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A background photograph showing three young adults (two men and one woman) sitting at a desk in a classroom or library setting. They are all smiling and looking towards the left. One man is holding a pen over a notebook. A laptop is visible on the desk in the foreground.

**YOUR GUIDE**

**ADULT  
LEARNING**



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# Learn with Acorn

98%

course  
achievement  
rate in 2024

## GAIN SKILLS FOR LIFE AND WORK

Join one of our flexible, online or classroom-based courses. We have training centres located in:

- Hanley
- Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Burton-upon-Trent
- Coalville
- Daventry
- Melton Mowbray

Our courses are fully-funded for eligible adults aged 19 and over, depending on factors such as prior qualifications, employment status, earnings, and where you live. You may be eligible if you are unemployed, on a low income, or seeking to gain new skills to progress in work or further learning.



## SUPPORTING YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

We provide specialist support to help you break down barriers to learning. Our friendly team are well-equipped to help you with a range of support from initial advice and guidance to helping you get set up online, and much more, we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.



# Our Training Centres



## IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Our training centres are a hub for the individuals and communities we serve. We are recognised for our inclusivity and diversity; ensuring a safe and secure future for everyone to succeed in life and work.

We are proud to host learners in our calm, professional, and supportive environments, with dedicated spaces for group work, one-to-one sessions, and quiet study. Our centres feature fully equipped digital suites, ergonomic workstations, and printing facilities. We are easily accessible and centrally located, close to public transport, shops, cafes, and community services.

We welcome learners from all backgrounds and are proud to promote a respectful and calm learning environment. Our trainers are highly skilled in the topics that they teach and in understanding how to meet your individual needs and preferences.

We provide high levels of learning support and tailor our curriculum to meet your needs. Over the past 17 years, we have supported thousands of individuals, just like you, to break down personal barriers, gain qualifications and return to education and/or find long-term employment.





# We are inclusive



## OUR MISSION

Ensuring a safe and secure future for everyone to succeed in life and work.

We will achieve this through promoting an open and safe workspace, creating inclusive opportunities for people from all backgrounds and continuing to reduce misconceptions and stereotypes within sectors and industries. We are committed to ensuring that everyone has the support and opportunity they need to thrive, regardless of their starting point.

We have won multiple awards for championing inclusivity, diversity and equality. No matter what barriers our learners face, we aim to provide bespoke learning pathways to meet their end goals for both life and work.

To strengthen this mission, we proudly work in partnership with Acorn Neurodiversity, who support individuals to explore their neurodiversity. Together, we're here to help you thrive through understanding, advocacy, and tailored support.



## WE ARE COMMITTED TO...





# Functional Skills

## English - Entry Levels, Level 1 & 2

From entry level to level 2, you can improve your reading, writing, discussion and presentation skills with a functional skills English course at Acorn Training.

We address your skills shortages rapidly from your starting point with an individual plan to meet your specific needs, developing your everyday English skills for life and work.

## Maths - Entry Levels, Level 1 & 2

Your individual plan of learning builds on your strengths and what you can already do and know. You will develop skills with number, measure, shape and space and develop your ability to work with and handle data.

Courses in mathematics build on current skills to enable you to move forward positively in life and work.



## Digital Skills

## Entry Levels, Level 1 & 2

Our IT qualifications will equip you with the skills you need to make the most of digital devices and services.

The courses cover communicating, creating, editing, being safe, searching, e-commerce and much more.

**Functional skills qualifications are recognised by employers, colleges and universities as alternatives to GCSEs, enabling you to brush up on your skills and get recognised qualifications with real currency in the labour market and for further study.**





## Customer Service & Retail - Level 1

This course covers skills required to work in a customer facing role, legislation to support the customer service process and customer needs and expectations.



## Warehousing & Storage - Level 1

This course provide an introduction to the warehousing industry - helping you to learn the basic principles and secure work in a warehouse role.



## Introduction to Construction - Level 1

This course covers a range of topics required to work in the Construction industry including identifying hazards, promoting safety, preventing accidents, and obtaining a CSCS card.

# Start your journey >>>



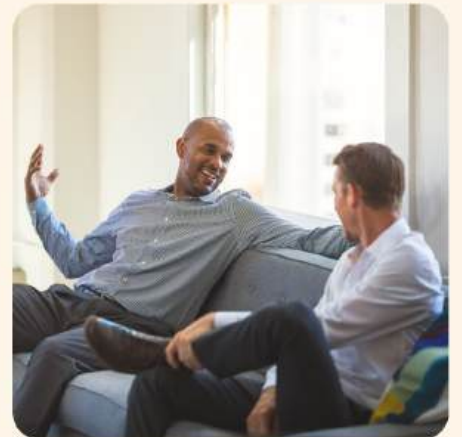
## Cybersecurity & Digital - Level 1

This course focuses on the foundational knowledge and skills needed to navigate the digital world safely and effectively. This includes understanding basic cybersecurity principles, common cybercrimes, and how to use digital devices and online services responsibly.



## Business Admin - Level 1

This course has been designed to give learners the skills and knowledge to work in an entry position in a business admin role. Learning will be delivered in modules and will focus on business tools, documents and job opportunities.



## Personal Development for Employability - Entry 3 & Level 1

Prepare yourself for a range of different employment opportunities with this PDE course. The teaching guides learners through the job searching process, CV writing and interview techniques to achieve both short and long-term career goals.





## **Mental Health Awareness & First Aid & Advocacy - Level 2**

The course raises awareness and understanding of mental health conditions and the principles of mental health first aid.



## **Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing - Level 1**

Explore the value of nutrition, health & wellbeing in both life and work. Learners will develop knowledge of their own and others' wellbeing and the importance of good practices.



## **Understanding SEND - Level 2**

This course develops knowledge of special educational needs and disabilities, how individuals are impacted on a day to day basis, and how to support them to live fulfilling lives.

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## **Childcare Bundles - Level 1 & 2**

These childcare courses give learners the knowledge and skills to begin a career in this rewarding sector, they cover a range of topics including creating activities, safeguarding and prevent duty, legislation, online safety, bullying, and hygiene factors.



## **Teaching Assistant - Level 2**

This course is an introductory platform for individuals aspiring to work in educational settings, such as schools or colleges. It addresses a spectrum of roles, including administrative, technical, and support positions.



## **Health & Social Care Bundles - Level 1 & 2**

These courses enable learners to start their journey in the care sector. We support learners to develop their caring nature into a career helping those in need, covering care plans, safeguarding, dementia awareness, end of life care, patient needs and working in a team.





## ESOL / Living & Working in the UK - Entry 1 & 2

Our ESOL courses support learners to improve their English language skills. The skills focused on are reading and writing. These courses also cover other value-added and useful topics such as numeracy, British values and employability.

# Adult Community Learning Courses



Our Staffordshire Community Learning (ACL) courses teach important skills for both life and work.



We deliver learning in:

- Warehousing & Logistics
- Network and Natter
- Beginners IT
- Office IT
- Money Matters
- Get Work Ready

# »» Upskill Yourself

## AM I ELIGIBLE?



Our Adult Education courses are fully-funded for eligible adults aged 19 and over, depending on factors such as prior qualifications, employment status, earnings, and where you live. Our Functional Skills Courses are free for all. Our Community Learning is for Staffordshire Residents only.



## HOW TO ENROL ON OUR COURSES

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Telephone: 01782 827 827 (Option 2)  
Email: [info@acorntraining.co.uk](mailto:info@acorntraining.co.uk)  
Visit: [www.acorntraining.co.uk](http://www.acorntraining.co.uk)



# Why learn with us?

PUTTING OUR LEARNERS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

**Free  
refreshments**



**Highly-inclusive  
business**



**Support with  
digital devices**



**Local job  
opportunities**



**Ofsted rated  
'Good' provider**



**Health &  
Wellbeing**



**Travel costs paid for  
courses in centres**



**Courses within  
school hours**



**Neurodiverse  
friendly**



**Support with  
language  
barriers**



**Online courses  
available  
nationally**



**Free lunch for  
courses in  
centres**



**Work  
experience**



**Justice  
services**



**Breaking down  
barriers**



**Signposting to  
support services**





# Learner Success Stories



## BOOSTING WELLBEING TO UNLOCK JOB OPPORTUNITIES

When Deanne came to Acorn Training, she was really struggling with mental health issues and being homeless, she was sofa surfing and at times sleeping on the streets, and was in urgent need of signposting to external support. Deanne engaged with Acorn Training and really appreciated the help, we managed to help Deanne secure supported accommodation in the Lyme Trust.



To further drive Deanne's journey back into work, she enrolled on numerous Adult Learning courses such as Health & Wellbeing, Business Admin and Maths to boost her knowledge and qualifications - Deanne focused on these particular courses to support her goal of wanting to work within the NHS. Following the completion of her courses, Deanne attended an interview for a ward assistant role and she was successful. Well done Deanne!



## BREAKING DOWN TECHNOLOGY BARRIERS AND DEVELOPING DIGITAL SKILLS

Jonathan faced difficulties with digital skills that affected both his daily life and job prospects. After completing the Beginners IT course, Jonathan was eager to keep building his digital confidence. He progressed onto the IT Office Skills course, where he gained practical experience with advanced features of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. He now uses these tools with greater independence and confidence, ready to take on new opportunities. He now feels more hopeful applying for jobs that require digital skills, expanding his career options and evidencing his expertise.

Jonathan said: "I've really benefitted from the course and learnt so much more about using Office apps. The support has been great, and I feel a lot more positive about my next steps".



# CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT



Our Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP), delivered in partnership with Premier Foods and PeoplePlus, has proven to be a powerful pathway into employment. Participants who completed the Personal Development for Employability course gained practical skills and workplace readiness, leading several to secure roles as bakery operatives with Premier Foods. This outcome highlights the programme's impact and reflects our commitment to supporting individuals in their journey toward meaningful employment.

One participant shared, "I've really enjoyed doing the course, and I feel like I've learned a lot. Hopefully this is the next step for me, and I can get myself back into work."

## Employment Opportunities

CONTINUE  
YOUR  
JOURNEY...



We deliver apprenticeships in HR, Early Years, Community & Wellbeing, Safeguarding, Policy Officer, Residential Care, Management and many more...

### Why do an Apprenticeship?

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Earn whilst you learn
- No tuition fees
- Develop your skills & knowledge
- High-quality training
- Dedicated learner support

We offer sector-based work academy programmes (SWAPs) with local employers looking to fill their vacancies.

who we work with...



A SWAP includes:

- Pre-employment training
- Employability skills - CV writing, Interview techniques, confidence boosting, etc.
- Fully-funded and relevant qualifications
- Work experience in the sector
- A job interview with an employer in the sector





# Acorn Centres & Contact Details



## Hanley

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Stoke-on-Trent  
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## Newcastle-under-Lyme

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Staffordshire  
ST5 1PT  
Tel: 01782 827 827



## Burton

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Burton Upon Trent  
Staffordshire  
DE14 1BQ  
Tel: 01283 387 306



## Coalville

Unit 3 Enterprise House  
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Coalville  
Leicestershire  
LE67 3LA  
Tel: 01530 519400



## Daventry

Icon Innovation Centre  
Eastern Way  
Daventry  
Northamptonshire  
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## Melton Mowbray

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succeed in life and work.

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