

Lancashire Adult Learning; an overview

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Lancashire Adult Learning

- Lancashire County Council's adult education service
- Located in the north west of England
- Three main college centres but most courses take place in over 400 community venues and in workplaces across the whole of Lancashire
- Over 30,000 learners per year
- Over 500 staff
- Income from Skills Funding Agency (public funding), fees for courses (both full-cost and subsidised), commercial activity, and projects

Range of Provision

- **Targeted programme of part-time adult learning;** family learning, personal & social development, employability, community development, independent living skills, etc, delivered in partnership with community organisations, schools and other agencies
- **Public programme of part-time adult learning;** including courses in languages, humanities, arts, ICT, leisure, health & well-being.

Range of Provision

- **Work-based training** ; National Vocational Qualifications and Apprenticeships in areas including teaching support, care, customer services, business administration, ICT
- **Skills for Life**; literacy, numeracy and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)
- **Learndirect**; e-learning
- **Short residential courses**
- **Teacher training courses**

Target Groups

- People from disadvantaged groups; including long term unemployed, people with learning disabilities, people living in deprived areas, people with skills for life needs (including language), people with mental ill health, lone parents, homeless people
- People from ethnic minority groups
- Families
- Older learners
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Carers
- People with vocational skills at below level 2 (UK)

English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)

- Targeted at both settled community and migrant communities
- Broad range of courses from Entry to Level 2 (UK) located predominantly in community venues
- Accredited provision leading to national ESOL qualifications

Modern Foreign Languages

- Part-time courses in many European languages from A1 to C1+
- Predominantly non-accredited weekly courses
- Residential language courses
- Provision in some community languages; e.g. Urdu, Polish
- Business languages provision

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