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**ADULT
LEARNING**



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98%

course
achievement
rate in 2022

GAIN SKILLS FOR LIFE AND WORK

Join one of our flexible, online or classroom-based courses. We have training centres located in:

- Hanley
- Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Burton-upon-Trent
- Leek
- Crewe
- Coalville
- Daventry
- Melton Mowbray

Our courses are free/fully-funded for those aged 19+ who are unemployed or earning less than National Minimum Wage.

SUPPORTING YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

We provide specialist support to help you break down barriers to learning. Our friendly team are well-equipped to help you with a range of support from initial advice and guidance to getting you set-up online, covering travel costs to our centres to learn and much more.

Our Training Centres



IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Our training centres are a hub for the individuals and communities we serve. We are recognised for our inclusivity and diversity; ensuring a safe and secure future for everyone to succeed in life and work.

We welcome learners from all backgrounds and are proud to promote a respectful and calm learning environment. Our trainers are highly skilled in the topics that they teach and in understanding how to meet your individual needs and preferences.

We provide high levels of learning support and tailor our curriculum to meet your needs. Over the past 15 years, we have supported thousands of individuals, just like you, to break down personal barriers, gain qualifications and return to education and/or find long-term employment.

HERE
TO
HELP

Why learn with us?

PUTTING OUR LEARNERS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Free tea and coffee
available in all of our
centres



Recognised as a
highly-inclusive
business



Support accessing
and using digital
devices



Strong networks and
links to local employers
and opportunities



Ofsted rated 'Good'
provider



Support with your
personal health &
wellbeing



Travel costs paid for those
attending our courses in
centres



Courses run within
school hours to support
childcare needs



In-house learner support
for those with additional
learning needs



Support for learners with
English as a second
language



All courses available
nationally via online
learning



Free lunch for all
students attending our
courses in centres



Sector-based
work
experience



Dedicated justice services
for returning citizens



Support with breaking
down barriers to
employability



Signposting to external
community groups and
support services



We are inclusive

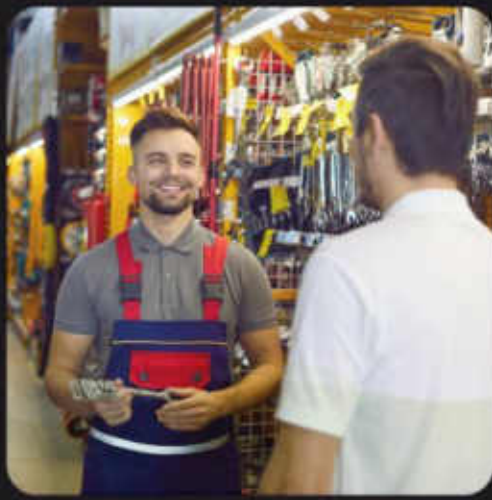


OUR VISION

We want *"to ensure a safe and secure future for everyone to succeed in life and work."* We hope to achieve this through promoting an open and safe workspace, creating inclusive opportunities for people from all backgrounds and continuing to reduce misconceptions and stereotypes within sectors and industries.

We have won multiple awards for championing inclusivity, diversity and equality. No matter what barriers our learners face, we aim to provide bespoke learning pathways to meet their end goals for both life and work.





Customer Service & Retail - Level 1

This course covers skills required to work in a customer facing role, legislation to support the customer service process and customer needs and expectations.



Health & Social Care - Level 1 and 2

This course enables learners to start their journey in the health & social care sector. It supports learners to develop their caring nature into a career helping those in need, covering care plans, patient needs and working in a team.



Health and Safety within a Construction Environment - Level 1

This course covers a range of topics required to work in the Construction industry including identifying hazards, promoting safety, and preventing accidents.

Start your journey >>>



Personal Development for Employability - Level 1

Prepare yourself for a range of different employment opportunities with this PDE course. The teaching guides learners through the job searching process, CV writing and interview techniques to achieve both short and long-term career goals.



Dementia Awareness, End of Life Care and Infection, Prevent & Control - Level 2

Improve your understanding of dementia, end of life care, infection, assessment and care planning with person-centred approaches.



Cleaning & Support Services - Level 1

This course provides an introduction to cleaning and support services and teaches the knowledge and skills to work within the industry. Teaching includes: the standards of personal hygiene which are required, personal protective equipment, how to identify and deal with risks and teamwork.



Warehousing & Storage - Level 1 and 2

This course provides an introduction to the warehousing industry - helping you to learn the basic principles and secure work in a warehouse role.



Business Admin - Level 1

This course has been designed to give learners the skills and knowledge to work in an entry position in a business admin role. Learning will be delivered in modules and will focus on business tools, documents and job opportunities.



Teaching Assistant - Level 2

This course helps learners to understand the principles of teaching including working in classrooms, supporting learning and working with SEN pupils.

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Caring for Children under 5 - Level 1 and 2

The childcare course gives learners the knowledge and skills to begin a career in this rewarding sector, it covers a range of modules including creating activities, safeguarding and hygiene factors.



Safeguarding & Prevent - Level 2

This course is for anyone who works, or wants to work with, vulnerable individuals. It provides detailed knowledge on how to safeguard them from harm including covering relevant legislation.



Health & Wellbeing - Level 1 and 2

Explore the value of health & wellbeing in both life and work with this course. Learners will develop knowledge of their own and others' wellbeing.

Functional Skills

Functional skills qualifications are recognised by employers, colleges and universities as alternatives to GCSEs, enabling you to brush up on your skills and get recognised qualifications with real currency in the labour market and for further study. Courses are flexible, individualised and build confidence.

Maths - Entry Levels, Level 1 and 2

Your individual plan of learning builds on your strengths and what you can already do and know. You will develop skills with number, measure, shape and space and develop your ability to work with and handle data. Courses in mathematics build on current skills to enable you to move forward positively in life and work.

English - Entry Levels, Level 1 and 2

From entry level to level 2, you can improve your reading, writing, discussion and presentation skills with a functional skills English course at Acorn. We address your skills shortages rapidly from your starting point with an individual plan to meet your specific needs, developing your everyday English skills for life and work.

IT - Entry Levels, Level 1 and 2

Our IT qualifications will equip you with the skills you need to make the most of digital devices and services. The courses cover communicating, creating, editing, being safe, searching, e-commerce and much more.



Multiply

Multiply is a government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills and knowledge. If you're aged 19 and over and don't have maths GCSE at grade C (or equivalent), you can access fully-funded numeracy courses through Multiply to build your confidence with numbers and gain a qualification.

Acorn Training is proud to be a delivery partner for the Multiply initiative within Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire. We work with local individuals and businesses to ensure that maths needs are identified and tailored goals are achieved through our training. We offer both face-to-face and online learning opportunities to support maths skills and knowledge development.

We deliver our courses at a range of different levels to suit individual abilities and needs. Good numeracy skills may unlock job opportunities and lead to higher wages or prepare you for further study. They also help in everyday life, such as helping children with homework and budgeting money.

Are you one of the **49%**
of adults that find maths
confusing, complicated or
challenging?



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Community Learning



Our Staffordshire community learning teaches important skills for both life & work.

- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Beginners & Office IT Skills
- Self Employment
- Maths & English
- Big Confidence Little Anxiety
- Sustainability & Green Technology
- Vocational Jobs Skills



Upskill Yourself

AM I ELIGIBLE?



Our Adult Education courses are free/fully-funded for those aged 19+ who are unemployed or learning less than National Minimum Wages and not in education or training. Our Functional Skills Courses are free for all. Our Community Learning is for Staffordshire Residents only.



HOW TO ENROL ON OUR COURSES

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Telephone: 01782 827 827 (Option 2)
Email: info@acorntraining.co.uk
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Learner Success Stories

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ACHIEVE EMPLOYMENT



"When Deanne came to Acorn Training, she was really struggling with mental health issues and being homeless, she was sofa surfing and at times sleeping on the streets, and was in urgent need of signposting to external support. Deanne engaged with Acorn Training and really appreciated the help, we managed to help Deanne secure supported accommodation in the Lyme Trust.

To further drive Deanne's journey back into work, she enrolled on numerous Adult Learning courses such as Health & Wellbeing, Business Admin and Maths to boost her knowledge and qualifications - Deanne focused on these particular courses to support her goal of wanting to work within the NHS. Following the completion of her courses, Deanne attended an interview for a ward assistant role and she was successful. Well done Deanne!"



RE-ENTERING THE WORLD OF WORK

"Darren came to us with over 25 years of experience in production, he faced a setback in 2019 when he unexpectedly lost his job. As months turned into years, Darren found himself unemployed, dedicating his time to caring for his parent while actively seeking new employment opportunities. Ian joined our Personal Development for Employability course and with newfound determination, he embarked on a journey that would transform his prospects and restore his self-assurance.

Throughout the course, Darren received guidance on various aspects of employability. He learned valuable skills such as CV writing and leveraging his tablet for effective job searches. In addition, Ian signed up for job searching websites and actively participated in workshops covering topics like personal behaviours for success and financial awareness. The Personal Development for Employability course not only equipped Darren with essential job-seeking tools but also provided him with a supportive environment to rebuild his confidence and resilience. Following his journey with us, Darren has successfully interviewed for a food production role and is now back in work!"

BOOSTING NUMERACY CONFIDENCE IN LIFE AND WORK



"Gareth has always had difficulties with numbers, he regularly had to ask his brother for support with managing and paying his bill and also budgeting for his food shopping. Gareth felt nervous about taking on the Multiply course because of his issues around budgeting.

Gareth feels that his knowledge around maths has improved and he now feels more confident to tackle the shopping and the bills. He doesn't need as much support from his brother and this has made him feel independent and proud. Gareth is moving onto another course to start to help him to improve his confidence further and knows that he needs to work on his barriers bit by bit. He would like to look towards getting a job in warehousing and knows that the skill and knowledge gained from his courses will help him with this when it comes to using computers and also order picking."

More than just a course

CONTINUE
YOUR
JOURNEY
WITH US...



We deliver apprenticeships in HR, Business Admin, Early Years, Customer Service, Management and many more...

Why do an Apprenticeship?

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Earn whilst you learn
- No tuition fees
- Develop your skills & knowledge
- High-quality training
- Dedicated learner support

We also offer sector-based work academy programmes (SWAPs) with local employers looking to fill their vacancies.

who we work with...



A SWAP includes:

- Pre-employment training
- Employability skills - CV writing, Interview techniques, confidence boosting, etc.
- Fully-funded and relevant qualifications
- Work experience in the sector
- A job interview with an employer in the sector



Acorn Centres & Contact Details



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