



**New Directions College**

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# Course Guide

## 2021/2022



**Reading's Adult Community College**

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# Introduction



## Welcome to New Directions College

New Directions College is owned and managed by Reading Borough Council. We are funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and receive a grant each year to support thousands of adults access education. We are regulated by Ofsted and have a Good Ofsted rating. In 2021-22 we are celebrating our 63rd year of delivering adult learning in Reading.

Our course offer is vibrant and diverse. We aim to offer skills provision that meets the needs of our local communities and businesses. We are always growing and developing our course offer, so please check out our website for the most up to date course offering. Our exciting creative arts and crafts courses are perfect for those looking to learn

something different and we are thrilled to share some brand-new courses in 2021-22.

In addition to our direct delivery, New Directions College also commission additional community learning programmes with a range of partners that include Reading Libraries, Brighter Futures for Children, and Reading Sport and Leisure. We also subcontract with a range of local providers such as Autism Berkshire, Berkshire School of English, Reading Community Learning Centre, Rosetta Life and Food 4 Families to deliver bespoke community learning programmes that reach and meet local need.

Please visit our website for more information on these courses.

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**Our course offer grows every month.  
Please visit our website for the most up to date offer.**



# REASONS TO CHOOSE NEW DIRECTIONS COLLEGE

For more information, please visit:  
**[www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk](http://www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk)**

- 1** A Reading based Adult & Community College, offering a variety of courses, flexible timetables, classroom delivery and online learning.
- 2** Meet new people, make friends and learn with other adults in a professional and relaxed environment.
- 3** Learn at a college where teaching adults is our specialism and you receive the support to reach your full potential.
- 4** The majority of our courses are free to study or are discounted depending on your personal circumstances.
- 5** We offer a range of support that includes learning and financial support, help with the cost of childcare and access to ICT kit and equipment.

# Creative Arts & Crafts

## Drawing and Painting



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Drawing and Painting for all</b>						
14/09/2021 – 23/11/2021	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Tues	£160	ARNLSR211
12/01/2022 – 23/03/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Tues	£160	ARNLSR212
20/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Tues	£160	ARNLSR213
<b>Cartooning</b>						
14/09/2021 – 23/11/2021	18:00 - 20:00	10	Online/ND South	Tues	£140	ARNLSR23
18/01/2022 – 29/03/2022	18:00 - 20:00	10	Online/ND South	Tues	£140	ARNLSR231
26/04/2022 – 05/07/2022	18:00 - 20:00	10	Online/ND South	Tues	£140	ARNLSR232
<b>Introduction to Children's Book Illustrations</b>						
16/09/2021 – 23/11/2021	18:00 - 20:00	10	Online/ND South	Thur	£160	AEMESR431
14/01/2022 – 25/03/2022	18:00 - 20:00	9	Online/ND South	Thur	£158	AEMESR432
22/04/2022 – 24/06/2022	18:00 - 20:00	9	Online/ND South	Thur	£158	AEMESR433
<b>Thread Painting</b>						
14/09/2021 – 16/11/2021	13:00 - 15:00	8	ND South	Tues	£156	SEMESR221
<b>Watercolour Painting</b>						
15/09/2021 – 10/11/2021	10:00 - 12:00	10	Emmer Green	Wed	£160	AEMEESG311
13/01/2022 – 24/03/2022	10:00 - 12:00	9	Emmer Green	Wed	£160	AEMEESG312
21/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	Emmer Green	Wed	£160	AEMEESG313





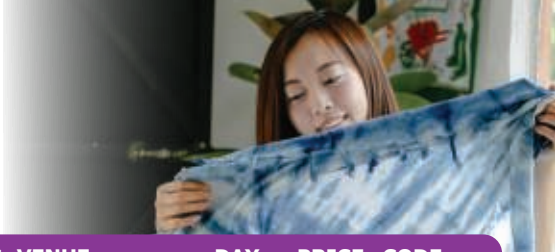
# Ceramics



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Ceramics for all (day)</b>						
23/09/2021 – 02/12/2021	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Thu	£160	CENLSR411
13/01/2022 – 31/03/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Thu	£160	CENLSR412
28/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	9	ND South	Thu	£158	CENLSR413
<b>Ceramics for all (evening)</b>						
21/09/2021 – 30/11/2021	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Tue	£230	CENLSR231
22/09/2021 – 01/12/2021	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Wed	£230	CENLSR331
11/01/2022 – 22/03/2022	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Tue	£230	CENLSR232
12/01/2022 – 23/03/2022	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Wed	£230	CENLSR332
26/04/2022 – 28/06/2022	19:00 - 21:30	9	ND South	Tue	£227	CENLSR233
27/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	19:00 - 21:30	9	ND South	Wed	£227	CENLSR333
<b>Ceramic Design (evening)</b>						
23/09/2021 – 02/12/2021	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Thu	£230	CEMESR431
13/01/2022 – 31/03/2022	19:00 - 21:30	10	ND South	Thu	£230	CEMESR432
28/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	19:00 - 21:30	9	ND South	Thu	£227	CEMESR433
<b>Ceramics Throwing for beginners</b>						
22/09/2021 – 20/10/2021	14:30 - 16:30	5	ND South	Wed	£85	CEMESR32A
16/02/2022 – 23/03/2022	14:30 - 16:30	5	ND South	Wed	£85	CEMESR32B
<b>Ceramics Throwing - moving on</b>						
12/01/2022 – 09/02/2022	14:30 - 16:30	5	ND South	Wed	£85	CEMESR322
27/04/2022 – 08/06/2022	14:30 - 16:30	5	ND South	Wed	£85	CEMESR323
<b>Sculpting in Clay</b>						
20/09/2021 – 29/11/2021	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Mon	£160	CEMESR11
10/01/2022 – 21/03/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Mon	£160	CEMESR112
25/04/2022 – 27/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	8	ND South	Mon	£156	CEMESR113



# Dressmaking & Textiles



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Upholstery</b>						
29/09/2021 – 22/06/2022	09:00 - 11:30	30	ND South	Wed	£409	UPMESR31A
<b>Dressmaking for all</b>						
13/09/2021 – 22/11/2021	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Mon	£160	DRMESR121
10/01/2022 – 21/03/2022	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Mon	£160	DRMESR122
<b>Make your own 50s Swing Dress</b>						
26/04/2022 – 21/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	8	ND South	Tues	£156	DRMESR223
<b>Make your own Fitted Jacket</b>						
11/01/2022 – 22/03/2022	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Tues	£160	DRMESR222
<b>Make your own Winter Coat</b>						
15/09/2021 – 24/11/2021	19:00 - 21:00	10	ND South	Wed	£160	DRMESR331
<b>Recycled Fashion</b>						
26/04/2022 – 21/06/2022	10:30 - 12:30	8	ND South	Tue	£156	SEMESR213
<b>Dressmaking for all (evening)</b>						
27/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	19:00 - 21:00	8	ND South	Wed	£156	DRMESR333
<b>Dressmaking for beginners</b>						
14/09/2021 – 30/11/2021	10:30 - 12:30	10	ND South	Tues	£160	DRMESR211
<b>Dressmaking for beginners (evening)</b>						
12/01/2022 – 23/03/2022	19:00 - 21:00	10	ND South	Wed	£160	DRMESR332
<b>Sewing and Dressmaking – an Introduction</b>						
13/09/2021 – 22/11/2021	10:30 - 12:30	10	ND South	Mon	£160	SEMESR111
<b>Dressmaking - moving on</b>						
10/01/2022 – 21/03/2022	10:30 - 12:30	10	ND South	Mon	£160	DRMESR112
<b>Dressmaking - advanced techniques</b>						
25/04/2022 – 27/06/2022	10:30 - 12:30	8	ND South	Wed	£156	DRMESR113
<b>Corset Making (evening)</b>						
28/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	19:00 - 21:00	9	ND South	Thu	£158	ARNLSR433
<b>Christmas Wreath Making</b>						
01/12/2021 – 01/12/2021	19:00 - 21:00	1	ND South	Wed	£30	ARNLSR33
<b>Christmas Rag Wreath</b>						
02/12/2021 – 09/12/2021	18:30 - 20:30	2	ND South	Thu	£41	ARNLSR43
<b>Create and Make a Bag/Handbag</b>						
25/04/2022 – 27/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	8	ND South	Mon	£156	SEMESR12
11/01/2022 – 22/03/2022	10:30 - 12:30	10	ND South	Tue	£160	SEMESR212
<b>Bridal Button Bouquet</b>						
26/05/2022 - 30/06/2022	10:30 - 12:30	5	ND South	Thur	£85	ARMESR41

# Dressmaking & Textiles

DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Easter Rag Wreath</b>						
17/03/2022 – 24/03/2022	10.30 - 12.30	2	ND South	Thur	£41	ARSR41C
<b>Felt Ball Mobile</b>						
13/01/2022 – 27/01/2022	10:30 - 12:30	3	ND South	Thur	£62	ARMESR412
<b>Felt Hearts Wall Hanging</b>						
28/04/2022 – 12/05/2022	10:30 - 12:30	3	ND South	Thur	£62	ARMESR413
<b>Felting Fun for Beginners</b>						
16/09/2021 – 14/10/2021	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Thur	£85	ARMESR411
<b>Figure Embroidery</b>						
16/09/2021 – 11/11/2021	19:00 - 21:00	8	ND South	Thur	£156	SEMESR431
<b>Further Fun with Felt</b>						
21/10/2021 – 25/11/2021	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Thur	£85	ARSR41D

# Baking & Cookery



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Easy Breadmaking</b>						
10/01/2022 – 07/02/2022	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Mon	£85	COSR11A
<b>Healthy Meals on a Budget</b>						
21/09/2021 – 19/10/2021	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Tue	FREE	COMESR211
26/04/2022 – 24/05/2022	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Tue	FREE	COMESR213
<b>Vegetarian Cookery</b>						
08/06/2022 – 29/06/2022	19:00 - 21:00	4	ND South	Tue	£83	COMESR23A
<b>Cooking around the World (evening)</b>						
03/11/2021 – 01/12/2021	19:00 - 21:00	5	ND South	Tue	£85	CONLSR231
<b>The Secrets of Indian Cookery</b>						
22/09/2021 – 20/10/2021	19:00 - 21:00	5	ND South	Tue	£85	COMESR231



# Languages

DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>French Beginners Module 1</b>						
15/09/2021 – 08/12/2021	10:00 - 12:00	12	ND South	Wed	£160	LAMESR31A
<b>French Beginners Module 1 (evening)</b>						
16/09/2021 – 09/12/2021	19:00 - 21:00	12	ND South	Thu	£160	LAMESR431
<b>French Beginners Module 2</b>						
02/03/2022 – 29/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	14	ND South	Wed	£160	LAMESR31B
<b>French Beginners Module 2 (evening)</b>						
03/03/2022 – 30/06/2022	19:00 - 21:00	14	ND South	Thu	£160	LAMESR432
<b>French for the holidays</b>						
27/04/2022 – 07/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	5	ND South	Wed	£60	LAMESR31D
<b>French Improvers Module 3</b>						
14/09/2021 – 07/12/2021	10:00 - 12:00	11	ND South	Tue	£160	LAMESR21A
<b>French Improvers Module 4</b>						
01/03/2022 – 28/06/2022	10:00 - 12:00	15	ND South	Tue	£160	LAMESR21B
<b>Spanish Beginners Module 1</b>						
15/09/2021 – 08/12/2021	13:00 - 15:00	12	ND South	Wed	£160	LAMESR32D
16/09/2021 – 09/12/2021	14:00 - 16:00	12	ND South	Thur	£160	LAMESR42D
<b>Spanish Beginners Module 2</b>						
02/03/2022 – 29/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	14	ND South	Wed	£160	LAMESR32E
03/03/2022 – 30/06/2022	14:00 - 16:00	14	ND South	Thur	£160	LAMESR42E
<b>Spanish Improvers – Module 3</b>						
14/09/2021 – 07/12/2021	13:00 - 15:00	11	ND South	Tue	£160	LAMESR22F
<b>Spanish Improvers – Module 4</b>						
01/03/2022 – 28/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	15	ND South	Tue	£160	LAMESR22G
<b>Spanish for the holidays</b>						
27/04/2022 – 07/06/2022	12:30 - 14:30	5	ND South	Tue	£60	LAMESR21E



# Supported Learning

For adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

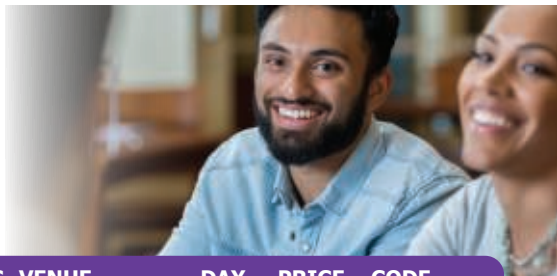


DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Ceramics - Supported Learning</b>						
20/09/2021 – 29/11/2021	12:30 - 14:30	10	ND South	Mon	£160	CEMESR121
22/09/2021 – 01/12/2021	12:30 - 14:30	10	ND South	Wed	£160	CEMESR321
24/09/2021 – 03/12/2021	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Fri	£160	CEMESR521
10/01/2022 – 21/03/2022	12:30 - 14:30	10	ND South	Mon	£160	CEMESR122
12/01/2022 – 23/03/2022	12:30 - 14:30	10	ND South	Wed	£160	CEMESR322
14/01/2022 – 25/03/2022	10:00 - 12:00	10	ND South	Fri	£160	CEMESR522
25/04/2022 – 27/06/2022	12:30 - 14:30	8	ND South	Mon	£156	CEMESR123
27/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	12:00 - 14:00	8	ND South	Wed	£156	CEMESR323
29/04/2022 – 01/07/2022	10:00 - 12:00	9	ND South	Fri	£158	CEMESR523
<b>Cookery Supported Learning</b>						
21/09/2021 – 30/11/2021	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Tue	£160	COSLSR221
23/09/2021 – 02/12/2021	13.30 - 15.30	10	ND South	Thu	£160	COSLSR421
11/01/2022 – 29/03/2022	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Tue	£160	COSLSR222
13/01/2022 – 31/03/2022	13:00 - 15:00	10	ND South	Thu	£160	COSLSR422
26/04/2022 – 28/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	9	ND South	Tue	£158	COSLSR223
28/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	13:00 - 15:00	9	ND South	Thu	£158	COSLSR423



# Skills for Work

## Skills for Business Business Management, Book-keeping and Accounts and Business Start up



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>NEW Level 1 Award in Book-keeping and Accounts</b>						
17/09/2021 – 10/12/2021	09:30 - 12.00	12	ND South	Fri	£150*	BML1SR5111
04/03/2022 – 17/03/2022	09:30 - 12.00	13	ND South	Fri	£150*	BML1SR5112
<b>NEW Level 2 Foundation Certificate in Book-keeping</b>						
21/01/2022 – 16/12/2022	13:30 - 16:30	32	ND South/Online	Fri	£724*	BML2SR5221
<b>NEW Level 3 Diploma in Leadership and Management</b>						
13/09/2021 – 27/06/2022	14:00 - 16:00	34	ND South/Online	Mon	£1,987**	BML3SR1211
17/01/2022 – 12/12/2022	09:30 - 11:30	34	ND South/Online	Mon	£1,987**	BML3SR1212
<b>NEW Level 2 Certificate in Creating a Business Start Up (online)</b>						
On demand	Flexible		Distance Learning		£749*	
<b>L5 Award, Certificate or Diploma in Leadership &amp; Management</b>						
TBC – please see website	TBC		ND South/Online		POA	

\*Course may be free if you are unemployed, claiming benefits or employed and on a low wage

\*\*Course may be free if you do not currently have an existing qualification at L3 or higher. Other eligibility criteria apply. Please contact us.

POA – Price on Application

## Childcare, Education and Learning Support



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>L1 Award in Caring for Children (City &amp; Guilds)</b>						
116/09/2021 – 06/12/2021	09:30 - 12.00	13	ND South/Online	Thur	£475*	CCL1SR4111
13/01/2022 – 07/04/2022	09:30 - 12.00	11	Whitley CC/Online	Thur	£475*	CCL1WC4112
27/04/2022 – 29/06/2022	9.30 - 13:30	8	Whitley CC/Online	Wed	£475*	CCL1WC4113

# Childcare, Education and Learning Support

DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>L1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools (NCFE)</b>						
14/09/2021 – 07/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	12	ND South/Online	Tue	£325*	STL1SR2111
01/03/2022 – 07/06/2022	09:30 - 12:30	12	ND South/Online	Tue	£325*	STL1SR2121
<b>Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioner (City &amp; Guilds)</b>						
14/09/2021 – 28/06/2022	09:30 - 14:00	33	Ranikhet CC	Tue	£2,012*	CCL2RC2111
21/01/2022 – 23/12/2022	09:30 - 14:00	33	ND South	Fri	£2,012*	CCL2SR5121
28/04/2022 – 30/03/2023	09:30 - 14:00	34	Whitley CC	Thur	£2,012*	CCL2WC4131
<b>Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (Teaching Assistant)</b>						
17/01/2022 – 29/06/2022	09:30 - 13:30	34	ND South	Wed	£1,290*	STL2SR3111
19/01/2022 – 12/12/2022	09:30 - 13:30	34	ND South	Mon	£1,290*	STL2SR3112
<b>L3 Diploma for Early Years Educator (City &amp; Guilds)</b>						
13/09/2021 – 03/07/2023	09:30 - 14:30	68	ND South	Mon	£2,598**	CCL3SR1111
26/01/2022 – 13/12/2023	09:30 - 14:30	68	ND South	Wed	£2,598**	CCL3SR11112
<b>L3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (Advanced Teaching Assistant)</b>						
16/09/2021 – 30/06/2021	09:30 - 13:30	34	ND South	Thur	£1,290	STL3SR3111
21/01/2022 – 16/12/2022	09:30 - 13:30	34	ND South	Fri	£1,290	STL3SR3121

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## Skills & Support for Employment



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Traineeships - 19-24yr olds - Government backed skills development programme</b>						
13/09/2021 – 03/12/2021	TBC	12	ND South	M-F	FREE^	EMMESR6211
17/01/2022 – 08/04/2022	TBC	12	ND South	M-F	FREE^	EMMESR6222
11/04/2022 – 01/07/2022	TBC	12	ND South	M-F	FREE^	EMMESR6233
<b>Step into Employment – Support for adults who are currently unemployed</b>						
27/09/2021 – 21/10/2021	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	M & Th	FREE^	EML1VR6111
15/11/2021 – 09/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	M & Th	FREE^	EML1VR6112
17/01/2022 – 10/02/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	M & Th	FREE^	EML1VR6121
14/03/2022 – 07/04/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	M & Th	FREE^	EML1VR6122
03/05/2022 – 26/05/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	T & T	FREE^	EML1VR6131
07/06/2022 – 30/06/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South/Online	T & T	FREE^	EML1VR6132

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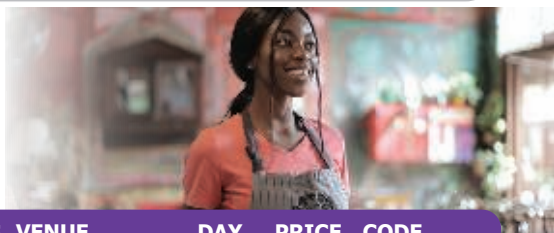
DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Digital Skills for Job Seekers</b>						
14/09/2021 – 12/10/2021	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR221
11/01/2022 – 08/02/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR222
26/04/2022 – 24/05/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR223
07/06/2022 – 05/07/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR224

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^Free if you meet ESFA residency and eligibility criteria.

## Customer Service



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Level 1 Award - Introduction to Customer Service (City &amp; Guilds)</b>						
16/09/2021 – 21/10/2021	09:30 - 14:30	6	ND South/Online	Thur	£325*	EML1SR5111
03/11/2021 – 08/12/2021	09:30 - 14:30	6	ND South/Online	Wed	£325*	EML1SR5112
<b>Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Excellence in Customer Service - Hospitality</b>						
13/01/2022 – 30/06/2022	09:30 - 13:30	20	ND South/Online	Thur	£749*	EML2SR5121

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## Hospitality & Food Safety



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Food Safety – Working safely in the Hospitality Industry</b>						
15/09/2021 – 15/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	13	ND South/Online	Wed	£75	EMMESR3111
17/01/2022 – 04/04/2022	09:30 - 13:30	10	ND South/Online	Mon	£75	EMMESR3112
28/04/2022 – 30/06/2022	09:30 - 13:30	9	ND South/Online	Thur	£75	EMMESR3113
<b>Level 1 Award for Skills for Employment in the Hospitality Industry</b>						
17/09/2021 – 17/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	13	ND South/Online	Fri	£325*	EML1SR51112
21/01/2022 – 27/05/2022	13:30 - 16:00	15	ND South/Online	Fri	£325*	EML1SR5121
<b>Level 1 Certificate for Skills for Working in the Food Service Industry</b>						
21/01/2022 – 16/12/2022	09:30 - 12:30	34	ND South/Online	Fri	£749*	EML1SR5211

\*Course may be free if you are unemployed, claiming benefits or employed and on a low wage

\*\*Course may be free if you do not currently have an existing qualification at L3 or higher. Other eligibility criteria apply. Please contact us.



# Digital Skills



DURATION	TIME	WEEKS	VENUE	DAY	PRICE	CODE
<b>Essential Digital Skills (Fully Accredited)</b>						
16/09/2021 – 17/02/2022	19:00 - 21:30	20	ND South	Tues	FREE^	DIE3SR411
15/09/2021 – 26/01/2022	09:30 - 12:30	16	Curious Lounge	Wed	FREE^	DIE3CL311
12/10/2021 – 15/02/2022	09:30 - 12:30	16	ND South	Tues	FREE^	DIE3SR211
15/09/2021 – 17/12/2021	09:30 - 11:30	13	Southcote CH	Wed & Fri	FREE^	DIE3SC611
01/03/2022 – 06/07/2022	09:30 - 12:30	16	ND South	Tues	FREE^	DIE3SR212
<b>Everyday Digital Skills</b>						
14/09/2021 – 05/10/2021	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DINLSR211
17/09/2021 – 08/10/2021	09:30 - 12:30	4	Curious Lounge	Fri	FREE^	DINLCL511
10/01/2022 – 31/01/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South	Mon	FREE^	DINLSR212
04/03/2022 – 25/03/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	Curious Lounge	Fri	FREE^	DINLCL513
29/04/2022 – 20/05/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	Curious Lounge	Fri	FREE^	DINLCL513
07/06/2022 – 28/06/2022	09:30 - 12:30	4	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DINLSR213
<b>Digital Skills for Job Seekers</b>						
14/09/2021 – 12/10/2021	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR221
11/01/2022 – 08/02/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR222
26/04/2022 – 24/05/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR223
07/06/2022 – 05/07/2022	12:30 - 15:30	5	ND South	Tue	FREE^	DIE3SR224
<b>L1 Functional Skills Certificate in Information, Communication Technology (ICT)</b>						
15/09/2021 – 15/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	13	ND South	Wed	£325*	DIL1SR311
12/01/2022 – 25/03/2022	09:30 - 12:30	10	Southcote CH	Wed & Fri	£325*	DIL1SC612
01/02/2022 – 22/06/2022	09:30 - 12:30	14	Curious Lounge	Wed	£325*	DIL1CL311
03/03/2022 – 30/06/2022	19:00 - 21:30	15	ND South	Thur	£325*	DIL1SR411
<b>L1 &amp; L2 Certificate in Digital Skills (online – flexi learning)</b>						
On demand L1	Flexible		Online/distance learning		£749*	DIL1OL110
On demand L2	Flexible		Online/distance learning		£749*	DIL2OL111
<b>L2 Functional Skills Certificate in Information, Communication Technology (ICT)</b>						
16/09/2021 – 16/12/2021	09:30 - 12:30	13	ND South	Thur	£325*	DIL2SR411
13/01/2022 – 12/05/2022	09:30 - 12:30	14	ND South	Thur	£325*	DIL2SR4111
25/03/2022 – 01/07/2022	09:30 - 12:30	11	Southcote CH	Wed & Fri	£325*	DIL2SC613
<b>L2 Certificate in ICT Systems Support</b>						
14/09/2021 – 01/06/2022	15:30 - 18:00	27	Curious Lounge	Wed	£1290*	DIL2CL611
<b>L2 Certificate in Data Protection and Data Security</b>						
On demand L2	Flexible		Online/distance learning		£749*	DIL2OL113
<b>L3 Diploma for IT Users</b>						
14/09/2021 – 15/12/2022	09:30 - 12:30	48	Curious Lounge	Thurs	£2012**	DIL3CL611

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\*\*Course may be free if you do not currently have an existing qualification at L3 or higher. Other eligibility criteria apply. Please contact us.

^Free if you meet ESFA residency and eligibility criteria.



# English, Mathematics and ESOL

**New Directions College offers classes and qualifications in English, Maths and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). Courses are available during the day and in the evening.**

## The right course for you

**To make sure you find the right course for you, please complete our booking form. We will get in touch with you and invite you to the College to assess your current skills and provide you with guidance about course levels and content.**

### **YOU CAN:**

- **Book online at [www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk](http://www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk)**
- **Email [newdirections@reading.gov.uk](mailto:newdirections@reading.gov.uk)**
- **Phone 0345 842 0012**
- **Scan the QR code**



**In partnership with the Royal Berkshire Hospital, we provide Birthing Preparation classes for women with English as a second language. Please speak to your Health Visitor or contact us for more information.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- English and Maths skills are not only linked to better job prospects but also improved mental and physical health.
- New Directions College offers reading and writing workshops and a dyslexia support group to help students' progress.

## English & Maths

Our English and Maths courses, including GCSEs and Functional Skills are free to any- one aged 19+ who has not already achieved a GCSE at grade C or Level 4 in these subjects (regardless of any other qualifications you may have).



English	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Pre/E1		✓			
E2			✓	✓	
E3			✓	✓	
L1	✓	✓		✓	
L2	✓	✓		✓	
GCSE			✓		

Classes are offered at:

New Directions College  
Reading Children's Centres  
Reading Libraries  
(Tilehurst & Battle)  
Southcote Community Hub (SITE)

Maths	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Pre/E1	✓	✓			
E2	✓	✓	✓		
E3	✓	✓	✓		
L1	✓	✓	✓		
L2	✓	✓	✓		
GCSE		✓			

Classes are offered at:

New Directions College  
Reading Children's Centres  
Reading Libraries  
(Tilehurst & Battle)  
Southcote Community Hub (SITE)

## ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Learn to speak and understand English to help you in everyday life and to help you find work. From basic speaking and listening to advanced grammar and writing, we'll help you progress to higher level courses in readiness for the workplace. Courses are taught during the day and in the evenings.



ESOL	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Pre/E1	✓	✓	✓	✓	
E2	✓	✓	✓	✓	
E3	✓	✓		✓	
L1			✓		
L2				✓	

Classes are offered at:

New Directions College  
Battle & Tilehurst Library  
Ranikhet Children's Centre  
Royal Berkshire Hospital  
Southcote Community Hub (SITE)

# Apprenticeships

New Directions College is an Apprenticeship training provider. We work closely with Reading Borough Council, and other employers, to provide the formal training as part of the Apprenticeship standard.



## Apprenticeship delivery currently available at New Directions College:

- L3 Operational Delivery Officer
- L3 Business Administration
- L3 Team Leader/Supervisor
- L5 Operational/Departmental Manager
- L3 Customer Service
- L2 Early Years Practitioner
- L3 Early Years Educator

If you are interested in an apprenticeship at Reading Borough Council, you should visit [www.reading.gov.uk/council/jobs](http://www.reading.gov.uk/council/jobs)

If you are interested in an apprenticeship in general, you can search Apprenticeship vacancies on the Government's Apprenticeship Service website: [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

## Employers - Let us know how we can support you and your business

New Directions College is working with businesses and employers across Reading and central Berkshire, to offer a range of support services, that include:

- skills and training
- access to Kickstart Job Placement funding
- workforce development support and succession planning
- talent pipelines with our Traineeships and work experience programmes
- recruitment support – help filling vacancies
- response to redundancy – we support employers to provide support to their staff if they are at risk of redundancy
- apprenticeship delivery
- training facilities, including a state-of-the-art training kitchen
- Government funding support – advice and guidance about the latest government funding available to employers.

**CONTACT US  
TODAY:**

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[newdirections@reading.gov.uk](mailto:newdirections@reading.gov.uk)**

# EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

**NEW DIRECTIONS COLLEGE OFFERS  
A RANGE OF COURSES AND SUPPORT  
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK.**



## **INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

We can provide free, holistic, one to one support to help you identify your career goals, access training and improve your skills for finding and securing work.

You do not have to be enrolled on a New Directions course to access this support.

## **SELF- SERVICE JOB SEARCH**

Register with New Directions for a short introduction to our support facilities available at South Reading. These include computers and internet access for job searching, printing and photocopying facilities, telephone access and local job vacancy information.

## **TRAINEESHIPS FOR 19-24s**

New Directions can provide intensive tailored support to help you find employment through its Traineeship programme.

## **WORK PLACEMENTS AT READING COUNCIL & BEYOND**

We work with the Council and other local employers to secure a range of work experience opportunities for you. Current work experience can increase your chances of securing employment!

**These are available to  
all age groups.**

THIS COURSE GAVE ME THE POSSIBILITY  
TO MOVE FORWARD IN MY LIFE AND HAVE  
THE CHANCE TO RESTART...I HAVE HAD  
AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE, AND I  
KNOW I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE

# COURSE FEES AND FINANCIAL HELP

## L2 Legal Entitlement to access first L2 English, Mathematics and Digital Skills qualification for FREE

In England, all eligible adults are entitled to study towards and gain their **first full L2 qualification** in English, Mathematics or Digital Skills for Free! This includes GCSEs and Functional Skills. Therefore, most of our English, Mathematics and Digital Skills courses will be free of charge.

## L3 Legal Entitlement to access first L3 qualification for FREE

The new Lifetime Skills Guarantee, set out by the Government in The Plan for Jobs, now offers all eligible adults access to study towards and gain their **first full L3 qualification** in specific subject areas. At New Directions College, this includes our L3 Early Years Educator Diploma and our L3 Management Diploma. More L3 courses will be offered for free throughout the academic year.

## Paying for your course

If you are enrolling on one of our Creative Arts & Crafts courses you can pay by credit or debit card (Visa or Mastercard) when you enrol online or on the phone.

You can also pay with a credit or debit card at New Directions South. For courses lasting 10 weeks or more and where the fee is over £80.00, payment by standing order is available. You will need to pay 50% of the fee when you enrol and arrange for a standing order to be set up with your bank.

For our Skills for Work, English, Mathematics, ESOL and Supported Learning courses, you will need to attend an assessment session before enrolling. We will assess your current circumstances as you may be entitled to funding for your course.

## Funding for your course

You could be entitled to reduced or fully funded course fees if you meet residency criteria, are unemployed and claiming any of the following benefits:

- **Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Employment Support Allowance**
- **Universal Credit**
- **Income Support**
- **Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support**
- **Pension Guarantee Credit**

You may also be eligible if you are working but earning less than £17,374.50 annual gross salary. If you think you are eligible, please bring evidence that you are in receipt of one of the benefits above or your pay slip, which details your earnings, to your assessment session. Evidence must be dated within the last 3 months.

## Financial Support

If you are on a low income you may also be able to access our discretionary learner support scheme and apply for help with course related costs including course fees materials, travel and childcare (from an Ofsted registered provider). Please visit our website for more information. [www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk](http://www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk).

## Advanced Learning Loans

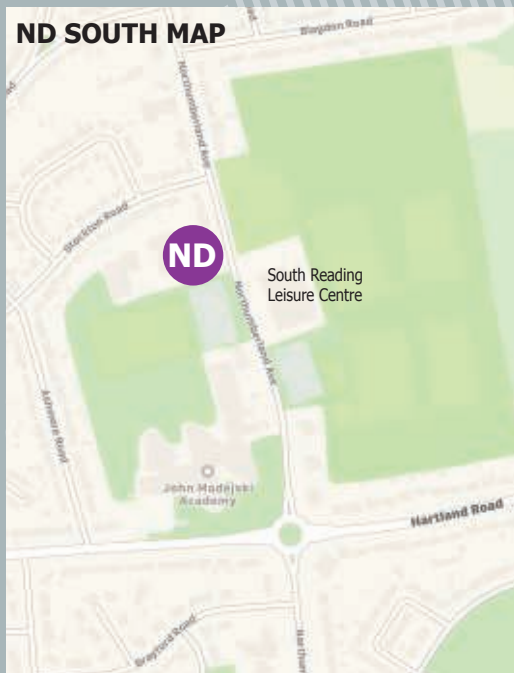
If you are aged 19 and over and studying at level 3 and above, and you are not entitled to funding through the Lifetime Skills Guarantee, you may be able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to support the costs of tuition fees. Your household income isn't taken into account and you won't have to pay anything back until your income is over £25,000 a year. Please ask us for more information if you are considering one of our Level 3 courses.

Funding is available to support learners who meet residency eligibility requirements (citizen within the European Economic area and resident within the area for 3 years). Learners from outside this area will be required to pay the full course fees. Please visit our website [www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk](http://www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk) or ask for a copy of our Fees Policy for more information.



## WHERE TO FIND US

## ND SOUTH MAP



For bus timetables please visit:  
[www.reading-buses.co.uk/services](http://www.reading-buses.co.uk/services)

## NEW DIRECTIONS COLLEGE

**330 Northumberland Avenue,  
Reading, RG2 8DH**  
(Opposite South Reading Leisure Centre)

## SITE

**Southcote Community Hub,  
Coronation Square, Southcote,  
Reading RG30 3QP**

## BATTLE LIBRARY

**420 Oxford Road ,  
Reading RG30 1EE**

## CURIOUS LOUNGE

**The Curious Lounge,  
1st Floor Pinnacle,  
20 Tudor Road,  
Reading RG1 1NH**

## EMMER GREEN

**Emmer Green Youth & Community  
Centre, Grove Road,  
Reading RG4 8LN**

## RANIKHET CC

**Ranikhet Children's Centre,  
Spey Road, Tilehurst RG30 4ED**

## WHITLEY CC

**Whitley Children's Centre,  
252 Northumberland Avenue,  
Reading RG2 7QA**

# TILEHURST LIBRARY

**19 School Road, Tilehurst  
Reading RG31 5AS**

## BOOKING ON A COURSE



**SCAN HERE  
TO BOOK!**



### ONLINE

You can complete your booking form online for many of our courses at [www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk](http://www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk) **OR** via the QR Code

### BY EMAIL OR PHONE

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### IN PERSON

Come in and enrol, you can pay by credit or debit card at our venue: **New Directions College**  
**330 Northumberland Avenue,**  
**Reading RG2 8DH**

## TERM DATES 2021/22

### AUTUMN

Mon 13th September – Friday 17th December 2021

Half term: Mon 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021

### SPRING

Monday 10th January – Friday 8th April 2022

Half term: Monday 21 – Friday 25th Feb 2022

Easter Break: Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April 2022

### SUMMER

Monday 25th April to Friday 1st July 2022

Half term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Some courses may have longer terms, particularly Learning for Work, English, Maths and ESOL – dates will be confirmed by your tutor.

New Directions College will be closed on Bank Holidays and on some inset days during the year. We will inform you of these dates and they are on our website.

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