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**ADULT COURSES  
JANUARY 2022**

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# ADULT LEARNING ACROSS THE BOROUGH

Welcome to our New Year Adult Course Guide brought to you by Wigan & Leigh College and Wigan Borough Council. We have joined forces to put together an exciting programme of courses designed to support adults in the Wigan Borough to improve their prospects in life and work.

Now is the time for you to invest in your future.

Courses include:

- Essential skills including maths, English and IT.
- Qualifications to help you improve your job prospects or boost your career.
- Taster courses to get you back into learning.

You can access our courses at community venues, however some are offered online, which means you may complete courses from the comfort of your own home.

Come along to one of our Advice events where you can meet our teams of experienced and qualified staff. We can provide you with careers advice and guidance to help you choose the right course.

**Wednesday 12 January**  
**4pm - 7pm**

**Leigh Adult Learning Centre**  
**Walmesley Road, Leigh WN7 1XL**

**Thursday 13 January**  
**4pm - 7pm**

**Centre for Advanced Technical Studies**  
**New Market Street Wigan WN1 1RP**



*"I am delighted that Wigan Borough Council and Wigan & Leigh College are working together in partnership to offer residents across Wigan the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge through our Adult Education provision.*

*This will enable as many people as possible to gain access to vital skills and learning opportunities.*

*No matter what your background or where you start out on your journey, there is a joined up pathway which will enable you to progress with your learning and achieve your goals and ambitions".*

Councillor Dane Anderton  
Chair of Adult Learning Advisory Board

*"We are delighted to present the first joint Adult Learning course prospectus from Wigan & Leigh College and Wigan Borough Council. We have high ambitions for our borough and residents. Together, we have designed an Adult Learning offer that aims to support you to grow in confidence, gain vital skills and achieve your aspirations.*

*Over the coming months, we will continue to work to create even more learning opportunities for our borough to help support you in your life and work".*

Anna Dawe,  
Principal,  
Wigan & Leigh College







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# WIGAN ADULT LEARNING AND SKILLS

With Wigan Adult Learning and Skills it's never too late to think about your future.

Wigan Adult Learning and Skills is part of Wigan Council, offering bespoke opportunities for those who want to return to learning or update their qualifications.

We understand that as adult learners you have other commitments, such as family and employment, so we are here to support you along your learning journey. We will work together to ensure you succeed and achieve your goals.

## LEARNING LOCATIONS AND VENUES



Our main Learning Hub is at Wigan Life Centre North, and is easy to get to located right in the centre of town.

For many adults, accessing learning closer to home is a priority, that's why we also offer our courses in community venues

and Start Well Centres across the borough, in Atherton, Leigh, Hindley and Platt Bridge.

## LEARNING TIMES AND DATES



We offer starting points all year round, not only at the start of the academic year in September, so you can apply any time. Depending on the course

you choose, you may study a few days over a few weeks, or once a week over a longer time frame.

## WHAT YOU CAN LEARN



**English and Maths** are essential skills to secure a new job, move on to a further education course, or even to help your child at home with their school work.

We offer nationally recognised Functional Skills qualifications up to Level 2 (this is the level most employers and colleges require and is the same skills level as GCSE A-C grade).

English and Maths courses are tailored to your level - at a pace, venue and time to suit you and your family, and are always free.

**ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)** courses will help you to improve your English for life and work, if English is not your first language.

Courses are FREE to many learners depending on eligibility, we will check this with you at your initial assessment.

You will start with an initial assessment to check your skills level and cover speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Please note ESOL courses are in high demand so there may be a waiting list.

**FREE Digital and ICT** courses are designed to meet everyone's needs and skills level.

From basic IT & Digital skills to fully accredited Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills or Digital ICT courses, there is something for everyone.

**Family Learning** courses will help you to support your child with their school work, at the same time as helping you to develop your own skills. Courses vary from fun family arts and crafts, right through to supporting your child with their English and maths. Courses are held in community centres or at your child's primary school, so they are local and easy to access. Watch out for courses at a school near you.



Level	Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	19+ Fee	Location	What next?
E	<b>Preparing to volunteer in Schools</b>	Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	8 Weeks	FREE	Range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
1	<b>Business Administration</b>	Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	15 Weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
1	<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	15 Weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Entry to Level 1	<b>ESOL</b>	Join any time	Range of classes available	Flexi	Minimum of 20 weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Entry to Level 2	<b>Functional Skills English</b>	Join any time	Classes available Mon-Fri	Flexi	Minimum of 10 weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Entry to Level 2	<b>Functional Skills Maths</b>	Join any time	Classes available Mon-Fri	Flexi	Minimum of 10 weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Entry to Level 2	<b>ICT/Digital Skills</b>	Join any time	Classes available Mon-Fri	Flexi	Minimum of 10 weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
2	<b>Supporting Teaching &amp; Learning in Schools</b>	Jan 2022	Range of classes available	TBC	Minimum of 20 weeks	FREE	Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>

## Other courses include:

- Beauty, nails and complementary therapies
- NVQ levels 1 and 2 Hairdressing
- Pre-construction courses
- Warehouse and forklift truck skills
- Digital, Creative Media and Performing Arts including music performance, music technology, games development and more.



## There are lots of benefits to improving your life through English and maths.

Each year we transform the lives of hundreds of adults by helping them gain essential skills and qualifications.

Most of the time we don't think about English and maths, but we use these skills all the time:

- At home - paying for bills, reading letters, or recipes, or even booking holidays.
- At work - communicating with colleagues, customers or calculating wages.
- In our social life - paying for shopping or petrol, sharing a bill in a restaurant, or reading a menu.

With a range of courses starting in January, including Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 Functional Skills, we can offer the right pathway for you to improve your skills. Courses are FREE and offered online or in the classroom.

## FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH

Available at Wigan & Leigh College Centres or community venues across Wigan and Leigh.

## FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS

Available at Wigan & Leigh College Centres or community venues across Wigan and Leigh.

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## MARK WOODCOCK

*English and maths student Mark Woodcock is set to turn his life around, in a bid to give something back to those with mental health issues.*

*The single father of one from Wigan left school with no qualifications and joined the army.*

*After leaving the armed forces, the 41-year-old worked in security and as a joiner, until he experienced the life-changing trauma of a car accident in 2017. Following 60 hours of surgery over 10 days, Mark spent six weeks in hospital, and was unable to walk unaided for many months after.*

*"The accident really took its toll on many aspects of my life, both physically and mentally. Now I want to be able to help others who may be suffering their own health challenges," said Mark.*

*Starting with foundation level maths and English, Mark plans to progress to GCSE and then take up an Access to Higher Education course in Health and Social Care, followed by degree study.*

*"I'm really enjoying returning to study," Mark added. "And it's great because my daughter helps me out, which in turn helps her to learn too."*



Enjoy learning the English language at our successful and popular ESOL department. We will help you to improve your English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, in classes with students from all over the world. Become more confident in English and use your language skills to integrate into life in the UK. Our classes are fun, interesting and our experienced teachers will help and support you as you learn, meet new people and gain skills which will help you in your work place.

## ESOL students must bring the following to enrolment:

- Home office documentation or endorsed passport (also marriage/civil certificate/birth certificate if a dependant).
- ARC Card or Local Authority confirmation (for learners aged 16-18 or 19+ if in care of local authority).
- ARC Card dated beyond six months and post office receipt of support, dated within the month (19+).



## LEANDRA DOS RAMOS DA CRUZ

*Former ESOL student Leandra Dos Ramos Da Cruz is looking forward to a career in the business world, having progressed to degree study at Manchester Metropolitan University.*

*The 22-year-old, originally from Portugal, studied ESOL at the College when she moved to the UK with her family in 2016. Now her sister, Liliana is following in her footsteps, also studying ESOL at the College after moving to the UK only a couple of months ago.*

*Leandra said: "My English was pretty basic when I joined the ESOL class, based on what I had learned in school. The course was great. I learned such a lot about English culture, even cooking. And I met people from all over the world – from Italy to India and Pakistan."*

*Leandra progressed from the ESOL class to maths and English, then to Business Levels 2 and 3 at the College.*

*Multilingual Leandra is hoping that her Business with French degree will lead to European work opportunities in France or in Spain.*



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# FREE DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Choose when and where to study with a free\* distance learning course. Aimed at adults over 19, our accredited Level 2 home learning courses develop your skills, boost your CV and improve your career prospects.

## 5 BENEFITS OF DISTANCE LEARNING

1

### FLEXIBLE

Most courses take up to 12 weeks to complete (with some taking 16 weeks). Study around work commitments such as work, family and hobbies.

2

**FREE\*** FOR ADULTS 19+ subject to availability

3

### ATTRACTIVE TO EMPLOYERS

Gain a nationally recognised qualification in your sector

4

### DEVELOPMENTAL

Develop your skills and interests

5

### CHOICE OF STUDY

ONLINE OR PAPER BASED WITH ASSESSOR SUPPORT  
This is distance learning and there are no taught classes

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Adverse Childhood Experiences  
Awareness of Mental Health Problems  
Common Health Conditions  
Counselling Skills  
Improving Personal Exercise, Health Nutrition  
Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care  
Principles of Dementia Care  
Principles of End of Life Care  
Principles of the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care Settings  
Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities  
Understanding Autism  
Understanding Behaviour that Challenges  
Understanding Cancer Support  
Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes  
Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health  
Understanding Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care  
Understanding Mental Health First Aid and its Advocacy in the Workplace  
Understanding Nutrition and Health  
Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent  
Understanding Safe Handling of Medication  
Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties  
Understanding Working with People with Mental Health Needs

## MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL



Information, Advice and Guidance  
Lean Organisation Management Techniques  
Principles of Team Leading

### LEARNER QUOTES

*"The online layout was easy to follow - good if you are not experienced with IT."*

*"Gave me something to think about beyond work and family"*

*"I can do the course without having to worry about the financial side of it"*

To apply visit: [wigan-leigh.ac.uk/adult-courses/distance-learning](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/adult-courses/distance-learning) scroll to choose your course and click apply next to the course title

\*Courses are free but there is a withdrawal fee of £125 if you do not complete. Courses are offered free to UK residents subject to postcode eligibility. Those aged 19-23 must have at least 5 GCSEs A\*-C or 9-4 or a full Level 2 qualification.



# ACCOUNTING



For those who want to gain practical skills and financial expertise for a rewarding career in the professional field of accountancy. Accreditation is by the AAT (The Association of Accounting Technicians). This well-recognised and widely respected qualification is preferred by employers.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	AAT Level 1 Access Award in Bookkeeping	28041LO	21/01/2022	Fri	11.00 - 14.30	12 Weeks	YES	£278.00	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
2	AAT Level 2 Certificate (Part-time day)	23523W0	04/03/2022	Fri	09.30 - 14.30	34 Weeks	YES	£1,046.50	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
3	AAT Level 3 Diploma (Part-time day)	23524W0	24/03/2022	Thur	09.30 - 16.30	36 Weeks	YES	£2,573.00	YES	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



For animal lovers interested in learning more about caring for and managing a range of species. Whether you fancy working in a vet practice, zoo, animal rescue centre, or pampering pooches, there are lots of career options to consider in the animal industry.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
E	Dog Grooming	30055W0	20/01/2022 and 24/03/2022	Thur	17.30 - 20.30	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
E	Caring for Reptiles	30056W0	20/01/2022	Thur	17.30 - 20.30	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

## DANIELLE GARDNER

Twenty-four-year-old Danielle Gardner's love of animals has led to her becoming a second chance student in a bid to pass veterinary nurse exams.

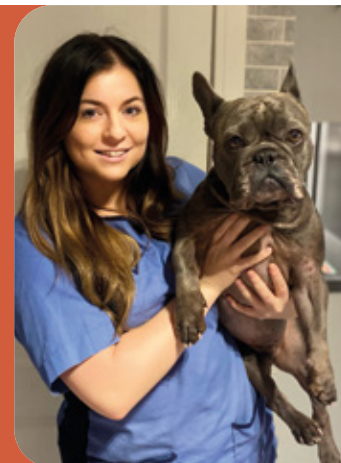
Danielle is working to achieve GCSE Maths and Foundation skills English, to qualify for a student vet nurse course and a promotion at work.

*"When I was at school I wasn't very academic. Even though I wanted to work with animals I didn't think I could get the grades,"* said Danielle, who left school and took up a range of jobs including hairdressing and dog grooming.

Now having secured a job at Anrich vets in Wigan as an auxiliary nurse, Danielle wants to progress to become a qualified veterinary nurse, with more responsibility and better pay.

She wants an apprenticeship as a vet nurse, working alongside her studies, but first she needs to pass maths and English.

*"The Maths course is challenging but I am finding it easier than I did at school. It will be worth the effort knowing that achieving maths and English is a passport to my vet nurse qualification."*



# ART & DESIGN AND FASHION



Explore your creative flair with a course based at our fully equipped School for the Arts within the Centre of Excellence in Creative Arts.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
E	Introduction to Arts		20/01/2022	Thur	17.30 - 20.30	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	School for the Arts - Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
2	In Stitches - Creative Sewing	28443W0	20/01/2022	Thur	18.00 - 20.00	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	School for the Arts - Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
2	In Stitches - Creative Sewing	27714W0	24/03/2022	Thur	18.00 - 20.00	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	School for the Arts - Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

Fees are for the full duration of the course. Those marked \* are fees for each distinct year.

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# BEAUTY THERAPY & HAIRDRESSING



If you are new to the industry, this course might be the kick start you need. The Image Centre hair and beauty salons are fully equipped to develop and showcase skills and talents in a real working environment.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector	28418L0	18/01/2022	Tues	18.00 - 21.00	1 Year	NO	£200.00	✗	Leigh College	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

# CATERING & HOSPITALITY



If you are inspired by British Bake Off and fancy developing your cake and bakery skills, or you are looking for a career in the expanding hospitality sector, you will find a course here for you.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Introduction to Beginners Bread and Dough	30082W0	12/01/2022	Wed	17.30 - 20.30	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
1	Introduction to Beginners Sweets and Desserts	30083W0	27/04/2022	Wed	17.30 - 20.30	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

# CIVIL ENGINEERING



Our flexible Higher National Certificates in Construction & Civil Engineering are a perfect choice for those already working in the industry, to enhance careers or gain the skills for a promotion.

Our Civil Engineering courses are held in the College's new Centre for Advanced Technical Studies located in the Rushton building opposite Parsons Walk in Wigan town centre.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
4	Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) Higher National Certificate (HNC) - Part-time day	21014W1	25/01/2022	Tue	09.00 - 16.30	2 Years	NO	£3,250.00*	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
4	Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) Higher National Certificate (HNC) - Part-time evening	21013W1	25/01/2022	Tue/Thur	17.30 - 21.00	2 Years	NO	£3,250.00*	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
4	Construction and the Built Environment Higher National Certificate (HNC) - Part-time evening	21012W1	25/01/2022	Tue/Thur	17.30 - 21.00	2 Years	NO	£3,250.00*	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
4	Construction and the Built Environment Higher National Certificate (HNC) - Part-time day	21011W1	25/01/2022	Tue	09.00 - 16.30	2 Years	NO	£3,250.00*	✓	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

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# CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS



From full to part-time courses you can learn more about early years' education and the care sector to launch your childcare career, or develop your existing skills and experience.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Caring for Children CACHE Level 1 Award	29124L0	17/02/2022	Thur	09.00 - 12.00	16 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
2	CACHE/NCFE Technical Award Child Development and Care	30479L0	20/01/2022	Thur	09.00 - 15.00	20 Weeks	YES	£440.00	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

# COMPUTING & DIGITAL SKILLS



Learn more about the latest IT and technology systems, either for home or to develop digital skills in the workplace. Courses range from those for complete novices up to Level 2.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
E	Computers for the Terrified	30023L0	09/02/2022	Wed	09.30 - 12.30	3 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
E	Computers for the Terrified	30094W0	09/02/2022	Wed	18.00 - 21.00	3 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
E	Essential Digital Skills	30024L0	09/03/2022	Wed	09.30 - 12.30	15 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
E	Essential Digital Skills	30095W0	09/03/2022	Wed	18.00 - 21.00	15 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Centre for Advanced Technical Studies	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk
Entry to Level 2	ICT/ Digital Skills		Join any time	Classes available Mon-Fri	Flexi	Minimum of 10 weeks		FREE		Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk

# CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS



From painting and decorating to plumbing, plastering and joinery this construction crafts course offers practical and theoretical skills in a hands-on environment for those who want to progress to employment in the construction industry.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	ASCENTIS Level 1 Certificate Skills for Employment in the Construction Industry	30478W0	18/01/2022	Tue/ Thur	17.30 - 21.00	20 Weeks	YES	£458.00	✗	Pagefield Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk

Are you keen to progress your career? If you are employed and want to gain a Level 3 qualification alongside being employed in a trade, then we have a range of NVQs available.



**NVQ Level 3**  
Carpentry & Joinery



**NVQ Level 3**  
Plastering



**NVQ Level 3**  
Brickwork

**Call 01942 761111 for further details**

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## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION



Electricians, keep up with the latest industry standard regulations, inspection criteria and testing, to make sure you are fully compliant with the most recent procedures.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
3	City & Guilds 18th Edition Wiring Regulations		16/02/2022 20/04/2022	Wed	17:00 - 21:00	6 Weeks	YES	£278.00	✗	Pagefield Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

## FLORISTRY



For green-fingered lovers of flora and fauna, this course will help you start the year on a floral theme.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
E	Start the New Year with Flowers	30477W0	19/01/2022	Wed	18.00 - 21.00	8 Weeks	YES	£48.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



Benefit from our Centre of Excellence in Health and Social Care's facilities and links with local NHS employers to follow your pathway to a career in caring, nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, social and youth work, therapies or psychiatry.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Health & Social Care		Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	15 Weeks		FREE		Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
1	Health & Social Care BTEC Level 1 Award	30481L0	10/01/2022	Mon	09.30 - 15.30	13 Weeks	YES	£144.00	✗	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
2	OPENAWARDS Level 2 Health & Wellbeing	30460W0	17/01/2022	Mon	09.30 - 15.30	13 Weeks	YES	£215.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
2	OPENAWARDS Level 2 Mental Health & Wellbeing	30461W0	10/01/2022	Mon	09.30 - 15.30	13 Weeks	YES	£215.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>



### HIWOT GETACHEW

Having graduated in civil engineering in her native country of Ethiopia, 32-year-old English and maths student Hiwot is now hoping to become a nurse.

The mum of three boys is studying Maths GCSE and English at foundation level to progress to an Access to Higher Education course in Health and Social Care and a place at university to take a degree in nursing.

*"Now is the time for me to make a big career change," said Hiwot. "I have always wanted to become a nurse but I do need English and maths to progress towards university study."*

Hiwot has lived in the UK for the last six years and worked as a civil engineer in Ethiopia since graduating.

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# MANAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL



Human Resources and Learning and Development departments form a part of many organisations. Those with CIPD qualifications can choose from a wide range of industries.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Business Administration		Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	15 Weeks		FREE		Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
3	CIPD (Human Resource Management) Level 3 Foundation Certificate in People Practice	30124W0	20/01/2022	Thur	09.30 - 16.30	19 Weeks	YES	£1,371.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
5	CIPD (Human Resource Management) Level 5 Associate Diploma in People Management	30125W0	19/01/2022	Wed	16.00 - 21.00	32 Weeks	NO	£1,850.00	✓	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
7	CIPD Level 7 Strategic Employment Relations	30074W0	02/02/2022	Wed	13.00 - 17.00	17 Weeks	NO	£777.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
7	CIPD Level 7 Resourcing and Talent Management	30075W0	02/02/2022	Wed	17.00 - 21.00	17 Weeks	NO	£777.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

# SPORT



Our Centre of Excellence in Sport at Leigh Sports Village is the hub for a range of courses. World class facilities combined with professional tuition could open up a new career pathway for you in sports, coaching, nutrition or teaching.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
2	Fitness Instructing (Gym) VTCT Level 2 Certificate	30112L0	18/01/2022	Tue/ Wed	18.00 - 21.00	22 Weeks	YES	£492.00	✗	Leigh College (Tue), Online (Wed)	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

# SCIENCE



Bring science to life on one of a range of courses. Science is the basis of many rewarding careers including forensics, biochemistry or the pharmaceutical industry, or you may want to brush up on science to help your child with their GCSE studies.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
1	Supporting your Child through GCSE Science (Key Stage 4)	30111W0	11/01/2022	Tue	18.00 - 21.00	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
1	Supporting your Child through GCSE Science (Key Stage 4)	30111W0	18/01/2022	Tue	12.00 - 15.00	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Online	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
1	Getting Started Scientific Investigations	30110L0	19/04/2022	Tue	18.00 - 21.00	8 Weeks	YES	FREE	✗	Leigh College	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
2	GCSE Biology	30486L0	07/01/2022	Fri	09.30 - 15.00	17 Weeks	YES	£50.00	✗	Leigh College	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
2	OPENAWARDS Level 2 Award in Science	30485L0	21/01/2022	Fri	09.30 - 12.30	19 Weeks	YES	£268.00	✗	Leigh College	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

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# TEACHING ASSISTANT



Are you looking for an exciting and rewarding career nurturing and guiding children and young people through their learning and development? If so, we have a range of Teaching Assistant courses delivered in the Community as well as College venues. Many of our students go on to successful careers supporting teaching and learning in schools.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
E	Preparing to volunteer in Schools		Jan 2022 and April 2022	Range of classes available	Flexi	8 Weeks		FREE		Life Centre North plus range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	Phone 01942 489758 / 489714 or email <a href="mailto:adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk">adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk</a>
2	Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools		Jan 2022		TBC	Minimum of 20 weeks		FREE		Range of community venues across Wigan & Leigh	
2	Teaching Assistants Cache Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning - day	29156W0	22/01/2022	Fri	10.30 - 16.00	15 Weeks	YES	£250.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
2	Teaching Assistants Cache Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning - day	29098W0	08/03/2022	Tue	16.30 - 21.00	15 Weeks	YES	£250.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
3	Teaching Assistants Cache Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching & Learning - day	27046L0	19/01/2022	Wed	09.30 - 14.30	21 Weeks	YES	£2,225.00	✓	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
3	Teaching Assistants Cache Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching & Learning - evening	30127L0	19/01/2022	Wed	16.30 - 21.00	21 Weeks	YES	£2,225.00	✓	Leigh Adult Learning Centre	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>
3	Teaching Assistants Cache Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching & Learning - evening	27045W0	25/01/2022	Tue	16.30 - 21.00	21 Weeks	YES	£2,225.00	✓	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>



## ANGELA GOODWIN

Having been made redundant following a period of furlough during the pandemic last summer, Angela Goodwin decided to retrain for a brand new career as a teaching assistant.

Despite aspirations to teach after leaving school, 45-year-old Angela took up an apprenticeship and was side tracked away from her initial teaching ambition.

The former laboratory technician worked in industry for 17 years using her science background on flammability testing for high street children's nightwear ranges.

Now she is returning to her dream career of working with children, studying the Level 4 Teaching Assistant course at the College, as well as working at St Joseph's High School supporting science while she completes the course.

Angela said: "Going back to College is the best thing I have ever done. The course is delivered in manageable units and it's great to learn skills and put them into practice in the classroom."

The mum of one has progressed from Teaching Assistant Levels 2 and 3, balancing her role as a mum with her studies and her job.

Angela added: "If you are thinking about retraining just do it. It feels great to be achieving in a totally different career. I wish I'd have done it sooner - I feel like a new person."

# TEACHER EDUCATION



Working in education and training can be very rewarding. If you want to enhance your skills or change your career we have a course to help you achieve your goals.

Level	Course	Course Code	Start Date	Day	Time	Duration	Free for Eligible Learners	19+ Fee	Loan available	Location	What next?
3	Ascentis Education and Training Level 3 Award (formerly PTLLS)	23022W0	11/01/2022	Tue	18.00 - 21.00	14 Weeks	YES	£360.00	✗	Parsons Walk Centre, Wigan	Phone 01942 761111 or email <a href="mailto:applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">applications@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a>

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# CAN I GET HELP WITH MY COURSE FEE?



If you are aged 19+ and you do not have a Level 3 qualification, you may not have to pay course fees.

See below for more details about fees and financial assistance.

## SOME COURSES ARE **FREE** FOR ELIGIBLE LEARNERS, AS SHOWN IN THE COURSE DETAILS.

You may be eligible for a **FREE** course if you are:

- Unemployed and receive JSA, ESA or Universal Credit (monthly income disregarding benefit is less than £345 sole claimant or £552 joint claimant).
- Employed and earning less than £18,525
- Receive other state benefit and wish to be employed or progress to more sustainable employment (monthly income disregarding benefit is less than £345 sole claimant or £552 joint claimant).
- Studying for your first full Level 2 qualification on an eligible legal entitlement course
- Aged 19+ and studying a Level 3 qualification on an eligible legal entitlement course.

## ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Learners aged 19+ who want to study a vocational, technical or professional qualification at Levels 3 and above are eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan.

The Advanced Learner Loan is only available to students on eligible courses at an approved institution such as Wigan & Leigh College.

Eligible courses include:

- A Levels and AS Levels
- Access to Higher Education Diplomas
- General and technical qualifications at Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6

## REPAYING YOUR ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN IS STRAIGHTFORWARD.

- You will only start making repayments when your income is more than £2,274 a month, £524 a week. or £27,295 a year.
- You will only pay back 9% of any income above £27,295 a year, see table for examples:

YEARLY INCOME BEFORE TAX	MONTHLY INCOME BEFORE TAX	MONTHLY REPAYMENT
up to £27,295	£2,274	• £0
£28,000	£2,333	• £5
£29,500	£2,458	• £16
£31,000	£2,583	• £27
£33,000	£2,750	• £42

If you are aged 19+ it's easy to apply:

- your household income isn't taken into account
- you won't have to pay anything back until your annual income is more than £27,295
- there is no credit check
- most learners aged 19+ who apply, will qualify for these loans from the UK government.

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There are a number of reasons why changes to course information may need to be made prior to you applying for a place on a course at the College. These may include, but are not limited to, operational and/or academic reasons. Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study on a course at the College, that they review up-to-date course information, which is available by visiting [wigan-leigh.ac.uk](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk) or by contacting us at 01942 761 111.

In addition, the College may be required to withdraw courses due to cohort numbers not being sufficient - please contact us if you require information in relation to cohort requirements on 01942 761 111.

Further information describing the teaching, examination and other educational, pastoral and student support services offered by the College are available from [wigan-leigh.ac.uk/college-information](http://wigan-leigh.ac.uk/college-information) documents contain important contractual information. Prospective students should therefore fully familiarise themselves with these documents prior to applying on a course to study at the College.

# ADULT AND HIGHER EDUCATION ADVICE AND ENROLMENT

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 **Wigan  
Council**

**COME ALONG TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION AND ENROL:**

**Wednesday 12 January  
4.00pm - 7.00pm**

Leigh Adult  
Learning Centre  
Walmesley Road  
Leigh WN7 1XL



**Thursday 13 January  
4.00pm - 7.00pm**

Centre for Advanced  
Technical Studies  
New Market Street  
Wigan WN1 1RP

