



Adult Learning Opportunities

- This is a directory of agencies that provide Adult Education provision in schools across Wirral.
- The idea of the directory is to provide you with a resource to refer to if you are either providing courses for your parents / carers and adults of the local vicinity, or thinking of doing so
- The directory contains a brief summary of the type of provision that the various agencies offer, together with names and contact numbers.
- Please use the directory as a menu for any provision you might want to offer or develop in your school.
- If you wish to develop or offer any of the provision outlined in the directory your first contact should be the agency and named individual(s). If however, you have any queries about any adult education you are currently providing and need to speak to someone within the Authority please phone:

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| Course title | FAMILY LEARNING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Curriculum area | Family Learning | Name of Trainer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Target group / entry guidelines | This provision is available through schools for families from the most disadvantaged areas of Wirral. It is aimed at adults who need to improve their basic skills or with English as a second language. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aims and objectives | <p>All family programmes encourage family members to learn together. They promote learning together as a family, but also learning within the family. They should aim to allow adults and children to pursue further learning. The 'inter-generational' aspect of family programmes is important: the key principle is that children and adults learn together.</p> <p>Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy Programmes Programmes in this category have three main aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the literacy, language and numeracy of parents/carers • To improve the ability of parents/carers to help children • To help children acquire literacy, language and numeracy skills <p>Family Learning Programmes Programmes in this category aim to get adults and children learning as or within a family, or help parents/carers learn how to support their children's learning. They have two main aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop the skills or knowledge of the adult and child • To help parents/carers to be able to support their children's learning and development more actively and with greater confidence. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Venue | Schools or children's centres | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dates and times | Date: TBA | Time: TBA - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duration | From 2 hrs to 72 hrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maximum number of places | Minimum number of adults is 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Qualification and accreditation information | Local accreditation or National test in literacy and numeracy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| To book a place on this training or for further information | Ann Kotwal or Claire Hogan annkotwal@wirral.gov.uk clairehogan@wirral.gov.uk | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| Course title | LIFELONG LEARNING | |
| Curriculum area | School-based Courses for Adults | Name of Trainer |
| Target group / entry guidelines | <p>This provision is available to schools as a means of meeting the identified needs of parents and family groups. The target group is parents and carers of children in the school and (where appropriate) local adults. Courses generally run for 2 hours a week for 5 or 10 weeks. Specific needs and details will be negotiated with individual schools.</p> <p>Criteria for supply of provision – (e.g. funding, targeting etc)</p> <p>Certain groups and areas of Wirral have priority needs that the Lifelong Learning Service targets. We aim to offer opportunities as a rolling programme of courses.</p> | |
| Aims and objectives | <p>Wirral Lifelong Learning Service offers schools a range of courses and subjects (see over). The aim of this provision is to encourage parents and other adults to participate in education programmes locally. These courses are offered at Introductory Level 1 and are specifically aimed at the beginner. The intention is to provide a relaxed, informal and friendly learning environment where adults are supported and encouraged to succeed. The provision can be used to support Parent Groups, identify subjects of interest, gain basic qualifications, promote individual progression and development, support their children's learning, and encourage and promote learning as a lifelong activity.</p> | |
| Programme / course details | <p>Course tuition is FREE to adults on benefits. Typical costs for courses are £40 for a 10-week term, including a cost for accreditation fees. This will be discussed with schools on an individual basis.</p> <p>Any Costs to (B) The Host School: None.</p> <p>Any specific resources required to provide the courses? For most courses the use of a classroom or parents room is required. For some courses IT equipment will be needed. In some instances IT equipment can be provided in the form of Laptop computers. Wirral Lifelong Learning Service will be happy to advise on how to meet the needs of each school.</p> <p>Type of Provision On Offer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology • Introduction to Computers • Email & Internet • Family History with IT • Improve your Maths • Improve your English • Beauty • Pamper yourself • Healthy Eating • Family Languages. <p>Other courses are being developed or can be customised to meet specific needs</p> | |
| Venue | Schools or children's centres | |
| Dates and times | Date: TBA | Time: TBA - |
| Duration | From 2 hrs a week for 5 or 10 weeks | |
| Maximum number of places | Minimum number of adults is 10 | |
| Qualification and accreditation information | Local accreditation or National test in literacy and numeracy, or other relevant qualifications | |
| To book a place on this training or for further information | <p>Mark Whitely - telephone 630 5069 / 630 3486 Email: markwhiteley@wirral.gov.uk</p> | |



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| Course title | WIRRAL METROPOLITAN COLLEGE | |
| Curriculum area | Community Education | |
| Target group / entry guidelines | <p>Adults aged between 16 and 90</p> <p>Criteria for supply of provision – (e.g. funding, targeting etc) Groups must have 10 - 12 learners.</p> | |
| Aims and objectives | <p>The College has a new mission statement, focusing on skills and employability. Courses for adults learning in community settings will primarily focus on essential skills and qualifications leading to a full level 2 qualification.</p> <p>Our mission: 'We will enhance the economic prosperity of young people, adults and employers through high quality, work-related education and training'.</p> | |
| Programme / course details | <p>Any cost to (A) Individual learner Payable by invoice and direct debit, if the learner is not eligible for fee remission.</p> <p>Any Cost to (B) host school Rent may be paid to schools for use of their facilities.</p> <p>Specific resources required: Negotiable with schools on an individual basis.</p> <p>Indicative example of the type of provision that Wirral Met's Community Education Unit offers:</p> | |
| | <p><u>School</u></p> <p>Bebington Sports College</p> <p>Pensby Sports College</p> <p>St Joseph's RC Primary School</p> <p>Egremont Primary School</p> <p>St Laurence's RC Primary School</p> | <p><u>Curriculum Subject</u></p> <p>ABC Level 1 Cake Decorating French Levels 1 and 2 Spanish Level 1 and 2 Italian Level 1 and 2 Spanish Level 1 and 2 Japanese Level 1</p> <p>Home Entertaining Cookery British Sign Language Level 2 French Level 1 and 2 Spanish Level 1 and 2 Introduction to Desktop Publishing British Sign Language Level 2</p> <p>OCR CLAIT – single units – Word Processing OCR CLAIT- Single units - PowerPoint</p> <p>OCR CLAIT – Single units – Word Processing</p> |
| Venue | <p>Wirral Metropolitan College Conway Park, Europa Boulevard, Birkenhead CH41 4NT</p> | |
| Qualification and accreditation information | <p>The courses are accredited through NOCN, ABC and OCR</p> | |
| To book a place on this training or for further information | <p>Telephone Faith Everest on 0151 551 7454 Email: faith.everest@wmc.ac.uk</p> | |



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| Course title | Skills for Life – English, Maths and ICT | |
| Curriculum area | Essential Skills | Name of Trainer Wirral Metropolitan College |
| Target group / entry guidelines | Adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanting to achieve National Qualifications in English, Maths and ICT. • Needing to brush up Literacy/Numeracy/ICT skills • Without GCSE English / Maths grade C and above • Wanting to update English, Maths and ICT qualifications | |
| Aims and objectives | The aim of the courses are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise the basic skills level of post-16 learners in line with national objectives • Reach under represented groups by direct negotiation with learners and schools • Provide opportunity for learners to gain nationally recognised qualifications in English, Maths and ICT • Provide progression opportunities for Family Learners | |
| Programme / course details | Free | |
| Venue | Wirral Metropolitan College - Conway Park, St James Centre – North Birkenhead, School House - Liscard, Millennium Centre - Leasowe, Beechwood Library, Rock Ferry Library, Moreton Library | |
| Dates and times | Date: throughout week | Time: daytime and evening provision - |
| Duration | 10 - 36 weeks. | |
| Maximum number of places | 8-12 per class | |
| Qualification and accreditation information | City & Guilds National Qualifications Literacy / Numeracy Entry, Levels 1 and 2. City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in ICT Skills for Life | |
| To book a place on this training | Phone 551 7777 to arrange assessment. | |
| For further information | Telephone: Pat Little on 0151 551 7035 Email: pat.little@wmc.ac.uk | |

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| Course title | BIRKENHEAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE |
| Curriculum area | Outreach |
| Target group / entry guidelines | All adults. |
| Aims and objectives | <p>Birkenhead Sixth Form College provides Outreach courses at more than 20 Centres across Wirral from Monday to Friday morning and afternoon sessions. Tailor made courses for employers at their premises can be arranged</p> <p>Criteria for supply of provision – (e.g. funding, targeting etc.) Courses are provided in conjunction with community desires and needs.</p> |
| Programme / course details | <p>Costs Students will be asked to pay for tuition and accreditation fees. However, free places may be available for those on certain benefits. Current courses on offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages • Art • English/Maths • Media • Psychology/Counselling • Computers / Bookkeeping • Yoga • Alternative Therapies <p>If your group or employees have specific training or professional development needs courses may be tailored to your requirements. To discuss this please contact the Outreach Team.</p> |
| Qualification and accreditation information | Our courses can lead to external certificates (including GCSE and A Level and Full Level 2) or can be leisure based. |
| For further information, please contact | <p>The Outreach Team Birkenhead Sixth Form College Park Road West, Prenton, Wirral CH43 8SQ Tel: 0151 651 3718 Email: outreach@bsfc.ac.uk</p> |
| Course title | BIRKENHEAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE |
| Curriculum area | Adult and Community Education |
| Target group / entry guidelines | All adults. |
| Aims and objectives | Birkenhead Sixth Form College provides Adult and Community Education courses at the college on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. |



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| | <p>Criteria for supply of provision – (e.g. funding, targeting etc.) Courses are provided in conjunction with community desires and needs.</p> |
| <p>Programme / course details</p> | <p>Costs Students will be asked to pay for tuition and accreditation fees. However, free places may be available for those on certain benefits. Learners over 65 years of age receive at 25% discount on tuition fees.</p> <p>Current courses on offer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Languages• Art / Music• English/Maths• Astronomy/Science• History / Local History• Gardening/Horticulture• Psychology/Counselling• Computers / Bookkeeping• ILEX / Law• Yoga / Dance• Alternative Therapies <p>If your group or employees have specific training or professional development needs courses may be tailored to your requirements. To discuss this please contact the ACE Team.</p> |
| <p>Qualification and accreditation information</p> | <p>Our ACE courses can lead to external certificates (including GCSE and A Level) or can be leisure based.</p> |
| <p>For further information, please contact</p> | <p>The ACE Team Birkenhead Sixth Form College Park Road West, Prenton, Wirral CH43 8SQ Tel: 0151 651 3718 Email: ace@bsfc.ac.uk</p> |



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| Course title | WIRRAL LIBRARY SERVICE | |
| Curriculum area | IT course in Libraries | |
| Target group / entry guidelines | All adults | |
| Aims and objectives | A wide range of ICT training opportunities are provided in 14 libraries through partnerships with Wirral Metropolitan College, Birkenhead Sixth Form College, and Connect Internet Solutions. There are currently 96 tutor led courses on offer (Sept 06). These range from introductory courses for complete beginners to digital imaging and European Computer Driving Licence for more advanced students. Details from any Wirral library. | |
| Programme / course details | <p>Any cost to (A) Individual learner Yes – but remission for those in receipt of means tested benefit or 65+.</p> <p>Any Cost to (B) host school None</p> <p>Specific resources required: None</p> | |
| | <p>Libraries where provision is available</p> <p>Bebington Central Beechwood Birkenhead Central Bromborough Eastham Greasby Heswall Higher Bebington Irby Moreton Pensby Prenton Ridgeway Rock Ferry Seacombe Wallasey Central West Kirby</p> | <p>Types of courses currently provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLAIT • Desk Top Publishing • Digital Imaging • E-Citizen • ECDL • English with Computers • Free software • Getting Started with IT • How the Internet can change your life • Improve Your Maths and English • Inside your computer • Introduction to Computers • Introduction to Internet • Introduction to Photography |
| Qualification and accreditation information | OCR and European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) | |
| For further information, please contact | <p>Peter Aspinall on 0151 643 7228 Bebington Central Library, Civic Way, Bebington CH63 7PN Email: peteraspinall@wirral-libraries.net</p> | |



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| Course title | Family Works | |
| Curriculum area | Social and emotional development | Name of Trainer Jenni Rochfort Benitta Hall |
| Target group / entry guidelines | The target group is all parents of Foundation Two children. Although in some circumstances the course is offered to parents of children in years one and two. The course is also available as a secondary transition programme and is targeted at year six pupils and their parents. | |
| Aims and objectives | <p>A. To work in partnership with parents in a proactive way to promote the social, emotional and behavioural skills that children need to enjoy and achieve in school.</p> <p>B. To work in partnership with parents to develop consistent behaviour management techniques and strategies between home and school.</p> <p>C. To develop strong relationships between school staff and parents</p> <p>D. To improve behaviour and learning in schools.</p> | |
| Programme / course details | <p>Parents are invited into schools for an initial taster session where children and their parents are given the opportunity to participate in ten fun activities; each activity is designed to contribute towards the development of one social, emotional and behavioural skill. The introductory session is followed by a series of nine workshops. The workshops focus, in more detail on the development of core social, emotional and behavioural skills. The skills covered are: Self-esteem, Attention, Motivation, Co-operation and collaboration, Understanding and Managing Feelings, Empathy, Sociability.</p> <p>All of the workshops focus on the development of adult skills to promote social and emotional development of children and provide an opportunity for parents to test out new skills in a supportive environment. A theatre company contributes to one of the sessions ensuring parents are provided with the opportunity to embed theory into practice.</p> | |
| Venue | EIC Primary Schools BIP Secondary Schools | |
| Dates and times | Date: Family Works runs throughout the year. Currently fourteen programmes run per term. All accredited programmes run from 9.00 a.m. until 12 noon. | Time: Dependant on individual schools |
| Duration | Accredited programmes – ten weeks Non accredited programmes – nine weeks | |
| Maximum number of places | 25 | |
| Qualification and accreditation information | Family Works is accredited through the Merseyside Open College Network at Level one | |
| To book a place on this training | Places are offered to all of parents of Foundation Two children in selected primary schools. | |
| For further information, please contact | Alison Grimshaw - Behaviour Support Manager SESS, Solar Campus, Leasowe Road, Wallasey. CH45 8RE Tel: 0151 637 6165 email: alisongrimshaw@wirral.gov.uk | |