google Review ★★★★★

As someone, working full-time, I would have struggled to attend an evening class at one of SS&L's centres. With their online learning classes, run in the evenings, it has been made possible for me to complete the course.

Thom - Google Review ★★★★★

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at all Somerset Libraries!



# Welcome...



“Welcome to our third issue of Learning for Life!”

**Kathryn Baker - Somerset Skills & Learning CEO (and her dog Rudy)**

**Welcome to issue 3! One of our aims is to help you achieve your learning and life goals. So, this issue, we're focusing on just that and I'd like to share my journey with you - hopefully to provide some inspiration!**

In my 20s, one of my goals was to teach people how to use computers. I wanted to share my skills and knowledge of how computers made my job as an administrator so much easier and quicker. This was at a time when email had been recently introduced and Google was the new search engine. My employer had set up an IT training centre and my goal was to get a job in that centre.

I attended an evening course to gain a Level 3 teaching qualification and, as part of this, I needed work experience so I could be observed teaching. I was able to do this in the IT training

centre. I achieved my qualification and was offered the chance to teach in the IT trainer's absence. I covered several sessions, which developed into creating my own email workshop and delivering this to employees. I was nervous when reading the course evaluation forms, but thrilled that everyone learnt something new. I enrolled on further teaching courses at my local college and when a job became available in the IT training centre, I applied and was successful! A year or so later I achieved my PGCE/ Certification in Education. I've been in education ever since, have continued to set myself goals and achieved many of them.

When you're reading our magazine, take time to think about your own goals and how we may be able to support you on your journey. Many of our courses will provide you with skills, knowledge, and experience to take the next step, whatever that next step may be for you. Good luck with your goals!

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# WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Join one of our workshops or courses to build your confidence, enhance your skills and get the best out of life! **Remember to check the website regularly as new courses are added all the time...**

[SSLCOURSES.CO.UK/WORKSHOPS](https://SSLCOURSES.CO.UK/WORKSHOPS)

May



June



July



August



## What's on...

**Pre- Apprenticeships, new college alternatives & Apprenticeships - see pages 20-27**

### Access to Higher Education

Access to HE Diploma: Childhood Studies	Various	TBC	Various	DAY	FREE^ / £3384 / Loan
Access to HE Diploma: Education	Various	TBC	Various	DAY	FREE^ / £3384 / Loan

### Animal Care

#### An Intro to Animal Care

- Feeding, Watering and Basic Nutrition	Online	Thurs	25	May	AM	FREE* / £15
- Skin and Coat Care Requirements	Online	Thurs	29	Jun	AM	FREE* / £15

### Arts & Crafts

Beginners Portrait Drawing Workshop	Online	Tues	2	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Beginners Portrait Drawing Workshop	Online	Tues	9	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Beginners Portrait Drawing Workshop	Online	Wed	24	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Creative Writing for Relaxation (5 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Tues	2	May	PM	FREE* / £50
Creative Writing for Relaxation (5 Sessions)	Highbridge	Mon	5	Jun	PM	FREE* / £50
Creative Writing for Relaxation (5 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Tues	6	Jun	PM	FREE* / £50
Alice in Wonderland Art Workshop	Minehead	Sun	14	May	PM	FREE* / £10
Holiday at Home - Seaside Art Workshop	Minehead	Sun	30	Jul	PM	FREE* / £10
Learn To Draw for Wellbeing (5 Sessions)	Highbridge	Mon	5	Jun	AM	FREE* / £75
Relax with Watercolours (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Wed	3	May	AM	FREE* / £40
Relax with Watercolours (5 Sessions)	Highbridge	Wed	3	May	PM	FREE* / £50
Relax with Watercolours (5 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £50

**A Course Costs** Eligibility applies. See website or contact us on **0330 332 7997** for more information.

Relax with Watercolours (5 Sessions)	Highbridge	Wed	7	Jun	PM	FREE* / £50
Sketching at Hestercombe Gardens	Taunton	Tues	23	May	PM	FREE* / £10
Sketching at Hestercombe Gardens	Taunton	Tues	30	May	PM	FREE* / £10
Sketching at Hestercombe Gardens	Taunton	Tues	27	Jun	PM	FREE* / £10
Sketching at Hestercombe Gardens	Taunton	Tues	11	Jul	PM	FREE* / £10
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Tues	16	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Wed	31	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Tues	4	Jul	PM	FREE* / £7.50
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Tues	8	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Wed	16	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
Sketching in Vivary Park	Taunton	Wed	23	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
<b>The Magic of Watercolour</b>						
- Beginners: Animals (3 Sessions)	Frome	Wed	10	May	AM	FREE* / £45
- 5 Week Course	Frome	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £75
- The Natural World - Simple Flowers	Frome	Wed	2	Aug	AM	FREE* / £15
- The Natural World - Cactus Plants	Frome	Wed	9	Aug	AM	FREE* / £15
- The Natural World - Sea Horses	Frome	Wed	16	Aug	AM	FREE* / £15

## ♥ Care & Neurodiversity

Introduction to Autism	Online	Wed	14	Jun	PM	FREE* / £12.50
Introduction to Autism	Online	Thurs	22	Jun	AM	FREE* / £15
Neurodiversity - The Autistic Brain	Online	Thurs	29	Jun	AM	FREE* / £12.50
<b>Understanding:</b>						
- Autism & Anxiety	Online	Thurs	8	Jun	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Masking	Online	Thurs	25	May	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Sensory Sensitivity	Online	Thurs	11	May	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Sensory Sensitivity	Online	Thurs	13	Jul	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Sensory Sensitivity	Online	Wed	26	Jul	PM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Stimming	Online	Thurs	18	May	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Autism & Stimming	Online	Thurs	20	Jul	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Neurodiversity & Executive Functional Skills	Online	Thurs	4	May	AM	FREE* / £12.50
- Neurodiversity & Executive Functional Skills	Online	Thurs	6	Jul	AM	FREE* / £12.50

## 👤 Career Support

### Career Transition Programme

- Value Your Skills & Build Your CV	Wellington	Wed	17	May	AM	FREE* / £10
- Value Your Skills & Build Your CV	Williton	Thurs	1	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
- Boost Your Job Applications & Prep for Interview	Wellington	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
- Boost Your Job Applications & Prep for Interview	Williton	Thurs	6	Jul	AM	FREE* / £10
- Application Forms and Cover Letters	Online	Fri	18	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
Start and Develop Your CV	Online	Fri	4	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10

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## Childcare & Parenting

Antenatal Classes (4 Sessions)	Frome	Wed	7	Jun	PM	FREE* / £50
Home-Start: Introduction to Childcare	Minehead	Tues	6	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
Home-Start: Summer Holiday Play Activities	Minehead	Mon	10	Jul	PM	FREE* / £0
Introducing Solid Foods To Your Baby	Frome	Tues	23	May	AM	FREE* / £10
Introducing Solid Foods To Your Baby	Frome	Tues	27	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
Introducing Solid Foods To Your Baby	Frome	Tues	1	Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
Maternal Journal (4 Sessions)	Frome	Wed	24	May	AM	FREE* / £40
Maternal Journal (4 Sessions)	Frome	Wed	21	Jun	AM	FREE* / £40
Practical Parenting: 5 Ways To Wellbeing	Online	Thurs	15	Jun	AM	FREE* / £12.50
Level 3 Diploma Early Years Educator	Contact us for details					£2882 / Loan
Level 2 Diploma in Early Years Practitioner	Contact us for details					FREE*
Level 1 Award in Caring for Children	Contact us for details					FREE*

## Cooking & Baking

Cooking On A Budget	Merriott	Thurs	11	May	AM	FREE* / £10
Cooking with Confidence	Merriott	Thurs	18	May	AM	FREE* / £10
<b>Curiouser &amp; Curiouser (Alice in Wonderland)</b>						
- Cookery Workshop	Minehead	Fri	12	May	PM	FREE* / £10
- 'Eat Me, Drink Me' Cookery Workshop	Minehead	Sun	14	May	AM	FREE* / £10
- Story Themed Cookery	Minehead	Sun	21	May	AM	FREE* / £10
- Teapot Cakes Cookery Workshop	Minehead	Sun	25	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
- Mad Hatters Tea Party - Cook & Share	Minehead	Sun	9	Jul	PM	FREE* / £15
Holiday at Home - Seaside Cookery Cook & Share	Minehead	Sun	30	Jul	AM	FREE* / £10
Speedy Meals	Merriott	Thurs	4	May	AM	FREE* / £10

## Digital Skills

Computing for Confidence	Bridgwater	Sat	20	May	PM	FREE* / £30
Digital Career Searching	Various Contact us for details					FREE* / £10
Excel for Beginners	Bridgwater	Sat	6	May	AM	FREE* / £10
Google Docs Made Easy	Bridgwater	Sat	6	May	PM	FREE* / £7.50
LinkedIn	Bridgwater	Sat	20	May	AM	FREE* / £7.50
Digital & IT Skills	Online	Fri		Any	AM	FREE^ / £362
Digital & IT Skills	Taunton	Fri		Any	AM	FREE^ / £362
Essential Digital Skills Qualification - (EDSQ)	Bridgwater	Wed		Any	AM	FREE^
Essential Digital Skills Qualification - (EDSQ)	Frome	Fri		Any	PM	FREE^
Essential Digital Skills Qualification - (EDSQ)	Yeovil	Mon		Any	PM	FREE^
Essential Digital Skills Qualification - (EDSQ)	Taunton	Wed		Any	PM	FREE^
Essential Digital Skills Qualification - (EDSQ)	Wells	Tues		Any	AM	FREE^
Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ICDL Advanced)	Online	Self-study in your own time				£1417 / Loan

 **See pages 32-33 for more information on Digital Skills workshops & qualifications**

See our website or contact us on **0330 332 7997** for the latest courses or support enrolling - new workshops are added all the time!

## English

English for Beginners (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Online	Fri	5	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Beginners (ESOL) (7 Sessions)	Shepton M.	Mon	5	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
English for Beginners 2 (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Minehead	Thurs	4	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Improvers - Elementary (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Online	Fri	5	May	PM	FREE* / £0

English for Improvers - Intermediate 2 (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Minehead	Thurs	4	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Improvers 2 - Elementary (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Watchet	Mon	1	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Improvers 2 - Elementary (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Minehead	Wed	3	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Improvers 2 - Intermediate (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Watchet	Mon	1	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English for Improvers 2 - Intermediate (ESOL) (10 Sessions)	Minehead	Wed	3	May	PM	FREE* / £0
English Intermediate (ESOL) (7 Sessions)	Shepton M.	Mon	5	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
English Intermediate Online (ESOL) (7 Sessions)	Online	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
English Intermediate (ESOL) (7 Sessions)	Wells	Thurs	8	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
English Online Lower Intermediate (ESOL) (7 Sessions)	Online	Tues	6	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for Functional Skills English (4 Sessions)	Wells	Thurs	11	May	AM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Online	Mon	19	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Frome	Mon	19	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Wed	21	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Wed	21	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Online	Thurs	22	Jun	PM	FREE* / £0
Prepare for GCSE English (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Fri	23	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
English Skills for Life Qualifications	Bridgwater	Wed		Any	AM	FREE^ / £600
English Skills for Life Qualifications	Taunton	Tues		Any	PM	FREE^ / £600
English Skills for Life Qualifications	Yeovil	Tues		Any	AM	FREE^ / £600
English Skills for Life Qualifications	Frome	Thurs		Any	AM	FREE^ / £600
Functional Skills English Qualifications	Various locations - start anytime					FREE^
GCSE English	Online	Various	Sep	Various	Various	FREE^
GCSE English	Various	Various	Sep	Various	Various	FREE^

## Family Fun

Art In The Park	Frome	Wed	2	Aug	AM	FREE* / £0
Make a Spring Flower Holder (2 Sessions)	Frome	Fri	5	May	AM	FREE* / £25

## Fitness & Outdoor

An Introduction to Growing Food at Home	Yeovil	Sat	6	May	AM	FREE* / £10
An Introduction to Growing Food at Home	Taunton	Thurs	11	May	PM	FREE* / £10
An Introduction to Growing Food at Home	Bridgwater	Wed	17	May	PM	FREE* / £10
An Introduction to Growing Food at Home	Shepton M.	Sat	27	May	AM	FREE* / £10
An Introduction to Growing Food at Home	Frome	Sat	3	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
<b>Building on Map Reading Skills While Walking</b>						
- Beginners & Intermediate (3 Sessions)	Burnham-On-Sea	Thurs	15	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
Forest Bathing	Frome	Fri	28	Jul	AM	FREE* / £10

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<b>Introduction to Countryside Hill Walking</b>							
- Beginners & Intermediate	Burnham-On-Sea	Thurs	4	May	AM	FREE*	/ £0
Introduction to Nordic Walking Workshop	Frome	Fri	2	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £10
Introduction to Nordic Walking (5 Sessions)	Frome	Fri	9	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £50
Introduction to Nordic Walking Workshop	Frome	Fri	21	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £10
Introduction to Nordic Walking (5 Sessions)	Frome	Fri	4	Aug	AM	FREE*	/ £50
<b>Map Reading in the Countryside</b>							
- Beginners & Intermediate (3 Sessions)	Burnham-On-Sea	Thurs	11	May	AM	FREE*	/ £0
Nature Walk	Frome	Mon	15	May	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
<b>OS Map Skills - Walking a Pre-Planned Route</b>							
- Beginners & Intermediate	Burnham-On-Sea	Thurs	8	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £0
<b>Planning &amp; Walking A Route In The Countryside</b>							
- Beginners & Intermediate	Burnham-On-Sea	Thurs	1	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £0

## Health & Wellbeing

Anxiety Awareness & Self-Help Strategies	Online	Mon	12	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £10
Anxiety Awareness & Self-Help Strategies	Online	Mon	24	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £10
Boost Resilience & Confidence To Spring Into Summer	Online	Mon	15	May	PM	FREE*	/ £10
Boost Resilience & Confidence To Spring Into Summer	Online	Tues	20	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £10
Breathe for Wellness (6 Sessions)	Glastonbury	Wed	21	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £60
<b>Building Confidence</b>							
- To Enable You To Live Your Best Life (5 Sessions)	Online	Tues	6	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £75
Cook and Dine with Eat For Health UK	Frome	Sat	20	May	AM	FREE*	/ £0
Emotional Eating - Tools for Change	Online	Wed	3	May	PM	FREE*	/ £0
Environmental Pathways to Wellbeing	Online	Wed	10	May	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Environmental Pathways to Wellbeing	Online	Wed	14	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Environmental Pathways to Wellbeing	Online	Wed	12	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Everyday Mindfulness	Online	Mon	22	May	PM	FREE*	/ £20
Everyday Mindfulness	Online	Mon	3	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £20
First Aid for Mental Health (2 Sessions)	Yeovil	Tue/Thurs	20	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £0
Flower Essences	Online	Wed	3	May	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Flower Essences	Online	Tues	6	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Flower Essences	Taunton	Tues	13	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £10
Flower Essences	Online	Wed	5	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £7.50
<b>Gentle Yoga for</b>							
- Mental Health & Wellbeing (6 Sessions)	Glastonbury	Mon	19	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £60
- Menopause Summer Sessions (6 Sessions)	Glastonbury	Tues	20	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £45
- Long Term Health Conditions, Anxiety & Fatigue (6 Sessions)	Wells	Fri	23	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £60
How To Stay Well And Find Support	Online	Tues	2	May	AM	FREE*	/ £10
How To Stay Well And Find Support	Online	Tues	13	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £10
How To Stay Well And Find Support	Online	Fri	21	Jul	AM	FREE*	/ £10
<b>Introduction to:</b>							
- Suicide Intervention Support Skills and Services	Online	Fri	5	May	AM	FREE*	/ £0
- Suicide Intervention Support Skills and Services	Online	Wed	21	Jun	AM	FREE*	/ £0
L2 Award In First Aid for Mental Health (2 Sessions)	Yeovil	Tue/Thurs	23	May	AM	FREE*	/ £0
Let's Talk Menopause	Online	Mon	12	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Let's Talk Menopause: Food, Diet and Nutrition	Online	Mon	26	Jun	PM	FREE*	/ £7.50
Let's Talk Menopause: Food, Diet and Nutrition	Online	Mon	21	Aug	PM	FREE*	/ £7.50



Life Changes Made Easy (5 Sessions)	Online	Wed	21	Jun	AM	FREE* / £75
Menopause Awareness	Online	Fri	19	May	AM	FREE* / £10
Mental Health and The Menopause	Yeovil	Tues	9	May	AM	FREE* / £0
Mental Health and The Menopause	Online	Tues	13	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0
Preventing and Managing Type 2 Diabetes	Online	Thurs	4	May	PM	FREE* / £0
Self-care	Online	Mon	12	Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
Self-care	Online	Tues	18	Jul	PM	FREE* / £10
Ways to Wellbeing	Online	Tues	30	May	AM	FREE* / £10
Ways to Wellbeing	Online	Tues	11	Jul	PM	FREE* / £10
Wellbeing Through Art Workshop	Frome	Tues	6	Jun	AM	FREE* / £15
Wellbeing Through Art in the Gardens (5 Sessions)	Frome	Fri	9	Jun	AM	FREE* / £62.50
Wellbeing Through Art (5 Sessions)	Frome	Tues	13	Jun	AM	FREE* / £75
What Does Confidence Mean To You?	Online	Tues	23	May	AM	FREE* / £15
Writing for Wellbeing (3 Sessions)	Chard	Thurs	4	May	PM	FREE* / £0
Youth L2 Award in First Aid for Mental Health (2 Sessions)	Yeovil	Thurs/Fri	18	May	AM	FREE* / £0
Youth L2 Award in First Aid for Mental Health (2 Sessions)	Online	Wed/Fri	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £0

## Languages


British Sign Language - Exploring The Basics (4 Sessions)	Online	Tues	6	Jun	AM	FREE* / £30
Conversational Spanish (6 Sessions)	Online	Tues	13	Jun	PM	FREE* / £30
Conversational Spanish (5 Sessions)	Yeovil	Tues	13	Jun	PM	FREE* / £50
French Beginners (7 Sessions)	Yeovil	Wed	7	Jun	PM	FREE* / £70
French Improvers (6 Sessions)	Frome	Tues	6	Jun	PM	FREE* / £60
French Improvers (6 Sessions)	Yeovil	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE* / £60

## Level 2 Award - Online

Introduction to Neuroscience in Early Years	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £811
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## Level 2 Certificate - Online

Awareness of Mental Health Problems	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Understanding Autism	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Understanding Behaviour that Challenges	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362
Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent	Online	Self-study in your own time	FREE^ / £362

 See pages 34-35 for more info on Level 2 qualifications

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Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Thurs	11	May	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Thurs	11	May	PM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (5 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Thurs	18	May	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (5 Sessions)	Yeovil	Fri	19	May	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Thurs	25	May	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Chard	Fri	23	Jun	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Thurs	29	Jun	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Fri	30	Jun	AM	FREE**
Basic Numbers & Maths Confidence (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Wed	5	Jul	AM	FREE**
<b>Basic Numeracy for Everyday Living</b>						
- CV Booster	Taunton	Tues	23	May	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Yeovil	Wed	24	May	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Bridgwater	Mon	5	Jun	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Taunton	Tues	13	Jun	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Yeovil	Wed	14	Jun	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Bridgwater	Mon	3	Jul	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Taunton	Tues	11	Jul	AM	FREE**
- CV Booster	Yeovil	Wed	12	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Taunton	Tues	30	May	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Yeovil	Wed	31	May	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Bridgwater	Mon	12	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Taunton	Tues	27	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Yeovil	Wed	28	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Bridgwater	Mon	10	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Bridgwater	Mon	17	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Taunton	Tues	18	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Yeovil	Wed	19	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Taunton	Tues	25	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Do I Have Maths Anxiety?	Yeovil	Wed	26	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Taunton	Tues	16	May	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Taunton	Tues	6	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Yeovil	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Bridgwater	Mon	26	Jun	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Taunton	Tues	4	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Yeovil	Wed	5	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Saving On Your Food Shop	Bridgwater	Mon	24	Jul	AM	FREE**
Help Your Children With Maths Homework (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Thurs	4	May	AM	FREE**
Help Your Children With Maths Homework (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Mon	12	Jun	PM	FREE**
Help Your Children With Maths Homework (4 Sessions)	Online	Thurs	13	Jul	PM	FREE**
<b>Numeracy for Everyday Life</b>						
- An Introduction to Functional Skills	Online	Thurs	25	May	PM	FREE**
- An Introduction to Functional Skills	Taunton	Wed	7	Jun	AM	FREE**
- An Introduction to Functional Skills	Yeovil	Wed	5	Jul	PM	FREE**
- An Introduction to Functional Skills	Chard	Fri	21	Jul	AM	FREE**
- Get Your Garden Going	Bridgwater	Thurs	4	May	AM	FREE**
- Get Your Garden Going	Yeovil	Wed	7	Jun	PM	FREE**
- Get Your Garden Going	Taunton	Thurs	15	Jun	PM	FREE**
- Get Your Garden Going	Online	Thurs	6	Jul	PM	FREE**
- Perfect Party Planning	Taunton	Tues	16	May	AM	FREE**
- Perfect Party Planning	Yeovil	Thurs	29	Jun	AM	FREE**

- Perfect Party Planning	Online	Mon	24	Jul	PM	FREE**
Numeracy for Managing your Money	Taunton	Tues	13	Jun	PM	FREE**
Numeracy for Managing your Money	Bridgwater	Thurs	15	Jun	AM	FREE**
Numeracy for Managing your Money	Bridgwater	Tues	4	Jul	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Online	Mon	15	May	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (5 Sessions)	Online	Thurs	18	May	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Wells	Thurs	8	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Mon	19	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Online	Tues	20	Jun	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Thurs	22	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Online	Thurs	22	Jun	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Fri	23	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (5 Sessions)	Online	Mon	26	Jun	PM	FREE**
Prepare for GCSE Maths (4 Sessions)	Online	Thurs	29	Jun	PM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Minehead	Wed	3	May	PM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Thurs	25	May	PM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Taunton	Tues	13	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Mon	19	Jun	AM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Tues	4	Jul	AM	FREE**
Prepare for Numeracy in the Workplace (4 Sessions)	Yeovil	Wed	5	Jul	PM	FREE**
Functional Skills Maths Qualifications	Various locations - start anytime					FREE <sup>^</sup>
GCSE Maths	Online	Various	Sep	Various	FREE <sup>^</sup>	
GCSE Maths	Various	Various	Sep	Various	FREE <sup>^</sup>	

See pages 28-31 for more info on maths qualifications



## New courses added regularly!

Sign up to our email newsletter and get them straight to your inbox every month! [sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter](https://www.sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter)



**A Course Costs** Eligibility applies. See website or contact us on **0330 332 7997** for more information.

## \*\* Course Eligibility

You are age 19+, live in Somerset<sup>1</sup>, do not have maths GCSE at grade C/4 (or above)<sup>2</sup> and/or any of the below apply to you: **1)** You have refugee status/right to remain **2)** You are a non-UK national who has been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least the previous 3 years on the first day of learning **3)** You have permission granted by the UK government to live in the UK and such permission is not for educational purposes only **4)** You have obtained pre-settled or settled status under EUSS. Please note - proof of eligibility may be requested.

<sup>1</sup>Excluding Bath & North East Somerset.

<sup>2</sup>Or any equivalent qualification

## \* Course Costs

**FREE** If you are aged 19+, **AND** are unemployed **AND** receive a benefit / your annual income is less than £20,000 per year **AND** live in Somerset (not including Bath & North East Somerset) **AND** you have lived in the UK/EU for the last 3 years **OR** you have refugee status / right to remain. **Please see our website or call us for full details.**

**PAID** If you are aged 19+ **AND** your annual income is over £20,000 and live in Somerset **OR** you live in Bath & North East Somerset **OR** you live anywhere else in the UK. Some Community partners may not be able to accommodate learners from outside Somerset. This will be highlighted during enrolment.

## Personal Development

### Assertive August

- Developing Assertive Communication & Behaviour	Online	Mon	7 Aug	PM	FREE* / £10
Boost Resilience & Confidence	Online	Tues	1 Aug	AM	FREE* / £10

### Boost Your Confidence

- Explore Volunteering	Online	Mon	15 May	PM	FREE* / £10
- Explore Volunteering	Online	Tues	8 Aug	PM	FREE* / £10

### Boost Your Confidence and Resilience

- Exploring Imposter Syndrome	Online	Fri	9 Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
Developing a Positive Mindset	Online	Mon	5 Jun	AM	FREE* / £10
Developing a Positive Mindset	Online	Tues	15 Aug	AM	FREE* / £10
Developing Assertive Communication & Behaviour	Online	Fri	16 Jun	AM	FREE* / £12.50
How To Manage Your Time (+ SMART Goals)	Online	Tues	25 Jul	AM	FREE* / £12.50
Time Management	Online	Fri	23 Jun	AM	FREE* / £10

## Photography

### Digital Camera Photography

- Beginners (4 Sessions)	Frome	Tues	2 May	PM	FREE* / £60
- Improvers (4 Sessions)	Frome	Tues	6 Jun	PM	FREE* / £60
Exploring Photography Further ( 6 Sessions)	Yeovil	Thurs	4 May	PM	FREE* / £60
Taking Better Portraits	Shepton M.	Sat	20 May	AM	FREE* / £30
Taking Better Portraits	Yeovil	Sat	10 Jun	AM	FREE* / £30
Taking Better Portraits	Bridgwater	Sat	8 Jul	AM	FREE* / £30
Taking Better Portraits	Taunton	Sat	22 Jul	AM	FREE* / £30

### Understanding:

- Your Digital SLR Camera (6 Sessions)	Taunton	Wed	3 May	PM	FREE* / £60
- Your Digital SLR Camera (6 Sessions)	Yeovil	Tues	9 May	PM	FREE* / £60
- Your Digital SLR Camera (6 Sessions)	Bridgwater	Wed	21 Jun	PM	FREE* / £60

## Teaching & Schools

Level 1 Award in Preparing to teach in Schools	Contact us for details	FREE*
Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Status	Contact us for details	£740
Level 3 Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Contact us for details	£811 / Loan
Level 3 Specialist Support for Teaching & Learning in Schools (STLS)	Contact us for details	£2225 / Loan
Level 3 Support for Teaching & Learning in Schools (STLS)	Contact us for details	£2225 / Loan
Level 2 Support Work in Schools	Contact us for details	FREE^ / £225
Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools	Contact us for details	FREE^ / £633

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# Learn where you live

**We want you all to have the same opportunities - that is to be able to take part in workshops and courses near where you live. A combination of our own expert tutors and our partnerships help us do this. So far, this year we've been working with and funded 18 community organisations/ partners in Somerset and we have already reached over 2600 learners!**

Although our partners' projects and our workshops and courses are varied, they all have similar goals. We aim to help you improve your health and wellbeing, gain confidence, learn new skills, improve your employment related prospects and enable you to progress when and how you want. In a nutshell - help you live life to the full!

Getting involved in just one workshop could make the difference - there's no time like the present to make your choice...

## A Closer Look...



**Art in the Park**  
**Frome**

**Grab your sun hat, shades and pack a picnic! This August, Art in the Park is back! Summer is a favourite sea-sun of the year and there are so many benefits to getting outside and playing with your children, beyond having fun in the sun. It helps develop positive connections, communication skills, self-esteem and confidence.**

Art in the Park workshops aim to support parents/ carers and children (aged 3-8) to engage in a fun creative way - there are four to choose from. Join us on 2 August from 11am-2pm at Victoria Park in Frome for this free family fun day!

### **Workshop 1 - Flip-flop till you drop music making**

Song writing and drumming activities, plus explore and play a wide range of percussion instruments.

### **Workshop 2 - Mer-mazing art**

Go under the sea with a selection of crafts. You can also have a whirl creating spin art on paper plates.

### **Workshop 3 - Aboat time for summer crafts**

Seas the day with some fun nautical crafts. You're shore-ly going to have a good time.

### **Workshop 4 - Shell-abrate face paint**

Add that something special, with a range of face paint designs. Be transformed!

**Anything is popsicle during summer Art in the Park - look forward to seeing you there!**





**If you're a refugee arriving in Somerset, we want to help you build a safe, hopeful and productive future. Part of this is to provide free courses to help you settle in to life in the UK, counteract the upheaval you're experiencing and give you tools to rebuild your life.**

Not being able to speak English is a major barrier for any refugee and we want to help remove the feeling of social isolation. Starting with practical, easy conversational English that makes daily life possible, right through to Functional Skills and GCSE qualifications, we can teach anyone English! **See pages 28-31.**

We have tutors running English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses across Somerset from beginners and intermediate to more advanced. We welcome people from all over the world to come and learn English with us and study for English qualifications.

**“ One of our tutors arrived from Ukraine herself in April 2022. Hear her journey...**

*My name is Maryna and I am from Ukraine. Like millions of Ukrainians, I had to leave my country and look for a peaceful and safe life elsewhere...*

I arrived in the UK in April 2022 with my 12-year-old son. We ended up in a picturesque village near Radstock. Our new family surrounded us with care and unbelievable support.

I started looking for a job. When you're in a foreign country, it's crucial to find your feet, to feel important and independent. In Ukraine, I was working as an English and French tutor, so I was over the moon when I managed to find the same job at SS&L.

Now I run English classes for Ukrainian refugees and feel happy when my students thank me after the lesson. Some of them have already gone into employment, whilst others keep on attending my classes and working hard on their English.

Step by step, I've sorted out my new life. I found a flat for rent. I gained Level 5 TEFL Certificate and intend to get into further education and develop myself as a professional. We live our lives, grateful to everyone who gave us a hand when we were in need. ”



**Photography can help you discover the beauty of what's around you. Using a camera allows you to see things in a different light. Once you explore photography, you will realise the benefits of taking a moment to stop and look. Harness your creativity and immerse yourself in a world that will improve your health and wellbeing. The photography workshops and courses that Mark Hall runs are suitable for any abilities, so grab your camera and get snapping!**

#### **Understanding Your SLR Camera**

This course is ideal for you if you have an entry-level digital SLR camera. Explore the creative possibilities of taking the camera off the programme/auto setting. You will learn to freeze and create movement, have a sharp or blurred background, improve your composition and lots more besides. By the end of the course, you'll have a greater understanding of light, exposure, lenses and shared a learning experience with like-minded friendly people.

#### **Portrait Workshop**

Spend a day learning how to take great portraits. We will use natural daylight to explore group and individual photo techniques. Reflectors are supplied to alter light upon your subject and tips on posing will be shared by the tutor. Using different lenses to change perspective and even using flash outside will help create some great images. Bring a friend or family member if you can to use as your model. Images taken are constructively evaluated near the end of the day.

#### **Exploring Photography Further**

This is a natural follow-on course from Understanding Your SLR Camera. It's an interesting course further exploring creative camera controls and techniques. Basic studio lighting, photo editing/storage and an insight to photographic history, film cameras and iconic photographers are also thrown into the mix. Practical sessions will explore lighting, still life, long exposures and portraiture.

**Explore your tutor's world...**

**[www.markhallphotography.co.uk](http://www.markhallphotography.co.uk)**

## Partner project...



**Osprey Outdoors is an inspirational partner that creates outdoor adult learning opportunities across the Mendip Hills. Their provision includes all aspects of hill walking using ordinance survey map reading skills to navigate the countryside.**

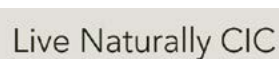
The walks are carefully chosen to stretch and challenge you, building on skills and knowledge from each week. This process builds your confidence levels, encouraging you to use your new skills to plan and walk safely across challenging terrains independently.

The project also teaches bush craft skills, such as identifying plants and trees. One of the exercises includes making and lighting a fire without the use of matches or lighters. This builds relationships through teamwork as the group works together to resolve tasks. Many past participants have enjoyed working together so much they created WhatsApp groups.

This project is particularly appreciated by those impacted by mental health issues and they regularly report the huge benefit of exercise and fresh air on their health and wellbeing. Some of the learners are recovering from Long Covid and the negative impact of lockdowns. The project also works closely with a drug and alcohol rehab unit aiding client recovery.

Osprey Outdoors is a great partner that has a big impact on the health and wellbeing of those who take part, whilst teaching skills to get the most from the countryside and the outdoors.

## More of our partners...



**Inspired? See pages 4-12 for listings, browse online or call us!**

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# Get Started With Us

# First Steps to

# Number Confidence

$$7 \times 7 = 49$$



**If it's been a while since you did maths at school or you feel nervous around numbers, the thought of going into a classroom again can be a scary one. Guess what! We offer free\* flexible, friendly and fun maths workshops to take away the fear.**

Our workshops can help you build your confidence with numbers. We also have courses to give you all the tools you need to gain qualifications, such as Functional Skills or GCSE. Our relaxed approach explains maths by applying it to real life. Maths isn't just for textbooks - it's all around us, and our courses use everyday situations to make it much easier to understand.

## **Start with the first step**

We can teach anyone maths, and all you need is the willingness to give it a go! We have learners from all backgrounds, and we pride ourselves on our small and supportive classes. With dedicated Learning Support Assistants, if you need any extra help - we've got you covered.

Starting a maths workshop with us is the first step to getting confident with numbers, getting back into study and making maths make sense. Good numeracy skills may unlock job opportunities and lead to higher wages or prepare you for further study. They also help in everyday life - at work, helping children with homework, budgeting with money and more.



**Somerset**  
Council





# 3 reasons to sign up to one of our free\* workshops or courses

## 1

### Make life easier

Just a few examples of how to be more efficient in everyday tasks...

- Measuring/calculating ingredients
- Managing your time
- Budgeting and household finances
- Building and creating projects at home



## 2

### Improve memory and learning

Apply your numeracy to real life situations to make it stick...

- Help the kids with their homework
- Take the first steps to get back into work
- Improve creative skills too - think art, photography, origami



## 3

### Get skills for life - the skills you need for the job you want...

- Develop a positive, confident attitude towards maths and numeracy
- Explore problem solving and improve your analytical skills
- Work towards a qualification



## Maths and numeracy - what's the difference?

When you explore the free\* maths courses we offer, you might notice some of them talk about numeracy, while others talk about maths. Confused? Don't worry - here we explain the difference!

With this information up your sleeve, you can be sure to pick the workshop, course or qualification that's best for you.

### What is numeracy?

Numeracy is having the confidence and skills to use numbers. Probably without knowing it, you use numeracy on a daily basis. As an example, you might use it at work, when you're giving the right change to a customer, working out how heavy something is, or even filling in spreadsheets. If you're cooking at home, and an extra guest or two turns up, you'll use numeracy to work out how much more you need to make. Setting a weekly budget and understanding how much money to put into your savings are both examples of numeracy in the real world.

### So, what is maths?

Maths is a subject that uses numeracy for more complex ideas. It's the study of shapes, patterns and numbers. Maths is a form of science, where students try to prove if something is true or false by using numbers, calculations, equations and fractions. If you have an interest in the other sciences, such as chemistry, biology or physics, you'll need numeracy skills and an understanding of maths to use formulae, measurements and statistics.

**Meet Sonia and Sandra** 

# Meet Sonia...



“  
I wish I had done  
this years ago!  
- Sonia”

Sonia joined one of our very first Maths Confidence sessions held in Yeovil. She enrolled late at night and simply turned up the next day! She had maths anxiety and was worried about walking back into the classroom again after many years of raising her family. Her aims were to break the anxiety and become more confident with maths, so that she could help her children who are completing KS2 and KS3 at schools in Yeovil.

**Sonia says, “I remember my first session. I felt amazing, as I was actually enjoying maths. I even shouted out an answer in class, so high was my confidence. My tutor, Keith, made maths fun, and he stopped to explain any maths questions.**

**My reason for joining was to help my children with their maths - which I'm now able to do. I enjoyed this course so much that I'm enrolling on the next, and I would recommend this to anyone who has a few spare hours a week as it's so rewarding.**

**I wish I had done this years ago!”**



**Sandra,  
one of  
our tutors  
explains  
why maths  
is different  
with us...**

“  
Our classes provide a  
safe space to learn at  
your own pace with  
like-minded people.  
- Sandra”

I have spent the last 14 years working with learners from primary to adult who, for various reasons, find it difficult to work with numbers. When someone says, “I can't do maths’, my response is, “you can't do it YET.” You probably don't realise how many number skills you use every day, and I would love to show you how you can use what you know to discover what you don't know.... YET!

I retrained as a Specialist Teacher for Specific Learning Difficulties and use multisensory methods to help all learners engage with the subject material. I understand how daunting it can be as an adult to put yourself back into a learning environment. However, I shall be there to support you in achieving your goals.

Our classes provide a safe space to learn at your own pace with like-minded people. Hands on learning, relevant to everyday life, will support you in using these skills independently.

Come and join me in taking the fear factor out of numbers. Who knows where it may lead!

## Feeling inspired?

**Check out workshops on page 10-11,  
call us or browse and enrol online...**



# Get qualified with us!

Whether you're looking to boost your CV, change career or you want to start out in the world of work, we have a wide range of qualifications on offer to help you change your life through learning. Our qualifications are available in multiple venues across Somerset and most have online options too. Browse below and online on our website [sslcourses.co.uk](http://sslcourses.co.uk), or contact us for more information...

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Most of our qualifications are **free**<sup>1</sup> Contact us for more information!

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# Age 16-19? Here's something different to college...

**We're excited to share with you our two new programmes, available from August 2023, specifically designed for 16-19 year olds (or up to 25 with an EHCP).**

**We know how difficult it can be when you're young and you're not sure about the routes your friends are taking, such as college, jobs or uni.**

**You might need qualifications, you may lack confidence and want to gain more skills and knowledge to prepare for your future. You may not know exactly what you want to do at this stage.**

**We offer you flexibility and a range of options to help you get where you want to be, or simply just begin with the first step and see where your journey takes you.**

**This is what we've got for you...**

## **1 Pre-Apprenticeship & Employment Programme**

This is a flexible offer! It's ideal if you don't have a clear career pathway planned and would like to gain some qualifications and experience in the world of work to find out what you like. You'll be able to take part in work experience in any business sector - the choice is yours - whilst working on Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications.

This programme can prepare you for an Apprenticeship, employment or further study.

## 2 Career Pathway - Level 2 Qualifications

If you know what career you'd like to follow, this 6-9 month programme can take you there. You'll study for a relevant Level 2 qualification to help you progress on to Level 3 in the future. You'll also gain industry experience in your chosen sector. Maths and English is offered at Level 2 alongside your pathway.

All career pathways will enable you to build a strong knowledge and understanding of the roles that sit within your chosen sector, developing the relevant skills for a variety of roles. You will develop further during your industry placement and network with employers, who will help you in your chosen career pathway and in planning your next steps.

This programme aims to give you the qualifications, skills, knowledge and confidence to progress onto T Levels, further study, an Apprenticeship or employment.

**We have four available career pathways:**



Animal Care



Business Admin



Childcare

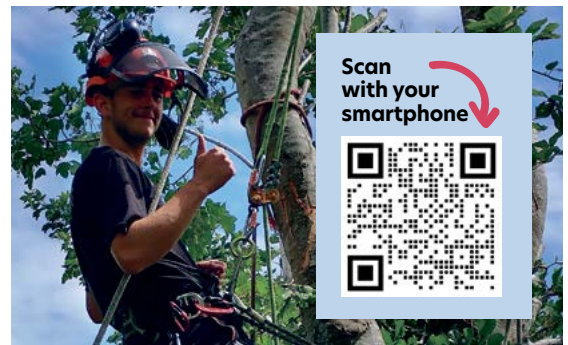


Teaching Assistant

**Most importantly, we're here to offer guidance and support and we have experts ready to help you!**

**If you're a young person looking for an alternative to college or you know someone who is, please get in touch for a chat with us :)**

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**enquiries@sslcourses.co.uk**



Check out stories from our previous learners - see how we helped them and follow their journey on the next page...

## Meet Megan – She’s Music To Our Ears

**Megan started learning with us six months ago. She didn’t manage to finish school, so needed her English and maths qualifications and felt learning with us was the best route to take.**

Having a keen interest in the music scene, Megan has had a work placement at Sheer Music for the last five months. Alongside this, she is studying for her English Functional Skills Level 2, Customer Service Workbook Level 1 and Maths Level 1. She finds taking our online classes less stressful than attending school or college.

After completing her programme, Megan would like to remain involved in the live music scene and work as a music technician. Also, she’d like to get her own business up and running, freelancing as a live music technician.

**Megan’s tutor says, “Megan has been an absolute delight in the online classroom. She is always extremely responsive, asks thoughtful questions and completes her work to a high standard. She has also received very positive feedback from her work placement.”**



“  
Meg has been  
an asset. She  
has embodied  
the values of our  
organisation and  
helped deliver  
exceptional  
experiences.”

- Megan’s Employer



## Meet Noah - He's Top Of The Class

**Noah joined us six months ago as he felt our programme was an easy way to get started in the career he wanted - teaching.**

His work placement is at Abbot's Way School, working as a teaching assistant. During the last five months, Noah has learnt a lot. For example, how to easily communicate with children, how to work as part of a team and how to help children with special needs. His employer finds Noah hard working and motivated.

Noah studied for Functional Skills maths Level 2 and English Level 1 and achieved both qualifications. Noah has continued to grow in confidence and excel in all the work he completes in the classroom.

**Thinking of following in Noah's footsteps?** He'd advise anyone to call and speak to one of our tutors as they're really friendly and helpful. And, if you get on a programme - work hard and get as much as possible out of your work experience...

“

I hope to gain an Apprenticeship working in a school as a teaching assistant and eventually become a qualified teacher

- Noah

”

**Inspired?**

**Get in touch today...**

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# Be Relevant With An Apprenticeship!

**Apprenticeships are a really exciting option. Not only are they a great alternative to school, college or university, but they can also help you get on the career ladder to the job of your dreams, or even to develop in your current role. Apprenticeships are free and available to anyone aged 16+.**

An Apprenticeship gives you hands-on experience, a salary, and the opportunity to gain qualifications while you work. Apprenticeship programmes are specifically designed to ensure you develop the skills employers want. This means that Apprentices have better long-term salary prospects and excellent progression opportunities, whether you're looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace.



**Charlie**  
Business Admin Apprentice

## **Our current Apprenticeships available across Somerset are:**

### **Level 2 (GCSE Equivalent)**

- ✓ Customer Service Practitioner
- ✓ Early Years Practitioner
- ✓ Animal Care and Welfare Assistant

### **Level 3 (A Level Equivalent)**

- ✓ Business Administrator
- ✓ Early Years Educator
- ✓ Teaching Assistant



# Let us take you on the Apprenticeship journey right now...

## Step 1: The application

### View vacancies!

Check out our vacancy page to see our latest vacancies and apply: [sslcourses.co.uk/apprentice-jobs](https://sslcourses.co.uk/apprentice-jobs)

You can also sign up to receive our weekly Apprenticeship vacancy email on our website -

[sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter](https://sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter)

Once you apply our expert team, led by your personal Recruitment Advisor, will contact you and guide you through our interview process.

## Step 2: Interview success

### Let us get to know you!

Once we know more about you and your learning needs, we'll discuss our course offer with you in more detail.

We'll help you prepare for your interview with the employer and offer advice on other vacancies that might be of interest to meet your needs.

Then it's on to preparing for your interview with an employer. Good luck!

## Step 4: On programme

### A whole new world!

Your journey focuses on new learning! New knowledge, new skills and new behaviours, all defined by your new job role.

Make new friends and meet your peers in the classroom or online lessons.

## Step 3: Start

### Congratulations! You've got the job - time to celebrate!

Don't worry - we'll organise everything. From your start date, your induction and your workplace mentor to linking you to your personal tutor who will lead your learning journey.

Sign your paperwork, receive your timetable and meet your tutor - you're ready to start the next steps of your career!

## Step 5: Assessment prep

### Prepare to succeed!

We'll support you to build your portfolio and prepare you for the End Point Assessment.

We help hundreds of learners build confidence and pass assessments every year - this is what we do best, so let us help you achieve your goals.

## Step 6: End Point Assessment

### The finish line is in sight - you've almost made it!

You've almost finished your Apprenticeship. We'll support you through the End Point Assessment Gateway and introduce you to your assessor.

## Step 7: Success

### Goal achieved - you've done it!

You'll receive your results! We have a great track record of success - join the 98.9% of our learners that pass their Apprenticeship.

Let us help you take your next career steps, find a new job or start a course in your chosen specialism. We make learning relevant to the real world and help you become what employers want!

Turn the page to find vacancies and read Florence's story

## Florence makes inspiring progress

Having left school in Year 9, with no qualifications or skills, Florence knew she needed some training to get into work. She began a Teaching Assistant Pre-Apprenticeship in March 2022, achieving Level 1 maths & Level 2 English, whilst completing work experience at St Cuthbert's Academy.

On completion of her Pre-Apprenticeship, Florence progressed on to a Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at St Cuthbert's and hopes to stay there for the foreseeable future. She plans to achieve her English GCSE and would love to be a museum curator in the future!

Florence's confidence has grown, and she feels like a completely different person. She gets out more and loves meeting new people. Her employer has also given Florence glowing feedback...

**"Florence started on a Pre-Apprenticeship last summer and was then employed as an Apprentice from September. Very quickly, she was carrying out the jobs of a class Teaching Assistant and learning how to change books, take groups for learning and lead an activity within the classroom. Her confidence grew the more time she spent with the children, and they looked to her as a trusted adult.**

**Now fast forward to January 2023 and we have worked closely for the past 5 months. Florence takes advice on board and acts upon it, developing her skills and practice. Parents have commented on how her presence and demeanor has really supported and helped their child settle into school and they are grateful for her care."**



**Florence**  
Teaching Assistant Apprentice

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Florence started as a Trainee last summer and was then employed as an Apprentice from September.

Very quickly, she was carrying out the jobs of a class Teaching Assistant.

- Rebecca

Teacher, St Cuthbert's Academy

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# Meet our expert team as we tour the region and go virtual with our 2023 Apprenticeship Roadshow!



## When and where can you find us?

Our roadshow will be touring Somerset on a variety of dates in May (from 4-7pm) at multiple locations including: Bridgwater, Frome, Taunton, Yeovil and online.

**Find out more...**

[sslcourses.co.uk/roadshow](https://sslcourses.co.uk/roadshow)

Scan with your smartphone



**If you're considering an Apprenticeship this summer or have recently secured one, this event is for you...**

**Join us on the day and you can...**

- ✓ Find out what an Apprenticeship entails
- ✓ Get support applying for the roles you are interested in
- ✓ Receive tips on applying for Apprenticeships and preparing for employer interviews
- ✓ Chat with the experts about entry requirements and secure the offer of an Apprenticeship with SS&L on the day!
- ✓ Get preparation support and advice so you're ready for the start of your Apprenticeship

## Check out our current Apprenticeship vacancies...



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You can also subscribe to our weekly Apprenticeship vacancy newsletter on our website - [sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter](https://sslcourses.co.uk/newsletter)

# Employers - We Want You!

If you're an employer considering hiring an Apprentice, please contact us for a chat about how we can help you. We offer a free recruitment service and support you every step of the way.

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[sslcourses.co.uk](https://sslcourses.co.uk)


## Some of our employer partners...



**Somerset Council**



# Maths & English - Skills for Every Day...



**A good foundation in both maths & English can give you a brighter future. Your achievements can be greater, your horizons broader and your confidence stronger.**

**Not only are maths & English skills important for your working life, but for your emotional and social wellbeing too. You will use and need these skills in daily life and it's never too late to learn.**

## What can we do for you?

Functional Skills maths & English give you the essential knowledge you need day to day, whether in work or personal life. These skills are taught in a practical, relatable context and our courses are designed to be relevant to you. They are free\* nationally recognised qualifications at three levels:

- ✓ Entry Level
- ✓ Level 1
- ✓ Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE)

Plus, we run a Prepare for Functional Skills maths or English to get you started.

## In a nutshell...

- ✓ Available to anyone aged 16+\*
- ✓ Start anytime
- ✓ 4-6 month timescale
- ✓ Expert tutor support
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Access to free online resources
- ✓ Fast track English available
- ✓ Progression routes available

**So you've smashed your Functional Skills and want to progress, or you're ready to dive straight into GCSE. We've got you covered!**



Having maths and English GCSE can open more doors and boost your confidence further. Not only can these qualifications help further your career and give you more choice, being essential in most job roles, they are transferable skills that can make your life easier. Help your kids with their homework, gain independence and believe in your abilities. We run these free\* courses:

- ✓ Prepare for GCSE
- ✓ Maths GCSE
- ✓ English GCSE

**Turn the page for more info...**

### **In a nutshell...**

- ✓ Available to anyone aged 19+\*
- ✓ 9-month fast track course
- ✓ Start in September
- ✓ Small, relaxed classes
- ✓ Expert, local tutor
- ✓ Online or at one of our Somerset Centres

### **What if I'm not ready for Functional Skills or GCSE?**

If maths is a real barrier and it's holding you back, give our free\* adult numeracy courses a go - they're a casual intro back into maths and will start to build your confidence from the first day. You never know where it might lead! Visit [sslcourses.co.uk](http://sslcourses.co.uk) and search **MULTIPLY**.

If English is not your first language, we have a range of ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) courses at various locations:

### **English for Beginners**

Improve your communication skills. You will learn the meaning of common words and phrases, as well as basic grammar, English pronunciation and conversation skills.

### **English for Improvers Stage 1**

Ideal if you have a basic level of English and want to advance your language skills to the next level. You will learn how to maintain a conversation, ask and answer questions, improve reading, English pronunciation and spoken skills.

### **English for Improvers Stage 2**

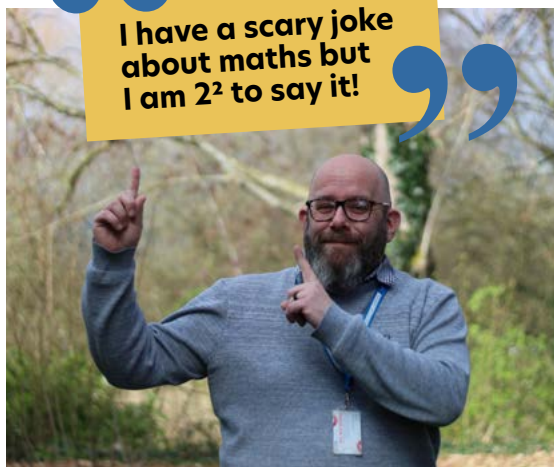
Ideal if you have already gained some more English language skills. You will be able to advance your language skills, enhancing your vocabulary and grammar and better understand how to use tenses in context.

### **English Skills for Life Qualification**

If you need to improve your English for work, further learning or everyday life and want a qualification, this course is for you. You will develop your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. On completion and passing of this course, you'll receive a qualification and a certificate.



**I have a scary joke about maths but I am 2<sup>2</sup> to say it!**



### **Dave**

Our English & Maths Course Lead, Dave, shares another of his jokes - it's for you to decide if it's funny!

### **Maths & English at a glance...**

- ✓ Beginners English (ESOL) - See Page 6-7
- ✓ English Skills for Life (ESOL) - See Page 7
- ✓ Maths Workshops - See Page 10-11
- ✓ Functional Skills Maths - See Page 11
- ✓ Functional Skills English - See Page 7
- ✓ Prepare for GCSE Maths/English - See Page 11/7
- ✓ GCSE Maths/English - September Start (9-months) - See Page 30
- ★ Visit [sslcourses.co.uk](http://sslcourses.co.uk) or call **0330 332 7997** for more information

\*Eligibility applies.

# Fast Track Your Future.

## Maths & English GCSEs in Just 9 Months...

**Did you know you can gain your English and maths GCSE qualifications in half the time with us, for free\*? By summer 2024 you could have the qualification you dream of! Broaden your horizon and step forward with us...**

### How will I benefit?

Maths and English are essential and transferable skills that will benefit you in many ways - you'll gain independence, enhance your confidence, increase your job options, be able to support your kids and make your day-to-day life easier.

### What's special about SS&L?

We're accessible! Our GCSE courses are available online or in person at one of our centres across Somerset. The online courses have become increasingly popular over the last few years, allowing you to attend classes from the comfort of your own home. And you'll still be taught by an expert tutor, with a set lesson time - helping you keep to a routine, with all the support you need.

Our classes are small, friendly and relaxed, and you'll be learning with other adult students. We aim to make learning fun and relatable, so you'll find our approach very different to school or college. That's why we often have students return to gain further qualifications with us.

Visit - [sslcourses.co.uk/GCSE](https://sslcourses.co.uk/GCSE)

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### Where can it lead?

We have many previous learners who decided to study for GCSEs to change or further their career, moving into jobs such as nursing, midwifery, teaching and more. Or maybe you just want to refresh your knowledge, learn more or help your kids with their schoolwork. Whatever your reasons, we'll support you.

### Be prepared

Why not get a head start? Our Prepare for GCSE courses will improve your ability, confidence and knowledge. You'll be introduced to the world of GCSE, explore an overview of the qualification and work through the main subjects. This will reassure you that you're ready to get going in September! See pages 7 & 11.

**Applications are open and it only takes seconds to apply! Our friendly team will then call you to discuss your choice of study location and get you fully enrolled...**



### GCSE Maths

September start  
9 months  
Multiple locations / online

### GCSE English

September start  
9 months  
Multiple locations / online



# Positive Results = 5\* Reviews...



My friend and myself studied together through out the 9 months of GCSE Maths; previous to that I did GCSE English Lang. Lit. I would fully recommend SS&L. The resources they offer like Moodle and Kerboodle, BKSB and zoom lesson videos give you plenty of chance to research and learn each subject. We have found it very worthwhile and I've started using the skills in ordinary life.

Wendy - Facebook Review



I have recently completed my GCSE Maths course. I had a lot of anxiety at the start of the course and almost dropped out. Luckily I was met with a really supportive tutor - Jeremy Hawes. Without the support and encouragement of Jeremy, there is no way I would have achieved my Grade 5. I am so thankful to Somerset Skills & Learning and would highly recommend. I am now returning for my GCSE English course this September.

Danielle - Google Review



Whether it's to get better qualifications for higher education, creating more avenues for a career, or simply for self-improvement, completing your GCSEs is a fantastic way to gain new skills and bolster your CV. Our tutors will support you all the way through.

Dave - Course Lead



# Every Click Counts - Let's Get Digital!

Our workshops, courses and qualifications will crack the digital world wide open for you! We have lots of exciting options available to help you become digitally independent and build your skills personally and professionally.

## How digital skills can improve your life

- ✓ Become digitally independent - no more asking friends and family how to do stuff
- ✓ Build confidence to use devices
- ✓ Develop transferable skills
- ✓ Save time, reduce stress and become better connected
- ✓ Get a qualification to boost your employment options

## Something for everyone...

### Short digital skills workshops & courses

Our range will provide you with the know-how to use your devices confidently and efficiently. Don't get left behind!



### Microsoft Word for Beginners

Using Word can be very useful for professional and personal reasons. Our easy-to-understand session starts with basic skills, taking you right up to getting more creative.



### Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Excel is daunting if you rarely use it. This session will give you confidence and new skills using functions to make tasks quicker and more efficient.



### Google Docs Made Easy

Microsoft Word can be expensive and difficult to use on a phone or tablet. Find out how to use free Google Docs for all your word processing needs - from writing a headed letter to creating a presentation, without the need for a desktop computer.



### Cloud Storage

Free up and organise your digital devices. Understand how and what the Cloud is. Make it work for you and keep precious memories safe and accessible.



### Digital Career Searching

Find out what prospective employers will see when looking you up. Explore Google Doc templates for CVs and cover letters, create an online Indeed account, search for jobs, discover how to upload your CV and prepare for a video interview.



### LinkedIn

Explore how to create an all-star profile. Understand your newsfeed, posts, commenting and liking. Find connections and follow companies. Search for jobs, apply and gain employment with LinkedIn.



**Plus more!**





## Qualifications to take you further

**Ready for more in-depth knowledge? We can offer you accredited courses to build on your skills and gain a qualification...**



### Essential Digital Skills Qualification (EDSQ)

Do you rely on family and friends to help you with your tech, but even with their support you feel unsure about using your devices? This 12-week course will provide you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to use your own device independently. It's designed for both beginners and those who already have a basic understanding of technology.



### Level 2 Digital & IT Skills

Are you looking for that next career step, but are held back by your skills gap in IT? When you see that dream job and then read 'must be competent in Office 365 and video conferencing software' that can stop you applying. This course will boost your IT and digital abilities focusing on skills for an office environment, whilst gaining the ability to work from home and collaborate with colleagues as if you were still in the office.



### Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ICDL Advanced)

This is a comprehensive, advanced qualification that will enhance your productivity with IT skills going forward in your studies and career. This qualification has been designed for people using technology at work who want to upskill or retrain, students, those who are returning to work, job seekers or for personal development.

## And just when you thought that was it!

**When those summer holidays hit, book us in as your family must do! We will be offering a range of courses for those younger ones in your household.**

Have you got the next award-winning creator on your hands? Bring them along to our fun packed range of digital creative skills workshops. From creating their own stop motion movie to coding their own game, the sky's the limit and we're only just getting started.

The fun doesn't stop when you leave our session - it will transfer to your home keeping your younger members of the family entertained throughout the summer.

### Be the first to know...



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**Check out our range of digital skills courses on page 6, browse further online or call us for a chat. We're here to help :)**

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# Flexible Learning For Today's Lifestyle.



## Free\* Level 2 Qualifications

We are giving you the chance to get ahead at home! Our free\* distance learning courses are the perfect opportunity to begin studying a new subject or to improve your knowledge and skills in a way that suits you.

You can start our Level 2 courses from September 2023, at a time that's right for you, study at your own pace and fit it in around your other commitments. Plus, you'll have the support of our expert local tutors over the phone and online.

**These courses typically take 4 months to complete, and we currently have eight to choose from ►**



# Start from September 2023...

## **L2 Award in an Introduction to Neuroscience in Early Years**

This qualification provides an introduction to the early development of the brain in babies and young children, from birth to seven years. It looks at the social brain development, the limbic system and self-regulation. It's ideal if you're interested in working in the Early Years sector and no previous experience is required.

## **L2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems**

This qualification is designed for you to develop your understanding of mental health, and the problems that can cause mental ill health. You will be introduced to the causes and symptoms of stress, anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses. By the end of the course, you will have formed an understanding and explored how they are managed.

## **L2 Certificate in Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health**

The purpose of this qualification is to increase your knowledge and awareness of children and young people's mental health. The course will cover the mental health problems commonly associated with them and the impact of mental ill health on children and young people. You will also learn about the support available to maintain mental wellbeing in children and young people.

## **L2 Certificate in Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities**

This qualification aims to give you knowledge and understanding to work with individuals with learning disabilities or difficulties. You will explore the principles of safeguarding and positive risk taking and gain awareness of the autistic spectrum.

## **L2 Certificate in Understanding Specific Learning Disabilities**

This qualification aims to give you knowledge of different Specific Learning Difficulties, how they are diagnosed and how individuals can be supported. This course is suitable for teaching staff, care staff or anyone looking to build their knowledge of dyslexia and other learning difficulties.

## **L2 Certificate in Understanding Autism**

This qualification aims to develop your understanding of autism and the principles of supporting individuals with autism. You will cover the person-centred approach and influence of positive communication methods, how to support positive behaviour, and how individuals with autism can be supported to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

## **L2 Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that Challenges**

This qualification is designed to increase your awareness and understanding of behaviour that challenges and its effects. You will develop in-depth knowledge of behaviour that challenges, which could support progression onto other appropriate qualifications and into relevant employment.

## **L2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent**

The purpose of this qualification is to increase your knowledge and awareness of the Prevent Duty and Safeguarding, including online safety. You will develop knowledge of safeguarding in an environment where you have a duty of care.

To find out more, visit [sslcourses.co.uk](https://www.sslcourses.co.uk) and search **LEVEL 2**, then filter **Distance Learning**. If you have any questions, do get in touch - we're here to help!

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# REACH HIGHER WITH US!

If you're keen to build your qualifications, our Level 3 and Access to HE courses could be the ideal choice! Our courses can help you gain the knowledge and skills employers value, improve your job prospects, or continue on to further study.



## LEVEL THREE

### What Are Level 3 Qualifications?

A Level 3 qualification is equivalent to an A Level, an Advanced Technical Certificate or Diploma, and typically takes six months to complete. Our courses are delivered via distance learning/online - study from the comfort of your own home and enjoy the flexibility!

### What Level 3 Courses Do We Offer?

- ✓ **Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ICDL Advanced)** - this is a comprehensive, advanced qualification that will enhance your productivity with IT skills going forward in your studies and career.
- ✓ **Level 3 Certificate in Special Educational Needs (SEN)** - this qualification provides the knowledge and understanding needed to work directly with Special Educational Needs (SEN) children or young people in schools.
- ✓ **Level 3 Certificate in Support for Teaching & Learning in Schools (STLS)** Sept 2023 start – this qualification is aimed at those who work in any classroom or learning support role for at least 10 hours per week in either a paid or voluntary capacity.
- ✓ **Level 3 Diploma in Early Years (Early Years Educator) Sept 2023 start** – this course enables you to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years.
- ✓ **Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools (STLS)** – this qualification is aimed at support workers and teaching assistants in schools who directly support teachers in the teaching and learning of pupils.



# ACCESS TO HE

## What Is An Access to HE Diploma?

An Access to HE Diploma is widely recognised by UK universities as an alternative to ‘traditional’ qualifications for entry into undergraduate courses. Our Diplomas are ideal if you want to pursue a career in Childcare, Social Work, Counselling or Teaching and need a degree, but left school without A Levels (or equivalent). They really can help you reach your goals!

Our courses are flexible, and delivered via a blended approach, with online delivery and tutor support, and face-to-face sessions where required, making it easier to fit study around your other commitments.

## What Access to HE Diplomas Do We Offer?

**We currently have two courses available...**

- ✓ Childhood Studies
- ✓ Education

Access to HE students come from a wide range of backgrounds and are all ages. Students may have missed out on education and left school to get a job or have a family. Formal qualifications are not necessarily required to enrol on an Access to HE course, and age is not a barrier. Your life experience will be valuable on the course.

## How much does it cost?

Level 3 and Access to HE courses are typically self-funded or paid for with an Advanced Learner Loan. Our team will support you to check your eligibility for our courses. Check out the next section for more information...



# LEARNER LOANS

## Advanced Learner Loan

An Advanced Learner Loan is available if you’re aged 19+ on the first day of your course and want to take qualifications from Level 3 – Level 6 at an approved training provider in England. A loan covers your course fees, if you’re living in the UK, and have done so for the last 3 years.

## Worried about paying the loan back?

Student Finance England will write off any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balance you owe for an Access to HE course, once you complete a higher education course. This means you won’t have to repay it. If you don’t go on to a higher education course after completing your Level 3 course, you won’t have to start repaying the loan until you’re earning more than £27,295 per year, regardless of how much you’ve borrowed. In simple terms, example repayments look like this...

Annual Income (before tax)	Monthly Income (before tax)	Monthly Repayment
Up to £27,295	£2,274	£0
£28,000	£2,333	£5
£30,000	£2,500	£20
£32,000	£2,666	£35
£34,000	£2,833	£50
£36,000	£3,000	£65

## Need more info?

We know there’s a lot to take in regarding Level 3 Qualifications, Access to HE Diplomas and Advanced Learner Loans, so if you have any questions, our friendly team are available on **0330 332 7997** or email [enquiries@sslcourses.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sslcourses.co.uk). Or see our website for more information.



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# Little Discoveries for Little Ones...



It's great to contribute towards the delivery of the Apprenticeship Programme, as well as develop learners within Little Discoveries Childcare Ltd.



- Sara Fennelly  
Early Years Academy Manager

## Did you know?

**We have three nurseries under our Little Discoveries Childcare Ltd umbrella providing Childcare and Education for children aged 0-4 years old.**

**Discover more about our Early Years qualifications...**

We're an Early Years specialist and the training provider of choice within the wider Early Years sector across the southwest. We've built an Early Years Strategy to support our ongoing commitment to our:

- ✓ **Early Years Apprenticeship Programme**
- ✓ **Nursery Assistant Pre-Apprenticeship**
- ✓ **Work experience placements**
- ✓ **Partnerships with existing Early Years providers**

This exciting strategy led by SS&L Early Years Academy Manager, Sara Fennelly, enables our Early Years Tutors to work alongside our Nursery Managers and teams to develop quality practice and provide our learners with the best skills, knowledge and experience.

## One of our Little Discoveries Apprentices shares her experience...

### Not just child play for Abbie...

Abbie spent 18 months with us at Little Discoveries in Yeovil and has now completed her Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship, plus Level 2 in I.C.T.

Abbie knew she wanted to work with children, but wasn't sure what route to choose or what age of children appealed to her most. She decided to do some work experience and discovered that preschoolers were the right fit for her.

**Abbie says, "I was lucky enough to have SS&L guide me through my course and provide much needed support along the way. It was hard work but the development you see and experience with the children you care for make it worthwhile. It's such a rewarding job and a privilege to work with children. Taking on something new is never easy and there are always bumps along the way, but having a team that values you and the work you do makes it so much easier. Having supportive and knowledgeable tutors are the key and SS&L gave me this."**

When Abbie completed her Apprenticeship, she was offered a full-time position with Little Discoveries. She has been there for over four years and is a Preschool Room Lead. She is keen to become a SENCo in the future, as part of her career progression. What a great journey!

**If you'd like to find out more about our Little Discoveries Childcare group, please contact Sara Fennelly - Early Years Academy Manager on 07917 923621 or email [sfennelly@sslic.co.uk](mailto:sfennelly@sslic.co.uk)**



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- Abbie  
Nursery Practitioner



## Places available!



### Giving your child the best start

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