

Calderdale Adult Learning

**PART-TIME  
COURSES**  
2025/26

Calderdale  
Council

All learning  
is now  
**FREE**  
to eligible  
learners

# Local Learning that Leads You to Lasting Change

## Welcome to the 2025/26 academic year at Calderdale Adult Learning!

If you're looking to enhance your skills, improve your health and wellbeing, or prepare for employment or volunteering, we have a course for you.








Calderdale Adult Learning is a supportive and caring environment. We know that everyone's learning journeys are different, so our dedicated Learner Support Team and experienced Tutors will be with you every step of the way to help you achieve your goals.

This year, learning is more accessible than it's ever been. Courses are taking place in many local community venues across Calderdale as well as at Heath Campus, putting learning right on your doorstep. Our Tailored Learning (non-qualification-based learning) courses are now free to eligible learners (see page 18), meaning more people can now experience the benefits and take the steps to achieve their goals.

What are you going to learn this year? Where will your first steps take you?



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## Term Dates

<b>Term 1:</b>	
8 September - 12 December	
Half Term Break	27 - 31 October
<b>Term 2:</b>	
15 December - 27 March	
Christmas Break	22 December - 9 January
Half Term	16 - 20 February
Easter Break	30 March - 10 April
<b>Term 3:</b>	
13 April - 10 July	
Half Term Break	25 - 29 May

## Venue Codes

<b>BL</b>	Brighthouse Library
<b>CL</b>	Central Library
<b>CVAC</b>	Calderdale Voluntary and Community
<b>ECH</b>	Elland Community Hub
<b>HA</b>	Halifax Academy
<b>HC</b>	Heath Campus
<b>KX</b>	King Cross Library
<b>NG</b>	Newground Together
<b>O</b>	Online
<b>TC</b>	Todmorden College

# Fees and Course Levels

All learning  
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**Our Tailored Learning offer is even more accessible to those who need it most.**

See page 18 to see if you're eligible for a free course!

Anyone not eligible can claim a 10% early enrolment discount in Term 1 when you enrol and pay before 1 September.

## Course Levels

### Qualification-Based Learning

We offer qualifications from Entry Level 1 – Level 2. To make sure you're learning at the level that's right for you, you will complete a skills check before starting your class.

### Tailored Learning

**First Step** – The start of your learning journey. Explore how you can build your confidence, connect with others, and learn new skills to start achieving your goals.

**Next Step** – Take your learning and confidence to the next stage. Delve deeper into the skills and techniques you explored in the First Step course and make informed decisions about your own progression.

To ensure courses remain accessible to everyone and support positive, sustainable outcomes, learners are encouraged to attend only the First and Next Step within the most relevant Tailored Learning area, based on their individual needs. To support fair access and meaningful progression, learners are also advised not to enrol on multiple courses across different Tailored Learning areas.

# How to Enrol

## Enrolling on a course is simple

### Find

1

Find a course either in this brochure or on the website. Don't forget to read the course information page on the website to make sure the course is right for you!



### Enrol

2

Click 'enrol now' to complete your enrolment and upload your documentation via our online Learner Hub. If you're a new learner, you'll need to create an account.



### Achieve

3

Start your learner journey with us and achieve your full potential!



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# Improving Essential Skills

## Qualification-Based Learning

Qualifications in Maths, English, ESOL, and Digital Skills are requirements for many jobs, but the skills you learn along the way will also boost your confidence, improve your communication and problem-solving skills, and support you to take control of your life and goals.

Course Title	Venue	Level	Fee
Functional Skills English	HC/TC/O	E2-L2	FREE
Functional Skills Maths	HC/TC/HOT	E2-L2	FREE
Digital Functional Skills	HC	E3-L1	FREE
Award in ESOL (Reading/Writing)	HA/KX	E1-E2	£495
Award in ESOL (Speaking & Listening)	HA/KX	E1-E2	£360

**Fee waivers are available for these courses. See page 18**

## Enrolment Process

You will need to complete a skills check to enrol on any of these courses (excluding IT for All), please click the enquire button beside the course on the website or contact the Learner Support Team to book.

Your skills check results are used to make sure you're learning at the right level, and to plan lessons to support your progress.

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# Courses that give you the knowledge and essential skills you need

## Tailored Learning

Don't feel ready to take on an exam? **Build Your Skills** courses support your learning at the level that's best for you. Develop your current understanding in a supportive environment and build the skills you need to progress onto qualification-based learning.

Course Title	Venue	Level	First Step	Next Step
Build Your Skills English	HC/NG	E1-L2	FREE	
Build your Skills - A Creative Journey into Maths	HC	First Step - Next Step	FREE	
Build Your Skills in Maths	HC/NG/ HOT/CL	E1-L2	FREE	
Build Your Skills in Conversational ESOL	KX/BL	First Step - Next Step	£144	£180
ESOL (with Computer Assisted Learning)	HC	E2-L2	£96	£120
IT for All	ECH/BL/ TC/KX	First Step - Next Step	£96	£120

**Fee waivers are available for these courses. See page 18**

“I have put off re-studying English for 25 years. It only took me 5 months and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I now feel so proud to tick that box on any forms I complete.”







# Preparation for Employment

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Gain valuable understanding and skills that will prepare you for voluntary work or employment. Develop your communication skills and problem-solving abilities, while exploring sector-specific knowledge to enter a new industry with confidence.

## Qualification-Based Learning

Course Title	Venue	Level	Fee
Award in British Sign Language	HC/CL	L1	£247.50
Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care	CVAC	L1	£159
Working as a Volunteer in the Hospitality Industry	HC	E3	£165

**10% early enrolment discount on Term 1 courses when you enrol and pay before 1 September!**

## The Employment Hub

Calderdale Council's Employment Hub offers free support to people of all ages looking to find work, training or apprenticeships. Contact them on **growyourfuture@calderdale.gov.uk** for support or search 'Calderdale Employment Hub' for more information.

**“ The course has been very helpful and supportive towards me gaining new skills, that I hope to use in my career. ”**

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**Gain essential skills and feel prepared to progress in employment or volunteering**



## **Tailored Learning**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>First Step</b>	<b>Next Step</b>
Digital Marketing Essentials	HC	£96	N/A
From Passion to Profit: Cake Decorating for Self-Employment	HC	£120	£144
IT Work Skills	O	£96	£120
Pathway to Employment: Building Confidence and Skills for Career Success	BL/HC	£96	N/A

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**“I love coming to CAL, it gives me an outlet to meet people and learn the things that I missed out on at school.”**

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# Health and Wellbeing

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Health and Wellbeing courses are centred around improving your mental and physical wellbeing. They equip you with the techniques to live a healthier and happier lifestyle.

Get to know like-minded people, and learn how to combat stress, anxiety, and isolation – either creatively or physically. With this weekly wellbeing boost, you'll gain the confidence to take the next steps of your journey in no time!

Course Title	Venue	First Step	Next Step
<b>Improve your Health and Wellbeing Through...</b>			
Art	HC/TC	£96	£120
Mind and Body Activities	HC	£96	£120
Textiles and Crafts	HC	£96	£120
Working with Yarn	HC	£96	£120
The Healing Kitchen - Cook and Connect	HC	£120	N/A

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“The art course is a lot of fun. Quite challenging without being scary and really tests your creativity and problem-solving skills.”

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# Developing Stronger Communities

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Courses that bring like-minded people together to connect over common interests. Gain valuable skills and build the confidence to positively impact your community by sharing your new knowledge with others. Collaborate in classes by sharing ideas and experiences, strengthening your understanding and creating a more resilient and self-sufficient community.

Course Title	Level	Venue	First Step	Next Step
<b>Connect with Your Community:</b>				
South Asian Cooking	First Step	HC	£120	£144
Italian	Next Step	HC	£96	£120
Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Everyday Life	First Step	HC	£96	N/A
Digital Photography and Animation	First Step	HC	£96	N/A

**10% early enrolment discount on Term 1 courses when you enrol and pay before 1st September!**



“Excellent course, excellent tutor, lovely group of fellow students.”

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# Skills for Adults with Learning Disabilities

These courses bring people with similar interests together. You can learn new skills and gain confidence to help your community by sharing what you learn. In classes, you can work together by sharing ideas and experiences, which helps you understand better and build a stronger, more independent community.

Please note that anyone wishing to enrol on a Skills for Adults with Learning Disabilities course must complete a skills check before joining. Contact us on 01422 392820.

## Qualification-Based Learning

Course Title	Venue	Day	Fee
Award In Personal Progress	HC	Tue	£240

Learn essential skills exploring money, having your say, and being healthy, and gain an Entry 1 qualification to show you have progressed and are taking steps to become more independent.

**A fee waiver is available for this course. See page 18 for eligibility**



# Courses to encourage social integration and develop independent skills

## Tailored Learning

Course Title	Venue	Day	First Step	Next Step
<b>Connect with your Community:</b>				
Art and Craft	HC	Wed	£120	£144
Bake and Sell	HC	Tue	£96	£120
Baking by Numbers	HC	Thu	£120	N/A
Boost Your Skills in Cooking	HC	Thu	£120	£144
Cooking for Independence	HC	Thu	£120	£144
Drama and Movement	HC	Thu	£96	£120
Practical English for Independent Living	BL	Wed	FREE	
Practical Maths for Independent Living	BL	Wed	FREE	
Textiles and Craft	HC	Thu	£120	N/A

**10% early enrolment discount on Term 1 courses when you enrol and pay before 1 September!**

“I have been able to apply the skill to prepare my meals independently with little support. My tutors are all wonderful. Thank you for coaching me.”

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# Family Learning

## Want to learn and be creative at the same time with your children?

Family Learning work in partnership with many primary schools across Calderdale to provide an inclusive range of free, creative, innovative and enjoyable hands-on learning experiences.

Family Learning focusses on helping adults with parenting skills, developing an understanding of their children's needs, and improving their own skills to support their child's developments.

Activities are designed to encourage adults and children to learn together, increase parental participation and engagement with the school, enhance the children's learning at home, their health and well-being, and school readiness.



Through Family Learning, adults can reconnect with learning and transform their own lives.

Sessions include art and craft that supports literacy, numeracy and curriculum topics, parenting advice, seasonal themes, gardening and forestry projects, science and many more!

Details of Family Learning sessions are promoted on the school website and by an accompanying letter or leaflet.



**We work with partners across Calderdale to run courses that boost wellbeing and support you to get ahead in life and work.**



## Calderdale College

A wide range of courses to gain a recognised qualification.  
**[www.calderdale.ac.uk](http://www.calderdale.ac.uk)**



## Halifax Opportunities Trust

Professional development support in Park Ward, including ESOL and Digital Skills.  
**[www.regen.org.uk](http://www.regen.org.uk)**



## Noah's Ark Centre

Gain valuable financial skills and reduce debt and stress.  
**[www.noahsarkcentre.org.uk](http://www.noahsarkcentre.org.uk)**



## Proper Job

Break down barriers and develop confidence with team-working, confidence building, and communication skills.  
**[www.properjob.org.uk](http://www.properjob.org.uk)**

## Become a CAL Fund Partner

Are you an organisation in Calderdale who can deliver exciting community-based learning opportunities to those furthest from learning and employment? You could apply to be a CAL Fund partner! Invitation to tender for 2026-28 contracts will open in Spring 2026 – email **[cyps.cal@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:cyps.cal@calderdale.gov.uk)** to express an interest and we will contact you before applications go live.

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# Engage Programme

## Building confidence, essential skills, and well-being through creative learning and personal growth.

Courses designed to build learners' confidence and essential skills in Maths, English, IT, and Employability in a supportive, low-pressure environment. Through interesting activities and projects, learners will develop practical skills while expressing themselves and building self-esteem.

**Does your organisation support individuals who would benefit from building confidence and essential skills?**

We offer Engage courses designed to provide a safe, low-pressure introduction to learning, perfect for those who may be returning to education for the first time in a while. Partnering with us means your organisation benefits from tailored support that meets your specific needs. Courses can be delivered at your own venue or at our welcoming Heath Campus.

**Get in touch today to explore how a bespoke Engage course can make a lasting difference, for your clients and your organisation**

**“ I gained a lot of confidence and learnt a lot, plus I made some good friends too. ”**



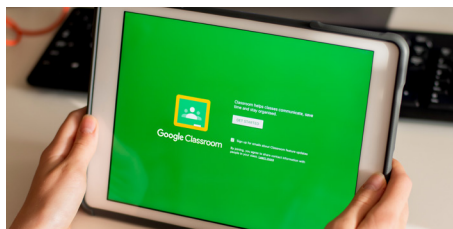
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# Learner Support

## You will have access to Google Classroom

You will use Google Classroom throughout your course to view work from your lessons, receive messages from your tutor, and access online resources. You can access this on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop/computer. Your tutor will support you to log-in during your first lesson, and the Learner Support team is always on hand to help with any issues.



## Information, Advice and Guidance




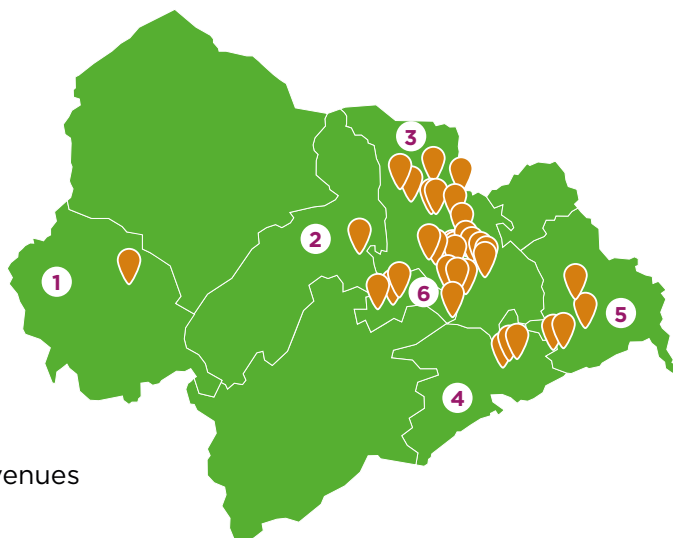
CAL is accredited by the **matrix Standard**, which means we deliver high quality information, advice and guidance to support you to progress through your learning.

We work alongside organisations in Calderdale who can support you to start volunteering or employment.

## Where you can learn

- 1 Todmorden
- 2 Mytholmroyd
- 3 Halifax
- 4 Elland
- 5 Brighouse
- 6 Sowerby Bridge

 40 CAL learner venues



# Funding and Eligibility



West  
Yorkshire  
Combined  
Authority

Tracy  
Brabin  
Mayor of  
West Yorkshire

All CAL courses are either fully or part funded by the government through our Adult Skills Fund (ASF) grant from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

The purpose of ASF funding is to support adult learners aged 19+ to gain the skills needed to enter employment, to progress within or sustain work and to access further learning or training.

To ensure funded courses are available to those who need them most, learners in receipt of specific means-tested benefits are eligible for a fee waiver (excludes Skills for Adults with Learning Disabilities courses). This means you won't have to pay course fees if any of the following apply to you...

## Tailored Learning – First Step/Next Step

- ✓ In receipt of income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ✓ Universal Credit (UC)\*
- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Housing Benefit
- ✓ Council Tax Benefit
- ✓ Pension Credit
- ✓ You are employed or self-employed and on a low wage (below the earnings threshold of £25,000 per year gross salary)

## 'Engage'

You are eligible for the free 'Engage' course if any of the previously listed criteria apply, or you are:

- ✓ In insecure, temporary or casual work
- ✓ Socially isolated, disadvantaged or a vulnerable adult
- ✓ A Mental Health service user and the course will benefit your health and wellbeing

## Qualification-Based Courses

- ✓ Legal entitlements (English and maths up to and including Level 2, and Digital Functional Skills to Level 1 are free)
- ✓ In receipt of an unemployment benefit (JSA/ESA/UC\*) and want to be employed
- ✓ An Asylum Seeker who is eligible for funding\*
- ✓ You are employed or self-employed and on a low wage (below the earnings threshold of £25,000 per year gross salary)

## Co-Funding and Course Fees

If none of the above apply your course will be co-funded by the government, and you will be charged a tuition fee to contribute towards the cost of learning (fees are listed in this brochure and on the website).

**For funding purposes, we must verify ID for all learners confirming your name, address and date of birth – please bring your ID to first class!**

## 10% Discount

Everyone can claim an early enrolment discount on Term 1 courses only, when you enrol by 1 September 2025. Don't forget to tick the '10% Discount' option before making payment for your course online.

So don't miss out - enrol with us today! See page 5 for guidance on how to enrol via the CAL website and our 'Learner Hub'.

**\*To view our Fees Policy for the full detail on eligibility, fee waiver criteria and accepted evidence, scan the QR code.**

**You must provide evidence of entitlement to any fee waivers**

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# Why learn with us?



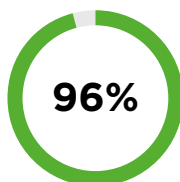
**3,500**

enrolments  
last year



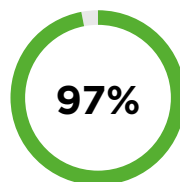
**37**

venues attended  
across Calderdale  
or online



**96%**

completed  
their course



**97%**

passed their  
qualification



**99%**

said the course  
met their needs  
and expectations



**99%**

would recommend  
CAL to friends or  
family



**98%**

were very satisfied  
with the teaching  
and support



**Good**

We're rated  
good by Ofsted

CAL 2023/24 data

## Contact Info

**Email:** [cyps.cal@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:cyps.cal@calderdale.gov.uk)

**Phone:** 01422 392820

**Website:** [calderdale.gov.uk/believeachieve](http://calderdale.gov.uk/believeachieve)

## Find us online



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### Calderdale Adult Learning

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The free car park is accessed via Linden Road.

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