

New Year – Fresh Start!



Get fit, learn to speak Chinese, increase your skills for employment – make one or more of these your New Year's resolution with the help of Wolverhampton's Adult Education Service. Most New Year's resolutions are broken within the first week but by meeting other people who want to achieve the same goals as you do, you will find the determination and confidence to succeed.

In January or February you can join classes in your local area or in the city centre. There are courses in painting and sculpture, cookery and languages, maths and English, apprenticeships and teaching and many, many more. Some courses lead to national qualifications from basic to advanced levels, while other courses offer you the opportunity to learn for the pure fun and enjoyment of learning.

Specific courses prepare learners for work and employment, helping with CV writing, interview skills and training, much of which is free, depending upon your circumstances. Our friendly and experienced members of staff look forward to greeting you. They will be pleased to offer you information and advice about the different learning pathways on offer and our specialist partners will guide you through all the different options if you are considering a career change.

Take the opportunity of a fresh start by learning a new skill for work or developing an interesting activity to improve your health and well-being. Find new friends and become involved in your community. Make it happen today!

Happy New Year,

Christine Parsons,
Head of Service

Your Learner Council Representatives



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The Learners' Council is the voice of the Adult Education Service users. The Council represents the views of students and other Service users.

The Adult Education Service wants to be accountable to its Service users. The Learners' Council is one of the most important bodies helping to ensure that the Service makes provision when, where and how it is needed.

The photographed learners have give their permission for their images to be published. More learners will join the group in the New Year and their images will be posted in the next edition of Inbrief.

WAES Inspection



A New Year gives us all the opportunity to reflect on what's been happening. For the Service, this includes successfully restructuring to make significant budget savings; fulfilling all our contracts to maintain our income; achieving success rates well above the national benchmarks with an overall success rate of 91%.

In particular, learners have enjoyed enhanced facilities in community venues; more and different learning opportunities such as Foundation Learning programmes; a new look Learning Services' area and a reinvigorated Learners' Council.

I'm, therefore, pleased to say that once again the Service will be in the spotlight this January. We have been selected to be inspected by Ofsted as part of the new Common Inspection Framework pilot inspection process.

The new Common Inspection Framework will include an increased focus on teaching and learning which will mean that Inspectors will be trying to understand even more thoroughly the impact of the teaching and learning that is taking place. There will be many opportunities for you, as learners, to give your views on the Service and its provision.

The last inspection in January 2009 resulted in the Service receiving a grade 2 'good' grade and this grade was reaffirmed in November 2010. We have been working hard since then to improve our services and resources even more to give you, our learners, the best possible opportunities for success in whatever path you follow on your learner's journey, whether it is learning for personal development or improving skills for work.

Creative Connections Showcase Exhibition



You are invited to a Private View on Tuesday 31 January 6.00 p.m.– 8.00 p.m.

The Creative Connections programme (previously known as Enter Arts) is a unique opportunity for newly graduated and established artists to:

- network with other artists and key local and regional contacts
- gain support and advice about career direction showcase and profile their work
- find out about funding and to learn about the general business skills needed to work in the arts or as a self employed artist.

This Showcase is the culmination of the Creative Connections learners' work, featuring pieces created by Christine Collins, Brian Gornall, Kapapult_Ink, Sarah James and Kanj Nicholas.

The Show includes work in a variety of media including painting and photography.



We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31st January 6.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. in the Foyer Building exhibition space in the City Learning Quarter, Old Hall Street in the centre of Wolverhampton. The Exhibition is open to the general public from Wednesday 1st February – Monday 27th February 2012.

If you would like more information about the Showcase, or about the Creative Connections programme, please contact Sian Fletcher or Moya Lloyd on 01902 558164 or e-mail enquiries@aes.wolverhampton.gov.uk

Learners' Views

The opportunity to voice your views about your learning experience with us will help potential learners and employers make informed choices by comparing information on all post 16 learning providers who receive government money. Some of you may be asked to complete a short web-based survey which asks your views on your learning experience with us. Staff will support you to access the survey, if needed. We need as many responses as possible so if you are asked to take part, please help us by sparing a few minutes to join in.

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Safer Learning

Wolverhampton Adult Education Service are committed to creating a working and learning environment which respects and protects the dignity of all.



Safeguarding our learners is vitally important to us at the Service and we are committed to being proactive in the promotion of the safety and welfare of our learners, staff and visitors.

Safeguarding means:

- Promoting your health and development
- Ensuring your safety and care
- Ensuring you are offered the best life chances
- Protecting you from abuse and neglect
- Preventing bullying and harassment.

If you have any concerns about your own or someone else's wellbeing, safety or rights, then you should contact one of our two designated Safeguarding Officers:

Suzie Lowe 01902 551545,

Annette Beech 01902 551532,

or simply email 

safe@aes.wolverhampton.gov.uk

Your worries will be taken seriously and we will ensure discretion.

Enrolment January & February 2012

Modern Foreign Languages

Thursday 5th January	09.30 - 16:30
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Friday 6th January	09.30 - 16:30
Tuesday 10th January	09.30 - 16:30
Wednesday 11th January	09.30 - 16:30
Friday 13th January	09.30 - 16:30

Access and Foundation Studies

Wednesday 1st February	10:00 - 15:00
Thursday 2nd February	10:00 - 15:00 17.00 - 19.00
Friday 3rd February	10:00 - 15:00

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Monday 6th February	10:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 7th February	10:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 8th February	10:00 - 19:00
Thursday 9th February	10:00 - 19:00
Friday 10th February	10.00 - 03.00

Creative Studies and Health and Safety

Monday 6th February	10:00 - 19:00
Tuesday 7th February	10:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 8th February	10:00 - 17:00

Professional Studies

Enrolment ongoing

For further information Call 01902 553750

For information on courses pick up a 'New Year Listings' from reception. Call 01902 558180 or visit: www.aes@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Children in Need events raised £600



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Bert Turner and Councillor Phil Page, Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning, launched the week of activities by cycling the first mile of the journey to the Alps.

The Mayoress Kath Turner was there to support them as they started the journey for the Service.

The Hatters Tea Party was well-attended. Learners, their friends and our special guest the Mayoress of Wolverhampton, Mrs Kath Turner, attended, sporting an array of their own originally designed hats and fascinators. Guests enjoyed a fine afternoon tea and a series of prizes were awarded for their creations.

On Friday 18th Café staff hosted an evening of dining and entertainment, again a well-attended and much enjoyed event. The evening included a raffle and an Art and Craft auction.

The week of activities for Children in Need was very successful. Foyer Café Manager Linda page said, "I would like to thank everyone who contributed and

took part in all our activities and helped us raise funds for this worthy cause."



A Year of Fund Raising a grand total £2343.00

Throughout 2011, Cafe Manager Linda Page and Assistant Manager Janet King spent hours of their own time arranging numerous exciting events to help raise money for a whole host of charities including Dementia, Cancer Research, The Keith Farley Learner Awards, Red Nose Day, Help for Heroes to name but a few!

The ladies hosted a range of activities including discos, rock nights, carveries, bring and buy sales, quiz and curry nights, dog racing and many other activities. These events were well attended and enjoyed by both learners and staff.

We thank and applaud the ladies for their constant hard work and endless enthusiasm for every event they arrange, and congratulate them for all the money they raise for such worthy charities each and every year.

Daily Specials

Breakfast

8 Items + hot drink

£4.00

5 Items + hot drink

£2.75

Hot meals

start at

£1.25

A wide selection of sandwiches and snacks are also available.

Opening Times

Monday - Thursday

9.00am - 3.45pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.15pm



Manager Linda Page and Assistant Manager Janet King

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