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Organisation

South Gloucestershire Community Learning Service

The community learning team works with adults aged 19 and over who have no or few formal qualifications and is funded directly by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Our funding is used to engage local residents back into learning with the specific aim of improving their skills for personal development, to find and succeed in work and to participate in family and community life. We are particularly keen to work with residents of the priority neighborhoods.

Community Learning also works in partnership with many community and voluntary organisations to offer a wide range of courses to local residents to strengthen community capacity and help people to lead more fulfilled lives. Most of our courses are free and are offered at venues throughout South Gloucestershire. There may be a charge for ESOL and Accredited Employability Courses, although these are free to learners receiving certain benefits. Please contact us for more information.

Courses available:

Maths and English – In a variety of community venues, these courses are for those who did not achieve a GCSE at grades A-C (or equivalent qualification) upon leaving school and provides the opportunity to take a nationally recognised test.

IT – Short courses in libraries and other community venues to enable people to improve their computer skills and to learn about Internet safety.

Family Learning – We work in partnership with schools and Sure Start Centres to help parents discover how their children learn and how they will be taught during their school life. Parents are actively encouraged to develop their own skills and possibly work towards a qualification. These courses are of benefit to the achievement of both the child and parent.

Healthy Living – Includes a range of courses to develop Healthier Lifestyles: Managing Stress, Boosting Confidence, Physical Wellbeing, etc.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) – We offer courses to residents of South Gloucestershire who do not speak English as their first language but would like to improve their spoken English in order to integrate into community life.

Accredited Employability Courses – We offer accredited courses in IT User Skills, Health and Social Care and Office Skills.

If you would like further information regarding community learning please telephone or email us.

Extra support is offered to learners e.g. creche facilities are available for some activities.

Contact details

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Areas Served:	South Gloucestershire
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Cost information:	
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