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# Foreword by Dr Damian O’Kane

(Head of Education NWRC Magilligan)

I am pleased, on behalf of North West Regional College (NWRC), to introduce the prospectus for Magilligan which outlines the educational opportunities that are available to you.

You will see that we offer a range of courses that will provide you with the knowledge, skills and qualifications that will help you to gain employment or continue your studies when you leave Magilligan. All the qualifications we offer are nationally recognised and are identical to those that you could obtain if you were studying at any Further Education College in Northern Ireland.

All our courses are delivered by highly qualified and experienced NWRC staff, who are committed to supporting you to achieve your full potential. Your educational journey can start with us today – we are here to help.

If you think ‘I can’t do this’ – then think again. In the past year, over 1,000 qualifications have been awarded to Magilligan students, many of whom believed that it was not possible to achieve so much in such a short period of time.

Please take the time to read this booklet and if you are interested in any of the courses we provide just ask your Sentence Manager or Senior Officer on your landing, to contact Pauline in Education Administration and we will arrange for a NWRC staff member to speak with you.

I look forward to meeting with you when you enrol on a course and will take great pleasure when I see you graduate from NWRC @Magilligan during one of our presentation ceremonies.

Best Wishes,

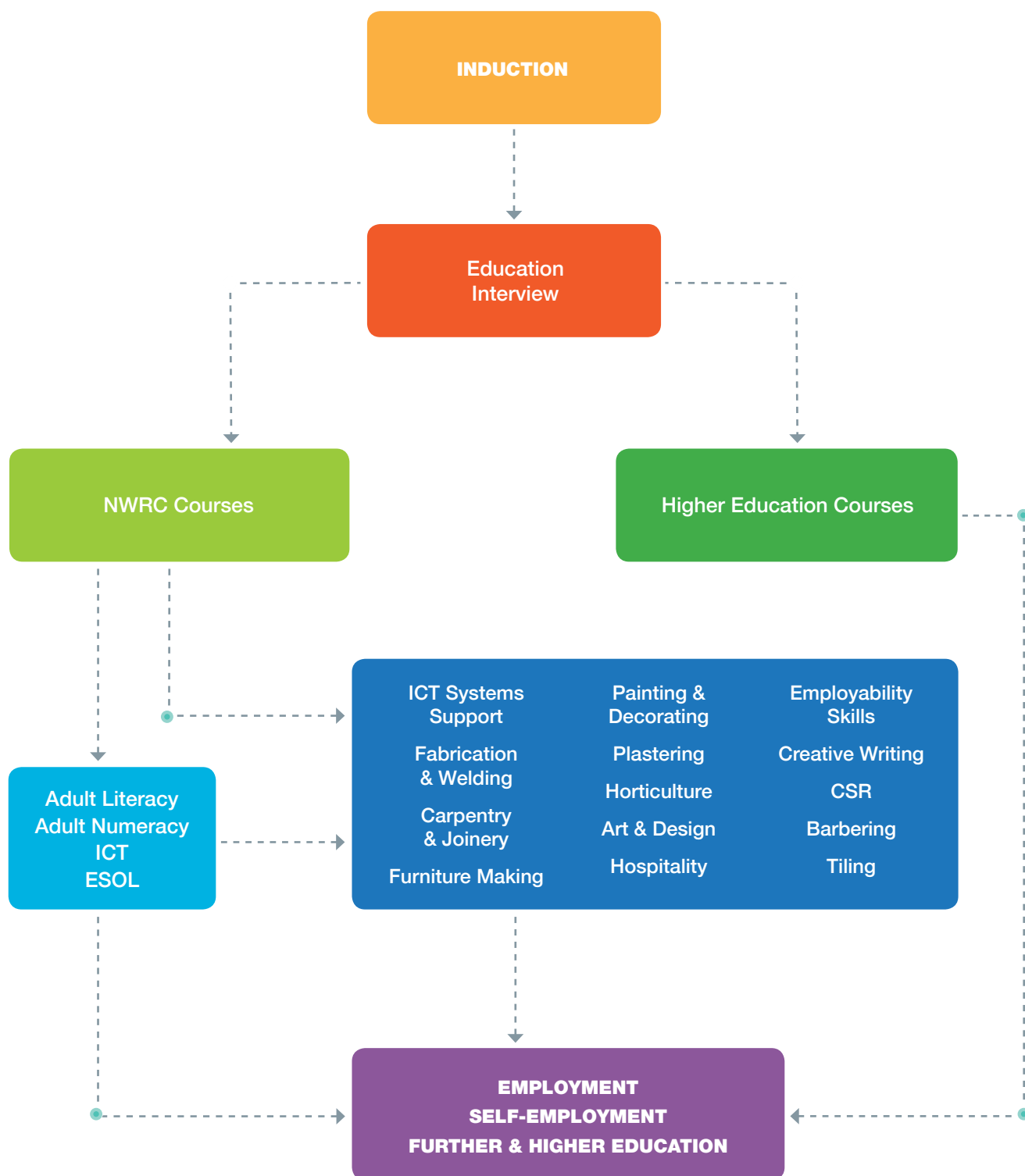
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# The Learning Journey



# What our Students Say

## What did you think of your time in education?



...At first I was a wee bit apprehensive. I wasn't really looking forward to it but since I came here, came to see what it's like, what the teachers are like, yeah, I'm quite enjoying it. I think if it hadn't been such a friendly atmosphere... then I wouldn't have stayed with it but yeah it's very friendly, very relaxed. I think the teachers do a lot to push you on. They help you, they explain things to you, which is good. I've done more, actually, in these classes than I did whenever I was in school so that's good. Whenever we were at school the teachers didn't take the time to explain stuff to you. In here they take a lot more time...it gives you confidence, and the more confidence you get the more you enjoy it, the more you do. So yeah, it's all good.

Since I have come down I have improved my English and Maths and writing as well – it's like a refresher course. I've got a young son myself you know and when he gets a bit older I'll be able to help him, be able to sit down and know what he's talking about... (S)

## How was school compared to education in Magilligan?



...I left school with no qualifications. Coming in here was a negative, but the education, I wouldn't have done that if I hadn't come to jail, so it has turned into a positive. It's not just the English and Maths they do in here. I'm also a Listener; I do the Samaritans, help prisoners, so I keep myself busy...

Education here is a completely different experience from school, you can just sit in peace and quiet and learn at your own level, your own pace. I can only give positives, it's really good. I've done my Level 2 in Maths and English and I've got my Level 2 in Computers. Level 2 is the equivalent of a GCSE Grade C and you need that level now to get any job at all...

I'd recommend all prisoners to take as many classes as they can, if you keep yourself busy, the time flies in. (K)

## What is education like for someone from the Travelling community?



I'll be honest, when I was going to school they found me a bit of a handful... When I was in class I was hyper-active and running round, always in trouble...when I was growing up school wasn't for me. Being Irish travellers we lived in caravans and education wasn't seen as for travellers. I've just come back into prison and I'm glad to be off the landing, I had nothing to do in the cell. I'm 34 now and I'm trying to get some qualifications for getting back out.

Being an Irish traveller I couldn't read and write or spell. I know it sounds stupid but that's the way it was. What education does is give you independence. I've come to education so that I can read a letter, write a letter back, read a card from the family. Now I don't have to ask my neighbour 'will you write me a letter', which I had to do for a long time, someone else knowing my business. Now I can do it for myself.

The teachers are really nice, they're polite and respectful. They sit down and if you're willing to learn, they're willing to give a bit of their time. Education in prison is really good but most prisoners don't want to gain education I think, or they are afraid of it...afraid of change - everybody's afraid of change aren't they? If you grow up getting your education, working and paying a mortgage that's ok, but if you grow up on the other side and you're poor and you're going out and using drugs and all that: and then to come in to prison and you have a family – you say to yourself enough of that, I want to be with my children like everyone else. It can be done and education is part of all that.

People can change themselves round, I know loads of people that done that. (B)

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: What do I get when I finish my course?

A: All courses are fully accredited by the North West Regional College (NWRC), therefore on successful completion of your course you will receive a certificate which details your achievement. The qualification you receive will be exactly the same as you would receive if you completed the course in any Further Education College in Northern Ireland.

## Q: Can I do more than one course?

A: Yes - we would encourage and support you to complete as many courses as possible during your time with us.

## Q: What qualifications do I need to get a place in a workshop?

A: All workshops require students to have a minimum of Entry Level 3 Literacy and Entry Level 3 Numeracy. These qualifications are offered by NWRC in Magilligan.

## Q: Will my certificates indicate that I completed the course in HMP Magilligan?

A: No. When you enrol on any of our courses you become a part-time student with NWRC. The certificate will show NWRC as your place of study.

## Q: If I complete education courses in Magilligan will it affect my Universal Credit, or other payments, when I am released?

A: Completing educational courses while in Magilligan will have absolutely no bearing on your entitlement to Universal Credit, or any other payments on release.

## Q: If I do an educational course will it improve my ACE score or chance of early release?

A: At the moment completing educational courses does not affect your ACE score. It will however, be taken into consideration for your regime, weekly reports, home leave and Parole Commissioner Reports.



# Courses We Offer



## Available Courses include:

- Introduction to
  - Adult Literacy
  - Adult Numeracy
  - ICT
- ICT Systems Support
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Furniture Making
- Fabrication and Welding
- Painting and Decorating
- Plastering
- Tiling
- Horticulture
- Art & Design
- Hospitality
- Employability Skills
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Creative Writing
- Construction Skills Register (CSR)
- Barbering









# Introduction to

## Adult Literacy, Numeracy and ICT



These courses will provide you with the skills you need for learning, work and life. They will help you to complete everyday tasks like writing letters, calculating money and sending e-mails.

Classes are generally small – no more than 8 to 10 students - and are taught in a friendly, relaxed environment. The tutors have years of teaching experience and are here to help you.

Depending upon your individual needs you can work towards Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 or Level 1 and Level 2 in Adult Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. Literacy and Numeracy courses last 54 hours.

In order to access other NWRC courses, you will normally need to have completed our Literacy and Numeracy courses (Entry Level 3 or above).

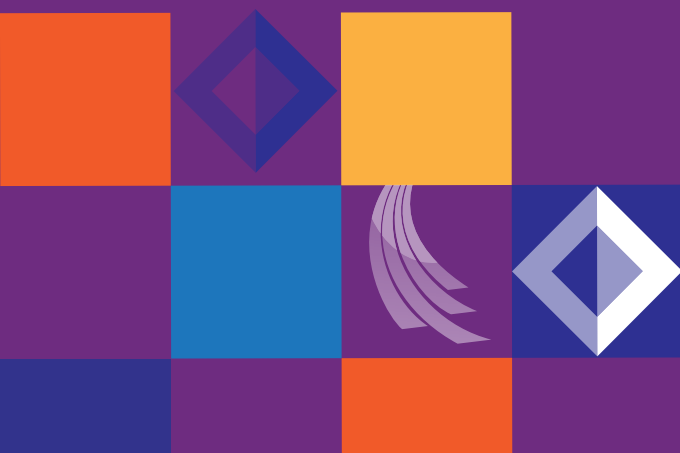
Each of the courses will also provide an opportunity for you to develop additional skills which include:

- **Thinking Skills** – you will learn how to solve problems, make decisions and plan tasks.
- **Teamwork** – as well as working on your own you will complete exercises or tasks in pairs or as part of a group.

The skills you learn in these three courses will be useful in many areas of your life. They can build confidence and self-esteem, help with employment opportunities and enable you to help your children with their homework.

### Qualifications

If you successfully complete your course you will receive a certificate, detailing your achievements, which is recognised by employers and Further Education Colleges.





# Adult Literacy

## English



## What we offer

- **Certificate in Adult Literacy (Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3)** (54 hours for each level)
- **Level 1 Certificate in Adult Literacy** (54 hours)
- **Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy** (54 hours)

Literacy classes will help you learn and improve a range of different skills. Depending on the level of study these will include:

- **Reading** - Learn to read for work or pleasure using different materials such as books, notes, letters and documents.
- **Writing** - Learn to write in full sentences with correct punctuation. Practice writing letters, filling in forms and writing short stories. The course will also give you an opportunity to practice spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- **Speaking and Listening** - Take part in group and one to one discussions. Learn to express your views and listen to others.

If you wish to undertake other NWRC vocational qualifications in Fabrication and Welding, Tiling, Painting and Decorating, Joinery, Furniture Making, Plastering or Horticulture, you will need to complete at least an Entry Level 3 qualification in Adult Literacy.

A Level 2 Certificate in Adult Literacy will enable you to apply for jobs that require applicants to have GCSE English (Grade C).

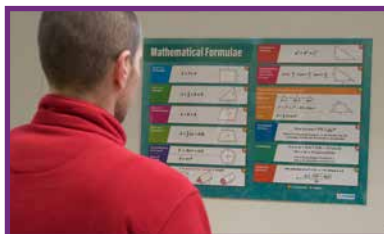






# Adult Numeracy

## Maths



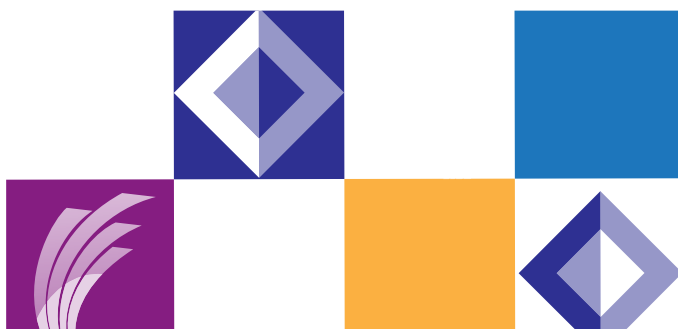
## What we offer

- **Certificate in Adult Numeracy (Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3) (54 hours for each level)**
- **Level 1 Certificate in Adult Numeracy (54 hours)**
- **Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy (54 hours)**

Entry level numeracy classes will help you acquire the basic skills required to carry out everyday tasks and apply these skills to practical, real life situations.

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A Level 2 Certificate in Adult Numeracy will enable you to apply for jobs that require applicants to have GCSE Mathematics (Grade C).





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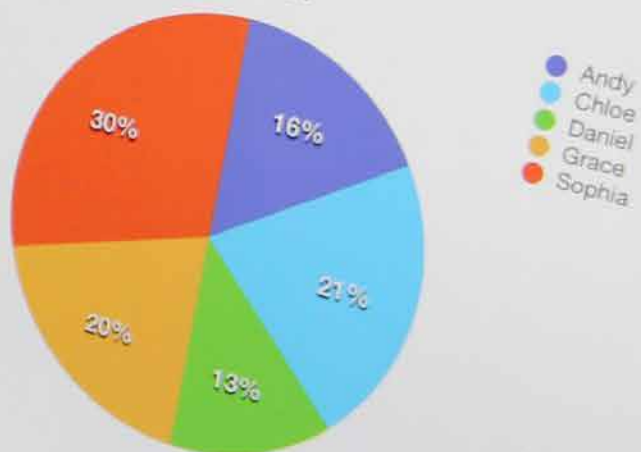
Column Chart



Fundraiser Results by Salesperson

PARTICIPANT	UNITS SOLD
Andy	11
Chloe	15
Daniel	9
Grace	14
Sophia	21

Pie Chart





# ICT

## Computing



### What we offer

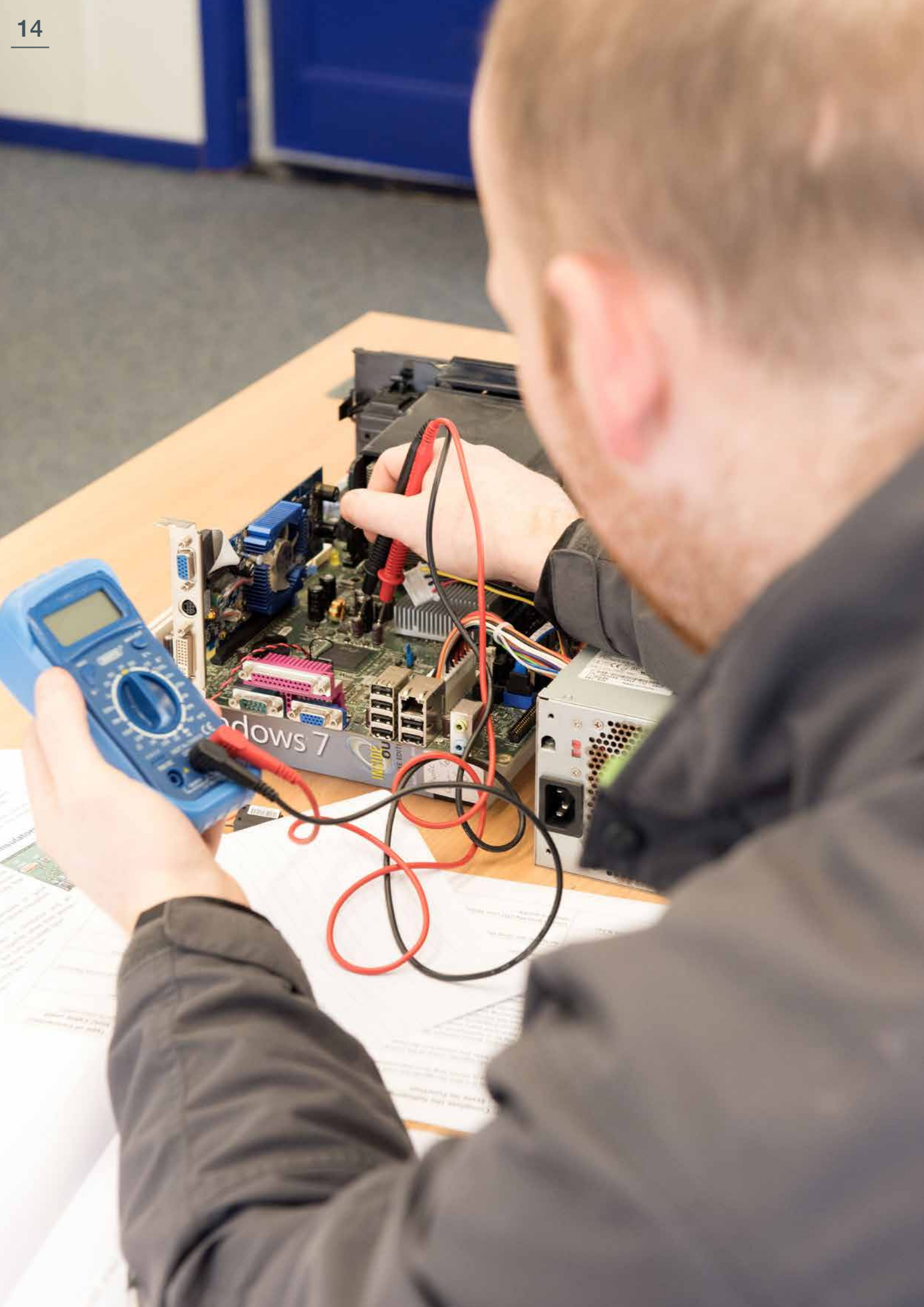
- **Entry Level 3 Award in Introduction to ICT Systems (30 hours)**
- **Certificate in ICT Level 1 (54 hours)**
- **Certificate in ICT Level 2 (54 hours)**

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ICT classes can improve your computing skills, beginning at quite a basic level and working through to more advanced levels. Some of the areas you will cover include:

- **Word Processing** - You will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to type and format text and incorporate images into your documents.
- **Spreadsheets** - This application allows you to complete numerical calculations using formula and create charts and graphs.
- **Presentations** - You will learn how to create presentations and deliver information in a professional and organised format.
- **Databases** - You will learn how to organise and store data on a computer.
- **Publisher** - This application will introduce you to basic concepts of Desktop Publishing. You will learn how to lay out text and images in order to create flyers, birthday cards and other print materials.





# ICT Systems Support



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award in ICT Systems Support - PC Maintenance** (125 hours)
- **Level 2 Certificate in ICT Systems Support** (250 hours)
- **Level 3 Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles** (100 hours)

### LEVEL 1

This course offers an introduction to a career in the ICT sector, working with clients in the office or home. It provides the basic knowledge for hardware maintenance and software installation as well as developing trouble shooting skills.

There are 2 units for this award. The first will enable you to identify the parts of a Personal Computer (PC), dismantle and assemble a PC, install software and maintain a PC. The second unit will teach various aspects of computer technology. This will help you develop the skills required for working in Customer Care and PC Support jobs.

### LEVEL 2

This qualification builds on the knowledge and skills gained in Level 1. The Level 2 Certificate is a Technical Certificate Qualification which can be used within the IT, Software and Telecoms Apprenticeship Framework. It is ideal for people wanting to work as a System Support Technician.

### LEVEL 3

The Level 3 Certificate will build on the skills learned in Level 2. The course will provide a basic range of knowledge and practice required to work in the IT industry in roles such as technical support technician or network cable installation. It can be used for the Technical Certificate within the Advanced IT, Software, Web and Telecoms Apprenticeship Framework. It is ideal for those looking to work as a Senior System Support Technician.





# Fabrication & Welding



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award in Introductory Welding Skills - Metal Inert Gas** (50 hours)
- **Level 2 Award in Welding Skills - Metal Inert Gas** (100 hours)

The above awards make up one full-time course. From this students can progress to study:

- **Level 1 Award in Introductory Welding Skills - Manual Metal Arc** (50 hours)
- **Level 2 Award in Welding Skills - Manual Metal Arc - MMA Welding** (100 hours)
- **Level 1 Award in Introductory Welding Skills - Tungsten Inert Gas** (50 hours)
- **Level 2 Award in Welding Skills - Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) Welding** (100 hours)
- **Level 1 Award in Introductory Welding Skills - Oxy Acetylene Welding** (50 hours)
- **Level 2 Award in Welding Skills - Oxy Acetylene Welding** (100 hours)

You will develop the skills and knowledge required to enable you to make a variety of metal items using welding, fabrication, metal bending and joining techniques.

These courses will give you the opportunity to get qualifications that will enable you, with experience, to gain employment in the engineering, shipbuilding and renewable energy industries.









# Carpentry & Joinery



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Basic Construction Skills - Carpentry and Joinery** (90 / 150 hours)
- **Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery** (400 hours)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry and Joinery** (450 hours)

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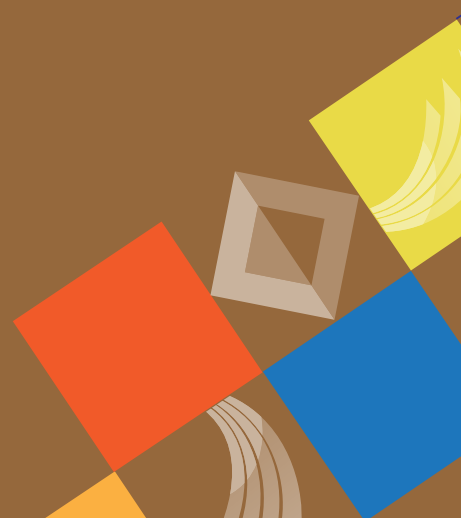
The Joinery workshop will teach you joinery skills in a real-life working environment using the appropriate tools of the trade.

Skills you will develop include:

- Planning and preparation
- Basic joinery techniques
- Constructing common joints
- Practical skills (e.g. fitting skirting boards, doors, wooden floors)

You will also learn to work with others and develop problem solving skills and techniques.

The skills and knowledge you develop may help you into employment in the Construction Industry or provide you with an opportunity to continue your education at a Further Education College.







# Furniture Making



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Construction Skills - Furniture Making** (200 hours)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Wood Machinery / Furniture Making** (600 hours)

You will receive an introduction to the techniques and skills which are essential for cabinet and furniture making.

These may include:

- Basic joinery techniques
- Bench hand skills
- Basic joint skills

By the end of the course you will also have an understanding of the machinery and tools needed for furniture making, workshop applications and an awareness of Health and Safety in a workshop environment.

Having this qualification may assist you to gain employment within the construction industry or to further your studies at a Further Education College.





# Painting & Decorating



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Basic Construction Skills - Painting and Decorating** (90/150 hours)
- **Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating** (400 hours)
- **Level 2 Certificate in Preparation and Application of Paint Systems** (100 hours)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating** (445 hours)

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This workshop will teach you painting and decorating skills in a real-life environment.

You will learn about:

- Health & Safety
- Basic painting and decorating techniques
- Brush skills
- Wallpapering
- How to prepare and provide costed estimates for when employed as a painter / decorator

You will develop the knowledge and skills to enable you to become self-employed. You could begin by doing work for friends and family, then expand your business to include larger projects.

This course could be the first step into an apprenticeship or Further Education College placement. Prospective employers will generally expect employees to have obtained a Level 2 qualification prior to the commencement of employment.









# Plastering



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Basic Construction - Plastering** (90/150 hours)
- **Level 1 Diploma in Plastering** (420 hours)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Plastering** (530 hours)

Being a student in the plastering workshop will enable you to acquire practical plastering skills.

These will include:

- The preparation of a wall to receive plaster
- Hand skills
- Selecting and mixing materials
- Health & Safety

By the end of the course you will be able to confidently complete any plastering jobs required at home. The skills you have learned and the qualifications you have gained will increase your chances of gaining full-time employment or to continue your studies at a Further Education College.





# Tiling



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Basic Construction Skills - Tiling** (90/150 hours)
- **Level 1 Diploma in Tiling** (400 hours)
- **Level 2 Diploma in Tiling** (450 hours)

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In the floor and wall tiling workshop you will have the opportunity to learn skills which will be helpful for future employment within the building industry and for DIY at home.

These skills include:

- Measuring and setting out an area for tiling
- Preparing surfaces
- Selecting materials
- Basic floor and wall tiling techniques (cutting, laying and grouting)
- Health & Safety

By the end of the course you will have acquired skills and qualifications which will be attractive to future employers. Alternatively you may wish to further your studies at a Further Education College (e.g. Level 2 Apprenticeship).









# Horticulture



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate / Diploma in Horticulture** (60 / 180 / 370 hours)
- **Level 2 Award / Certificate/ Diploma in Horticulture** (60 / 180 / 370 hours)

Students completing Levels 1 and 2 will have the skills needed to become a self-employed gardener. There is a big demand for personal gardeners and you will have learned what to do, when to do it and why you are doing it.

LEVEL 1 is 95% practical with minimal paperwork and you will learn about:

- Preparing the ground for planting
- Designing and planting a garden
- Propagation and growing, materials and processes

LEVEL 2 you will learn about:

- Advanced propagation and pruning
- Designing show gardens
- Construction projects and the safe use of mechanical equipment







# Art & Design



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award in Creative Techniques** (40 hours)
- **Level 1 Certificate in Creative Techniques** (150 hours)
- **Level 2 Certificate in Creative Techniques** (190 hours)
- **GCSE Art & Design** (480 hours - over 2 years)

Students are given the opportunity to work in a broad range of media, pencil, pastel, paints, mixed media, printmaking etc.

The classes will include group and individual projects providing students the opportunity to develop their ideas through the investigation of various themes.

Art & Design develops valuable skills which can feed into many other practical areas such as Creative Writing, construction activities and project working. In addition, Art & Design can have a positive impact on mental health and well-being.

**Employment Prospects** include working as a:

- Designer
- Artist
- Tattooist
- Illustrator





# Hospitality



## What we offer

- **Level 2 Award - Safety in Catering** (10 hours)
- **Level 2 Award - the Principles of Food Nutrition** (10 hours)

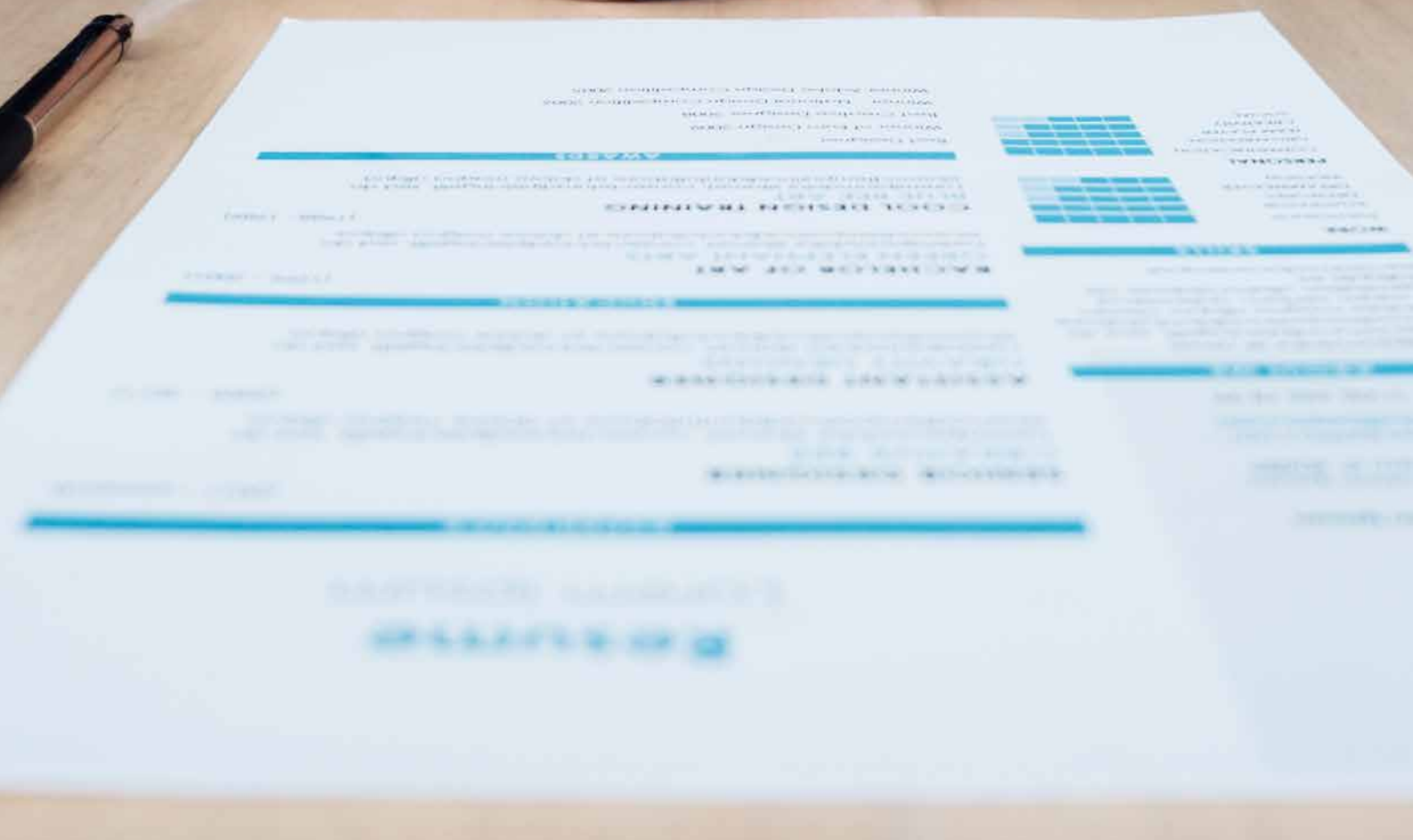
These courses will provide you with knowledge of basic food safety practices relevant to the catering industry, safe preparation of food and the handling and cooking of food.

The Safety in Catering qualification is a legal requirement for anyone working in the food industry i.e. restaurants, cafés, supermarkets, butchers, takeaways, hotels and bars which serve food. This course is also very useful for anyone who cooks for themselves and their family. The Certificate allows for progression to employment in the food industry or to Further Education colleges (e.g. Level 3 courses).

This qualification is a compulsory requirement for all those who wish to undertake orderly duties in Magilligan.







# Employability Skills



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award / Certificate in Employability Skills** (60 / 150 hours)
- **Level 2 Award / Certificate in Employability Skills** (50 / 150 hours)

There is increasing demand, from employers, for students to have completed training and preparation that focuses on the development of employability skills. Today's workforce are required to be adaptable, flexible and willing to learn.

Throughout these courses we will help you develop a number of skills which will prepare you for the workplace. These will include:

- Interpersonal skills - speaking and listening
- An understanding of relationships in the workplace and employer expectations
- Teamwork
- Problem-solving

The successful completion of the Level 1 and Level 2 Employability Skills course will demonstrate work-readiness and a willingness to learn to potential employers.







# ESOL

## English for Speakers of Other Languages



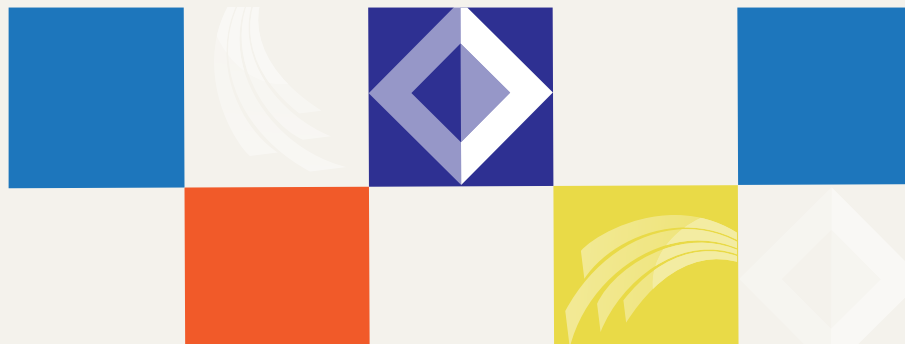
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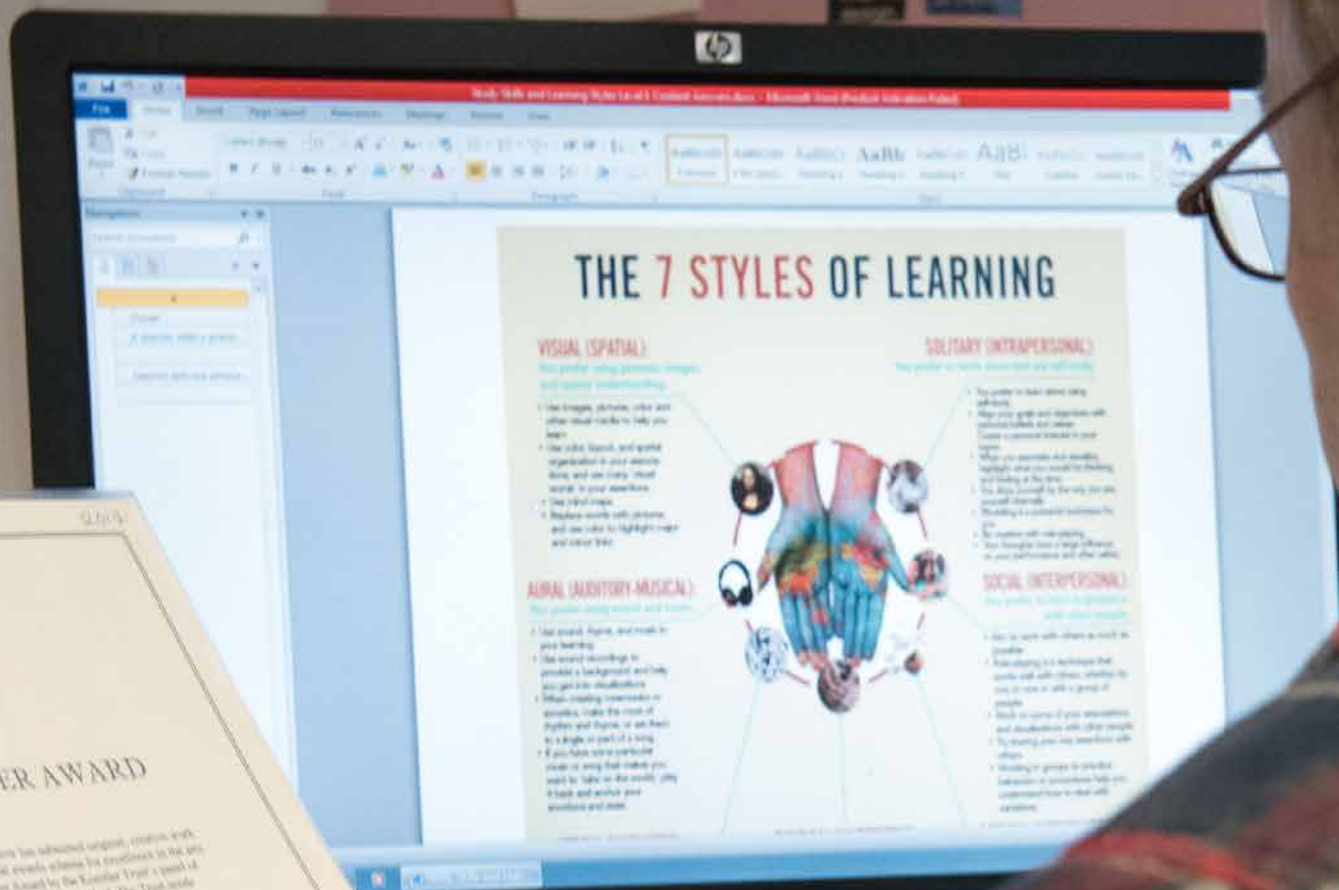
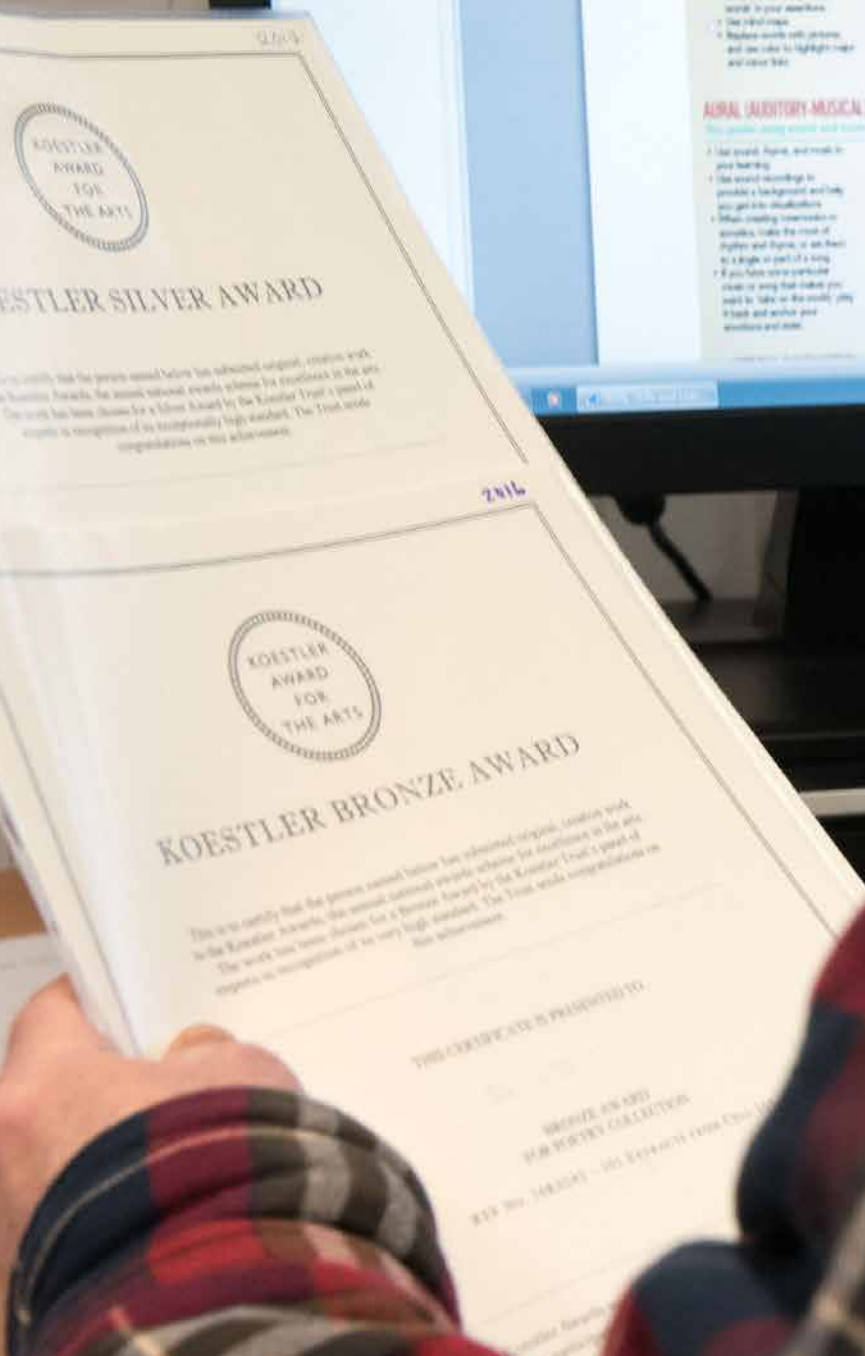
- **Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3 Award / Certificate** (80 / 250 / 225 hours)
- **Level 1 Award / Certificate** (75 / 200 hours)
- **Level 2 Award / Certificate** (75 / 220 hours)

*ESOL qualifications are offered from Entry Level 1 to Level 2. This means you will be able to start at the right level for you. Single mode awards and certificates in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening are also available.*

If English is not your main language, these courses can help you improve your understanding and practical use of the English language.

The ESOL courses are particularly suitable if you are taking up residence in Northern Ireland as they will help you with your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.





# Creative Writing



## What we offer

- **Level 1 Award in Creative Writing** (60 hours)
- **Level 2 Award in Creative Writing** (60-80 hours)
- **Level 3 Award in Creative Writing** (80 hours)

Writing doesn't need to be frightening or intimidating. Creative Writing is fun, therapeutic and potentially a profitable hobby.

This Creative Writing course is a fun and guided way for you to learn how to transfer your thoughts and stories to paper. It will enable you to become aware of your writing style, improve your writing skills and be self reflective.

During the course you will receive:

- Practical advice enabling you to transfer thoughts into words and get you writing on a daily basis
- Expert tuition from a Creative Writing professional
- Tips and skills which will assist you to overcome any barriers to writing







# CSR

## Construction Skills Register



### What we offer

- **An 8 hour course that provides you with an opportunity to obtain an CSR card**  
*(subject to performance on the course)*

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### What is CSR?

The Construction Skills Register (CSR) is a register of construction workers who have completed the industry approved CSR Health & Safety training course and assessment. In order to work in a construction site within the UK, workers must be in possession of a valid CSR card.

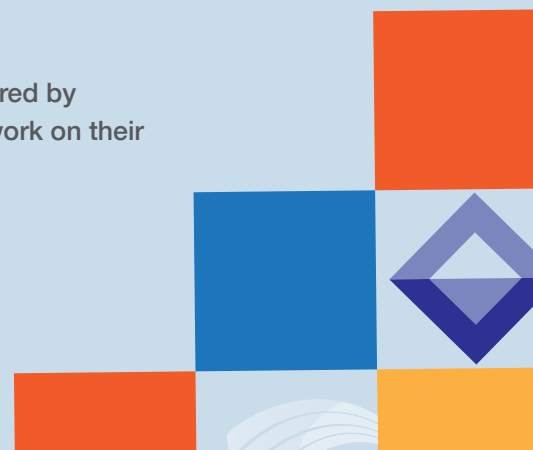
The aims of the CSR registration scheme are to:

- Raise standards of Health & Safety
- Provide recognition of skills, experience and qualifications attained
- Reduce risks and accidents in the industry

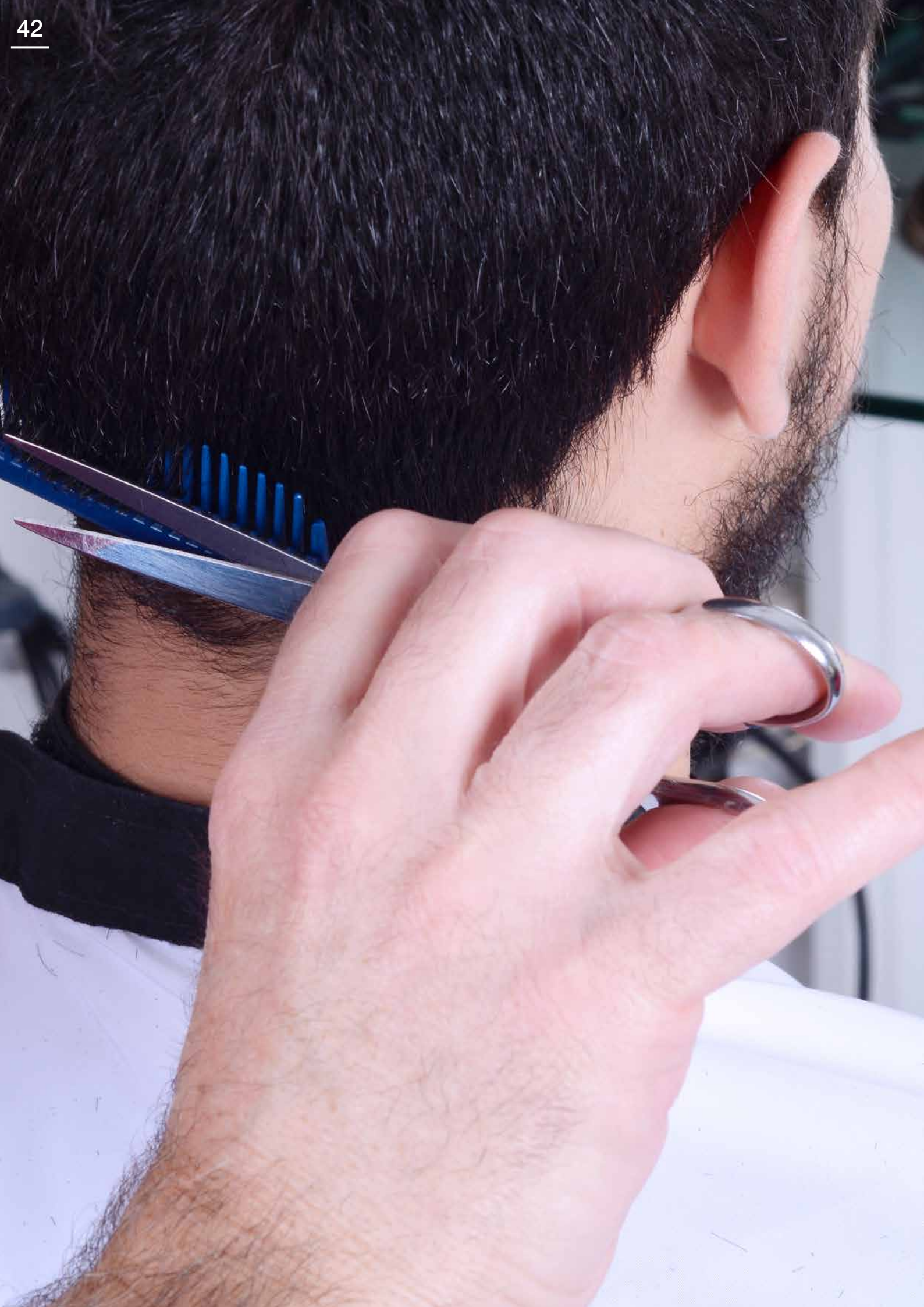
This is carried out by ensuring that all construction workers undertake Health & Safety training every 4 years.

### How will having a CSR card help me?

- It demonstrates that you have the skills, competence and qualifications to work in a construction environment
- It improves your Health & Safety awareness
- It enhances your employment prospects - CSR cards are required by contractors, clients and government departments in order to work on their construction sites.









# Barbering



## What we offer

- **Level 2 Certificate in Barbering** (176 hours)

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This course will prepare you to work as a junior barber in the hairdressing industry.

This course will cover units which include:

- Working in the industry
- Health & Safety
- Shampoo and condition the hair and scalp
- Styling men's hair
- Cutting men's hair

On completion of the course you will have acquired the skills and qualifications which will be attractive to employers. You may also wish to continue your studies at a Further Education College with a view to setting up your own Barbering Shop.









## For more information on any of our courses

- Ask your Class Officer to contact **Pauline** on 87591 or **Paul** on 87504 to discuss the start of your educational journey
- Take the opportunity to speak with **Jillian** (Pastoral Support Teacher) when she visits your accommodation block
- Speak to **Paul Wilson** at the Education Induction Talk or **Alison McCaughan** at the Education Interviews that you will be invited to attend





