

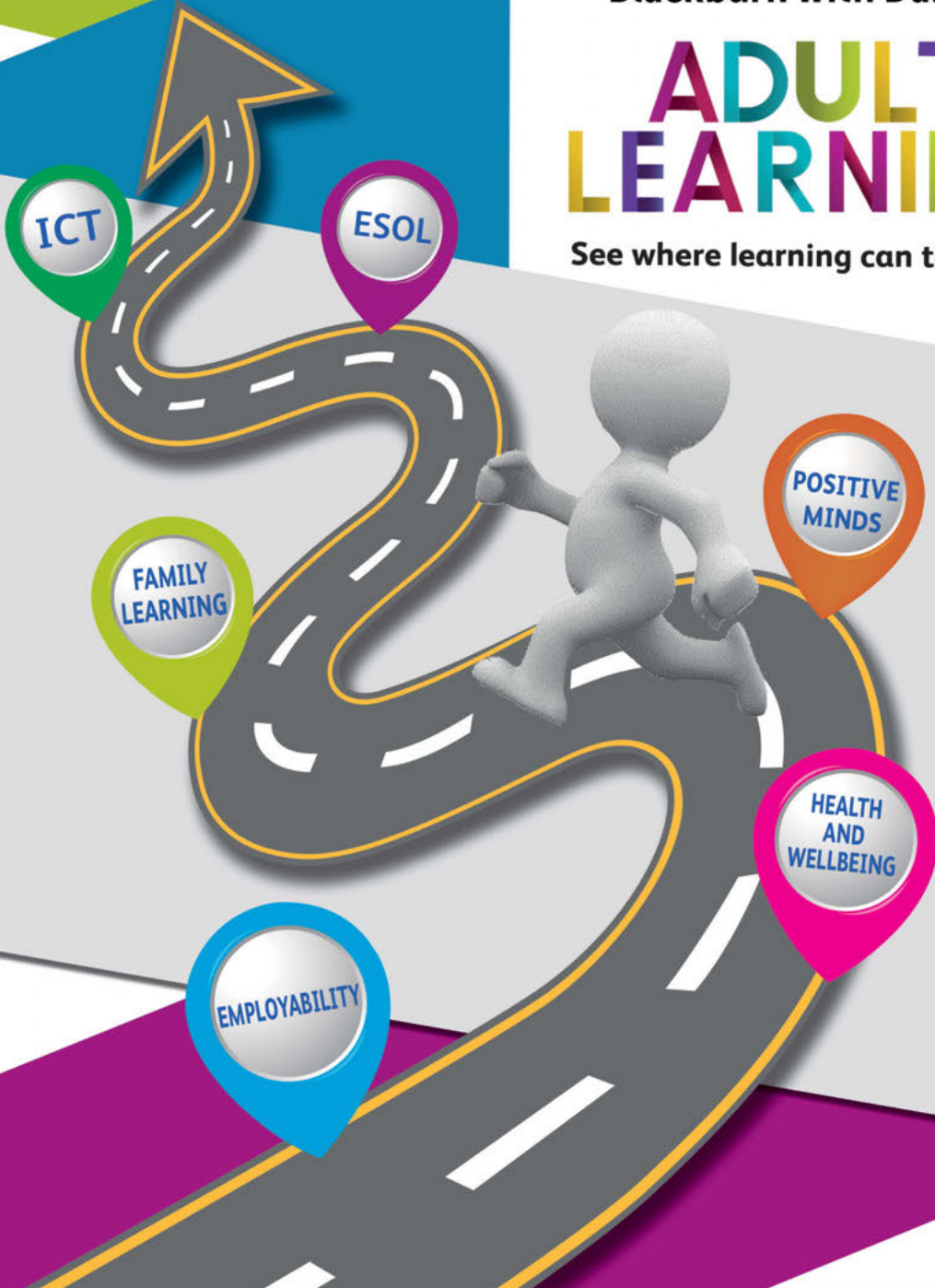


**BLACKBURN**  
with  
**DARWEN**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Blackburn with Darwen**

# ADULT LEARNING

**See where learning can take you!**



Course Programme

**APRIL - JULY 2019**

# Welcome

**We are delighted to welcome you to our latest course programme for April – July 2019.**

The brochure is full of an exciting mix of courses and workshops to help you improve your work prospects and wellbeing.

Courses run at a variety of venues across Blackburn with Darwen and are available to anyone aged 19 or over.

Why not join the thousands of adults who undertake their learning journey with us?

We are pleased to report that Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Adult Learning continues to be judged as 'good' by Ofsted, who say that "learners develop good employability skills and growth in their self-confidence".

We hope you find a course you are interested in and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

**Cllr Shaukat Hussain,  
Executive Member for Adult Services and Prevention**



## Our Venues



**BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
Town Hall St, Blackburn, BB2 1AG  
Tel: (01254) 507720 or 581175



**BOULEVARD CENTRE**  
45 Railway Rd, Blackburn BB1 1EZ  
Tel: (01254) 581175 or 507720



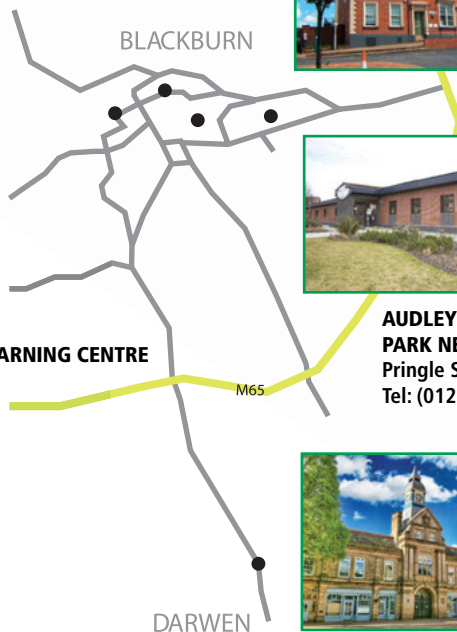
**BANK TOP NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE**  
Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP  
Tel: (01254) 581175



**AUDLEY & QUEEN'S  
PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE**  
Pringle Street, Blackburn, BB1 1SF  
Tel: (01254) 507720



**DARWEN TOWN HALL**  
Croft Street, Darwen, BB3 1BQ  
Tel: (01254) 581175 or 507720



# Enrolling is easy

## YOU CAN ENROL EITHER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONING:

### AUDLEY & QUEEN'S PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

Pringle Street, Blackburn, BB1 1SF

Tel: (01254) 507720

### BANK TOP NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP

Tel: (01254) 581175

Or email [adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk)

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday – 9:00am – 4:00pm

### SUPPORT FOR YOU

If you need support with your learning, please let us know when you enrol.

We can provide additional support or assistive technology to help you.

Non –accredited courses and workshops are free, for accredited courses there is a minimal charge of £20 (for courses up to 20 hours) and £30 (for courses up to 30 hours). These charges apply if you are currently working and have an annual gross salary in excess of £15,736.50.

N.B Full fee remission is available if you are in receipt of: Jobseeker's Allowance; Employment and Support Allowance (Work Related Activity Group); Universal Credit (work related requirements group, work preparation group or work focused group); or another state benefit (conditions apply).

**National  
Careers  
Service**

Helping you take  
the next step

**THE NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE PROVIDES COURSE AND  
CAREER ADVICE TO EVERYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING**

### Aged 19+ we can help you with decisions on learning, training and work.

- Unsure of your next career move?
- Returning to work from time out?
- Finished college or university and considering your next step?
- Unhappy in your current job and ready for a change?

### Advice is free, confidential and impartial. We can help with:

- Job application forms
- CVs and cover letters
- Interview techniques
- Effective job search
- Courses/Training

**CALL US on (01254) 588891 or CALL IN to make an appointment at:**

**AUDLEY & QUEEN'S PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE** Pringle Street, Blackburn, BB1 1SF  
**Tel (01254) 507720**

**BANK TOP NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE** Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP  
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**DARWEN TOWN HALL** Croft Street, Darwen, BB3 1BQ  
**Tel (01254) 588891**

**BLACKBURN COLLEGE** The Hub (Located in The Beacon Centre), Blackburn, BB2 1LH  
**Tel (01254) 292929**

*DWP customers can also access the National Careers Service at the Jobcentre.  
Speak to your work coach to book an appointment.*

**0800 100 900 [www.direct.gov.uk/nationalcareersservice](http://www.direct.gov.uk/nationalcareersservice)**

# FAMILY LEARNING COURSES

## FUN, FRIENDLY AND FREE!

If you think back to the most important things you've learned in life .... **values, attitudes and culture, maybe even love of reading** they came from **your family**.

So if you want to share the fun of learning with your children why not try **family learning**?

From helping you understand what your children are learning in school to improving your own reading, writing and maths, family learning offers a wide range of choices to:

- **Involve parents' in their child's learning**
- **Develop active, fun learning programmes with the parents**
- **Improve parents skills and confidence**
- **Support families to build better relationships**

We work in close partnership with schools, nurseries, children centres and agencies to deliver a wide range of courses and workshop activities across Blackburn and Darwen including:

### ■ SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S: MATHS – READING – PHONICS

Parents will learn how these skills are being taught and developed in schools. Courses include fun activities to be shared as families at home to improve their child's understanding. The teaching is tailored to each school and includes schemes such as Inspire maths, Phonics (Read, Write, Ink/ Letter and Sounds) and includes reference to SATS.

### ■ FAMILY LANGUAGE

For parents where English is not the primary language used at home. Parents will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills to be able to support their children's learning and development.

## OTHER COURSES INCLUDE:

### ■ ONLINE SAFETY

Parents will learn how to apply online safety practices when using the internet at home with their child.

### ■ BASIC PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

Parents will learn practical lifesaving skills for baby and child and develop techniques to deal with emergency situations.

### ■ POSITIVE PARENTING

Parents learn how to build positive relationships with their child (these courses are delivered in partnership with the Children's Centres).

### ■ NEW COURSE: SCIENCE TOGETHER

Parents and children can learn science together through problem solving and investigative activities. An opportunity for parents to develop a greater understanding of how their children are learning science at school.

For further information call **01254 581175** or email **familylearning@blackburn.gov.uk**

*Parents are more aware of the maths we teach at school and are better equipped to support their children with maths homework. - Head Teacher*

## ESOL

### English for Speakers of Other Languages

If English is not your first language, you can take a course to help you improve your English language skills. You can gain a qualification at the end of your learning. These qualifications offer the first steps in helping build your knowledge of the English language and will allow you to live more independently in the UK.



#### OUR ESOL COURSES WILL HELP YOU TO:

- Feel more confident in the community
- Move onto other courses or training
- Progress onto work
- Help your children with their school work
- Become independent with everyday life activities

#### ESOL COURSES ARE OFFERED AT A VARIETY OF LEVELS:

- Pre-entry
- Entry 1
- Entry 2
- Entry 3

#### DAYTIME AND EVENING CLASSES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT:

- Audley NLC
- Bank Top NLC

Classes can be set up at a venue near you if there is a sufficient number of learners wanting to learn. All learners will be offered an assessment prior to joining the course. It is important we find out your current level of skills so we can start you off at the right level.

**TO JOIN OUR WAITING LIST OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSES PLEASE CALL 01254 507720 OR EMAIL ADULTLEARNING@BLACKBURN.GOV.UK**

*“ I had a good learning experience. Now I feel more confident and my skills have improved. ”*

## TALK ENGLISH

Blackburn with Darwen Council works with many different organisations to provide courses and activities that help people learn English, access services and get involved in the community.

Talk English Project provides informal ESOL courses and activities to help people with little or no English to improve their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. The courses and activities take place in community settings and are taught by volunteer tutors.

To find out more contact **(01254) 581175** or email [talkenglish@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:talkenglish@blackburn.gov.uk)



### VOLUNTEER WITH US

We provide training and support to anyone who is interested in volunteering to help people learn English. To find out more about our current volunteer opportunities and training courses, contact the team on **(01254) 581175** or by emailing [talkenglish@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:talkenglish@blackburn.gov.uk)

## COURSES FOR LEARNERS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DISABILITIES

We offer a bespoke programme of short courses for adults with learning difficulties & disabilities with the aim of helping people become more confident, make friends, learn new skills, learn to live independently and to move on to paid or voluntary work.

The courses are free to anybody aged over 19 and normally run once a week.

### COURSES INCLUDE COOKING, ARTS & CRAFTS, DRAMA AND MUCH MORE

Apart from the advertised courses we are always open to suggestions from partners for other topics and courses that learners are interested in. We can also deliver flexible shorter programmes covering specific topics tailored for your groups.

For more information or to be added onto the mailing list please call **(01254) 507720** or email [adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@blackburn.gov.uk)



# WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?

## MATHS AND ENGLISH

We work closely with our local college who offer Functional Maths and English courses in Blackburn. Classes are free, available throughout the year and are accredited up to Level 2. For More information contact Blackburn college on (01254) 292929 or Community Training Portal (CTP) Blackburn on (01254) 677767.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES** are managed through the Locality Hubs and services such as Work Clubs, Your Call activities and other community issues. They are supported by our team of Community Connectors based in the hubs. We work with partners including the police, fire service and housing to support local residents to make improvements to their streets and neighbourhoods.

For more information on resolving Neighbourhood Issues or Transforming Lives, please contact:

East Blackburn Hub – Audley Neighbourhood and Children’s Centre (01254) 507720

North Blackburn – Little Harwood Children’s Centre (01254) 506910

West Blackburn – Bank Top Neighbourhood Centre (01254) 581175

Darwen & Rural – Darwen Town Hall (01254) 585681

**THE LANCASHIRE VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP** was established in 2016 between public services who wanted to provide one gateway into public service volunteering.

The aim of the partnership is to make volunteering for public services rewarding and to provide opportunities for people to make a real difference in their local communities. We are passionate about supporting people in need of help and building stronger, more resilient communities that can flourish; and at the heart of this are our volunteers.



**LANCASHIRE  
VOLUNTEER  
PARTNERSHIP**

To search or apply for local volunteering opportunities visit: [www.lancsvp.org.uk](http://www.lancsvp.org.uk)

## Work Clubs in Blackburn with Darwen

### MONDAY

#### **Darwen Town Hall**

10am – 11.30am

Croft St Darwen, BB3 1BQ  
For details call **01254 222128**

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Bank Top Neighbourhood Learning Centre**

10am – 12pm

Arthur Way, Blackburn, BB2 1QP  
For details call **01254 581175**

#### **Bangor Street Community Centre**

10am – 12pm

Norwich St, Blackburn, BB1 6NZ  
For details call **01254 507720**

### THURSDAY

#### **Audley and Queen’s Park Neighbourhood Learning Centre**

2pm – 4pm

Pringle St, Blackburn, BB1 1SF  
For details call **01254 507720**

For online support and news on local courses check out BwDBC Web link:  
<http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Help-finding-jobs-funding-training.aspx>



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