

LOVE TO LEARN

2025/26

WITH THURROCK ADULT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Inspiring futures through lifelong learning
Courses, Workshops and Events

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WELCOME

Welcome to our college course guide for 2025-26. Here you will find a selection of our upcoming courses, workshops and events.

We are here to support you as a resident of Thurrock to develop new skills that will help you fulfil your potential and achieve your ambitions whether they be career related or personal.

We deliver courses throughout Thurrock in Family Hubs, libraries and community venues but our main base is the Old Courthouse at the end of the High Street in Grays.

It has a fabulous atmosphere with excellent facilities and is ideally located just a few minutes' walk from Grays train and bus stations. If you haven't visited us yet, now is the time!

We understand it can be quite nerve wracking to take that first step out of your comfort zone. We invite you to come along and see what you can learn with us – just call in and one of our friendly team will be happy to answer your questions and help you.

HOW TO ENROL

If you've not studied with us before don't be nervous – our class sizes are small, around 12-14 people, you will be in a class with other adults with similar skills levels to yourself and our friendly, experienced tutors will ensure you receive all the support you need.

We want as many local people as possible to take advantage of the many job opportunities coming to Thurrock now and over the coming years.

Have an idea for a course we don't offer?

Scan the QR code to add your idea to our wish list.



Online: www.tacc.ac.uk

Phone: **01375 372476**

In person:

Monday – 9am to 7pm

Tuesday – 9am to 5pm

Wednesday – 9am to 7pm

Thursday – 9am to 5pm

Friday – 9am to 4pm

Non-Term Time:

Monday – Friday - 9am to 3.30pm

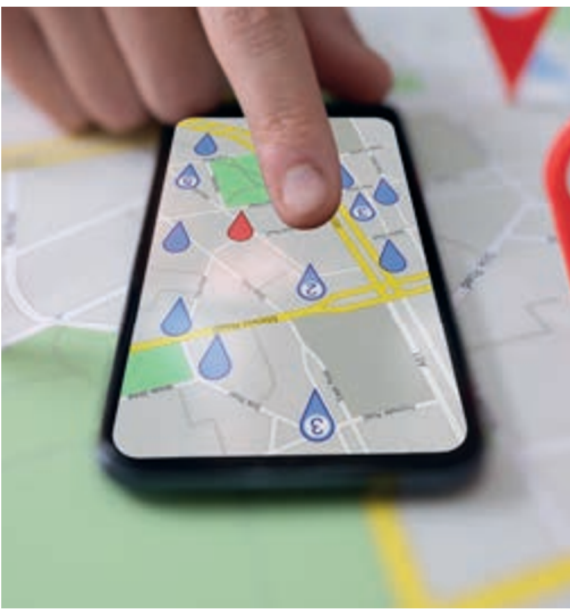
Outside of these hours please contact the Learner Experience Team by email:

tacc@thurrock.gov.uk or phone 01375 372 476 and select option 1



Follow us on social channels to discover more courses and events near you

Love Learning: Sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates on the latest news and opportunities by visiting thurrock.gov.uk/email



Additional Learning Support

We will do all we can to help you succeed and achieve but understand there may be times when you need a little extra support. Talk to one of our team when you enrol so we can support you from the start of the course. You can also phone or visit our website for more information.

Examples of support are:

- Learning Support Assistant in class
- Specific support for Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Dyscalculia
- Assistive equipment - such as screen magnifiers, large keyboards, text to speech.
- Loan of laptop or tablet (subject to eligibility)
- Support with course fees, travel costs and childcare

There is also a gifting of SIM data cards scheme available at local libraries and hubs.

Many courses are free. English, maths and digital skills courses are free for everyone*

***this may be different if you are new to the UK or living in a devolved area.**

ESOL and other qualification courses may be free if you are unemployed, in receipt of income related benefits or earn less than £25,000 each year (Subject to change April 2026).

Declaration of Human Rights - Article 26

"Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit."

TACC can support you with your right to learn.

Thurrock Works

We are working in partnership with Thurrock Works, a new All Age Career Service for Thurrock residents offering Career Advice and Guidance in Grays and surrounding areas.

To find out more email thurrockworks@thurrock.gov.uk or call them on 01375 413735.

Events at TACC

We work with a number of local employers and partners so check our website and social media pages to find out about upcoming events such as careers fairs and open days.

Contact us or visit our website to discover more about training and courses available at TACC which can support you to find employment and improve your career prospects.

For up to date information about events at TACC scan the QR code.



We offer English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), English, and maths courses at all levels in a relaxed and supportive adult learning environment.

Courses are part time and run for up to 17 weeks. You can enrol at any time throughout the year. The start and end times are school friendly, enabling you to drop off or pick up children. Evening classes are available.

We place everyone in a class with others of similar abilities, so if you are just starting to learn to read or write, don't worry. Your classmates will be in a similar position and all abilities are welcome.

Before starting your course, you will need to attend a **skills scan** to ensure you are joining the right course for you.

Dates are available throughout the year. Please look at our website at **www.tacc.ac.uk** email **tacc@thurrock.gov.uk** or phone **01375 372 476**





ENGLISH FREE COURSES

Learn to read, improve your writing or communication skills, or work towards a functional skills qualification.

Our experienced tutors will work with you to identify the things you need to focus on and support you in achieving your goals.



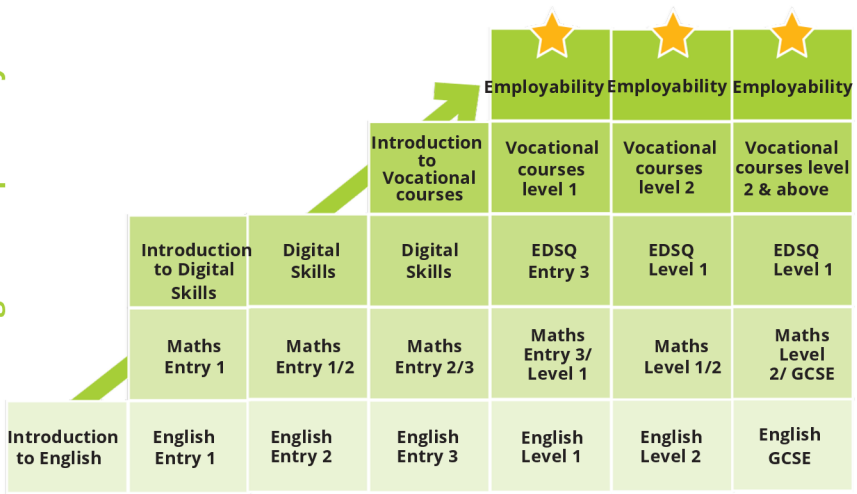
The English Level 1 class has been very helpful.

I can write and organise how I write my letters with the correct layout. My tutor has been very helpful and patient and they have explained things when I feel lost or don't know how to answer.

For more information about English courses available at TACC scan the QR code.



Progression pathway



SKILLS FOR LIFE

DIGITAL SKILLS FREE COURSES

So much of our daily lives rely on us using computers and mobile technologies to access services, such as the NHS, Job Centre and council. Many jobs now involve working online.

Developing essential digital skills will give you the confidence and skills to live, work and learn in the new digital world. Courses are part-time in small groups with learners at a similar level to yourself.

For more information about Digital Skills courses available at TACC scan the QR code.





MATHS FREE COURSES

Maths is an essential life skill and can open the door to a range of careers.

You will focus on using maths to solve problems found in everyday life as well as in the workplace. You will develop independent learning skills and confidence using maths in a range of contexts.

Gaining a maths qualification is essential for many career pathways. Our tutors will support you to work on the skills you need.



I initially thought I wouldn't need maths once I had completed

the course, but already I have seen how I use maths in everyday life and how much I had shied away using technology as a quick fix instead. Now, I am more confident in facing those times when I am at work and having to make quick calculations or reporting data, or at home discussing travel costs and household bills. It was a real confidence boost and encouraged me to understand that studying maths wasn't necessarily a challenge but something to look forward to.

Progression pathway

			★	★	★
			Employability	Employability	Employability
			Vocational courses level 1	Vocational courses level 2	Vocational courses level 2 & above
Introduction to Digital Skills	Digital Skills	Digital Skills	EDSQ Entry 3	EDSQ 1	EDSQ 1
English Entry 1	English Entry 2	English Entry 3	English Level 1	English Level 2	English GCSE
Maths Entry 1	Maths Entry 1/2	Maths Entry 2/3	Maths Entry 3/ Level 1	Maths Level 1/2	Maths Level 2/ GCSE

SKILLS FOR LIFE



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

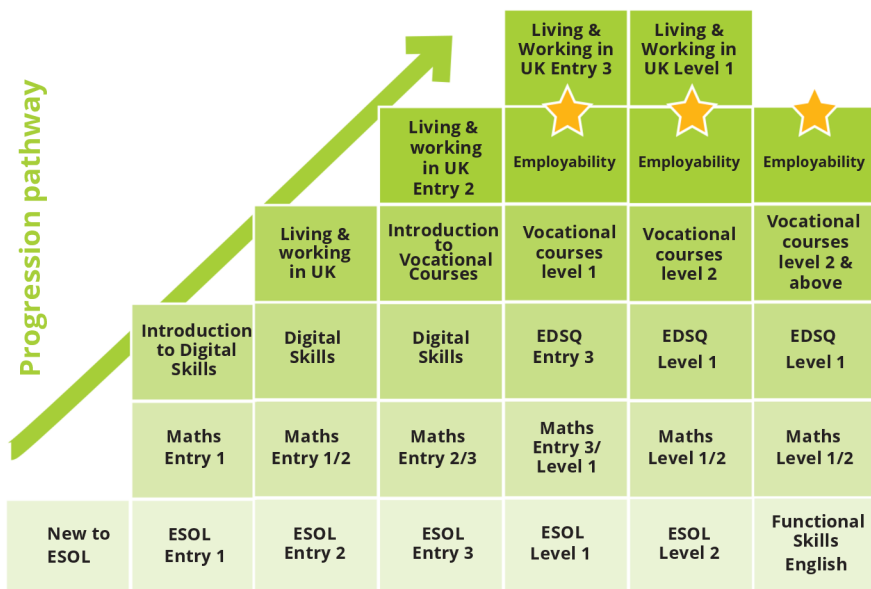
We will help you improve your reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Talk to your neighbours, help your children with homework, get a job, learn about life and work in the UK.

Classes are available in the morning, afternoon and evening so you are able to study around work commitments and dependents."

NEW COURSES

Childcare, Working in Schools, Health and Social Care, Preparation for Driving Theory Test and CSCS Construction Card.

These short courses will give you the vocabulary and knowledge to progress on to qualifications that will help you get jobs in these sectors.





OUR IMPACT

Last year (academic year September 2023 to July 2024) we made a positive difference to the people of Thurrock

- 998 Thurrock residents supported through our courses
- 223 ESOL learners enrolled
- 1,919 enrolments and 1,919 qualifications achieved
- 194 residents supported through our IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) service
- 70 learners referred to Thurrock Works Programmes
- 1,336 learners supported through the Multiply Project (government funded maths programme)

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Having the right skills and qualifications is more important than ever in today's competitive job market. These courses are for you whether you are getting back into work, not sure what sector you want to work in, are employed and looking for promotion or just for personal development.

Before starting your course, you will need to attend a **skills scan** to ensure you are joining the right course for you.

We have skills scan dates available at different times during the year, please look at our website at **www.tacc.ac.uk**, email **tacc@thurrock.gov.uk** or phone **01375 372 476**.

EMPLOYABILITY

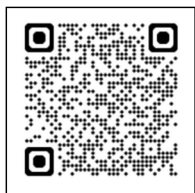
Tailored to equip you with essential workplace skills, including communication, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving. We can support with online job searching, job applications, writing a personal statement, CV writing and interview tips. Led by experienced tutors, our expert approach ensures that you develop practical skills that are highly sought after by employers. Whether you are entering the workplace for the first time or seeking to enhance your employability, this course provides the foundation for success in any professional setting.



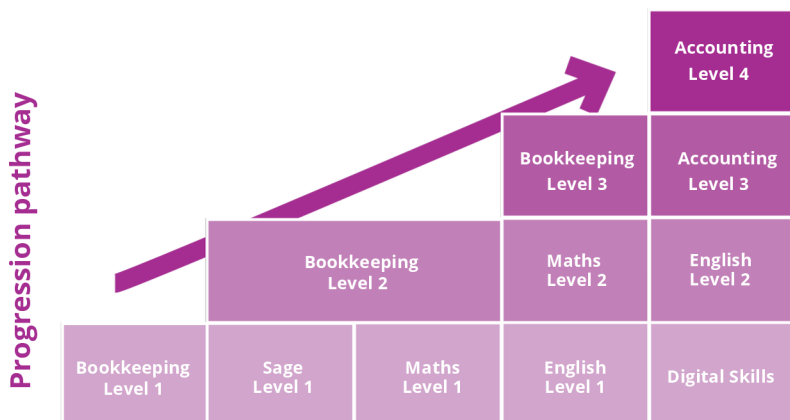


ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS (AAT) - BOOKKEEPING

Unlock your potential with our Level 1, 2, and 3 Bookkeeping courses. Gain essential skills in financial recordkeeping, accounting principles, and software proficiency. With expert guidance and hands-on training, you will build the confidence and knowledge needed to succeed in the bookkeeping profession. Enrol today and take the first step towards a rewarding career in finance.



For more information about Skills for Work courses available at TACC scan the QR code.



SKILLS FOR WORK

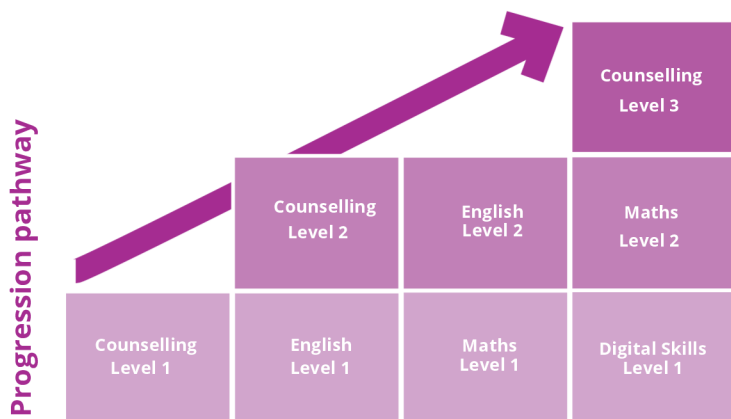
COUNSELLING



Embark on your counselling journey with our Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications.

Develop essential skills in counselling theory, effective communication and ethical practice.

Guided by experienced tutors, you will gain the knowledge and confidence to support others with empathy and professionalism. Enrol today and start making a meaningful impact in people's lives.



HEALTH & CARE QUALIFICATIONS

Tailored to your career pathway.



Whether you're just starting out or seeking to advance, our programmes provide a foundation of knowledge and practical skills.

We offer an introduction to basic caregiving to Level 2 Advanced Practices in Healthcare, our team provides a supportive learning environment that develops vital communication skills and enhances your employability working in this rewarding sector.



Looking for a vocational course we don't offer? Scan the QR code to add to our wish list and we will see what we can do.



Everything was new to me and a bit scary as I've not been in education for over 23 years.

My tutor knows how to bring out the best in you and they believe in me.

I'm a much more confident learner now. I can't wait to get in to class to find out what we will be learning about.

My tutor has made me love to learn again.

I have my tutor to thank for helping me pass my exams. They have been so supportive.

SKILLS FOR WORK

RETAIL

Get Retail Ready Level 1 Award

Build the skills and confidence to take your first step into the retail world.

Learn the essentials of customer service, teamwork, and workplace professionalism.

Perfect for adults returning to work or looking for a fresh start.

Gain a recognised qualification to boost your CV and open new doors.





CYBERSECURITY

Cybersecurity Basics L1 Award

Learn how to protect yourself, your data, and your devices in today's digital world.

Understand common online threats and how to stay one step ahead.

Perfect for beginners or adults looking to boost digital confidence.

Gain essential skills for safer browsing, working, and everyday internet use.

Earn a recognised certificate to strengthen your CV and digital awareness.

SKILLS FOR WORK

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (LSA) LEVELS 1 AND 2



Make an impact as a Learning Support Assistant.

Gain essential skills and knowledge to support students with diverse learning needs and develop employability skills essential for success in the sector. Experienced tutors will guide you towards becoming a valuable asset in a learning environment.

These qualifications are a useful stepping stone into a career in teaching.

SEND

The Level 2 Dyslexia qualification and ADHD Awareness course provides you with an understanding of dyslexia and ADHD, gaining invaluable insights into effective support strategies and interventions.





EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE

Whether you're just starting out or looking to advance your career, our level 1 and level 2 Childcare qualifications and level 3 Early Years Diploma offer the perfect opportunity to develop essential skills and knowledge.

We offer tailored learning opportunities that can include volunteering experiences within a nursery or school-based setting, improving employability skills and equipping you with increased confidence and communication skills.

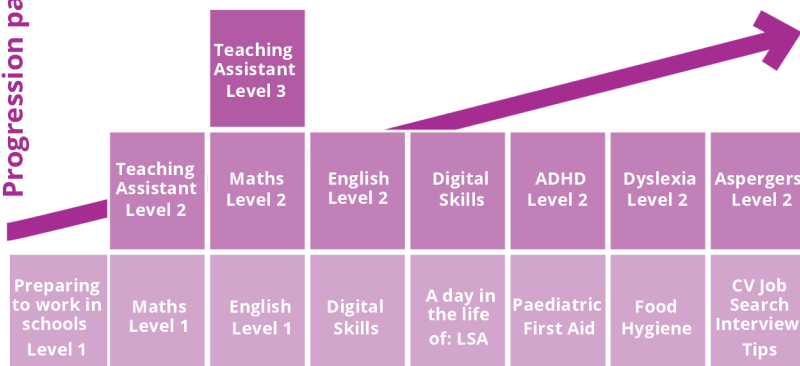
WORK EXPERIENCE

Learners studying the Level 3 Diploma will need to undertake at least two full days per week in an Early years setting.

Level 3 Educators are counted in staff ratios therefore all settings require at least one Level 3 in each room.

We offer support in finding work experience placements for both Childcare and School (LSA) courses.

Progression pathway



SKILLS FOR WORK



We want to ensure people can access learning close to where they live so we deliver sessions at a range of venues across Thurrock. All designed to bring learning opportunities to you. We work in partnership with other local groups to ensure that no part of the borough is left out.

We are very excited to offer a range of workshops including wellbeing, drawing and painting. We are pleased to offer a range of sewing classes – you can use one of our machines or bring along your own. All our courses are designed and delivered by specialist, qualified tutors, with the aim of helping you gain a new skill or develop an existing one.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn to stay up to date with courses and events.

Creative Writing

This course will introduce you to the wonderful world of creative writing. It will empower you to use your existing writing skills to express yourself, experiment with a variety of genres, and unlock your imagination.

Foreign Languages

We are now offering 'Language Tasters' in Spanish and Ukrainian with more languages to follow.

If you are interested in learning basic vocabulary and phrases in the above our short taster courses are a fantastic way to start. Classes usually take place weekly and you will learn in a fun and friendly environment.



LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY COURSES

Wellbeing

- Menopause Unwrapped
- Understanding Type 2 Diabetes
- Building Confidence and Self Esteem
- Heart Health Unveiled
- Zen and the Art of Painting Stones
- Walk and Talk Thurrock
- Seasonal Wellness Workshops

Learning in your Community

- An Introduction to AI
- British Sign Language - Beginners
- British Sign Language - Improvers
- Paediatric First Aid
- Mini Wall Hangings
- Plant Pot Decorating
- Decoupage
- Seed Bombs
- Sustainable Windchimes
- Seasonal Lanterns
- Seasonal Wreaths
- CV Writing, Interview Skills and Employability sessions - designed to equip job seekers with the skills, confidence and strategies needed to secure employment

**For up to date course information visit our website or contact the college direct*

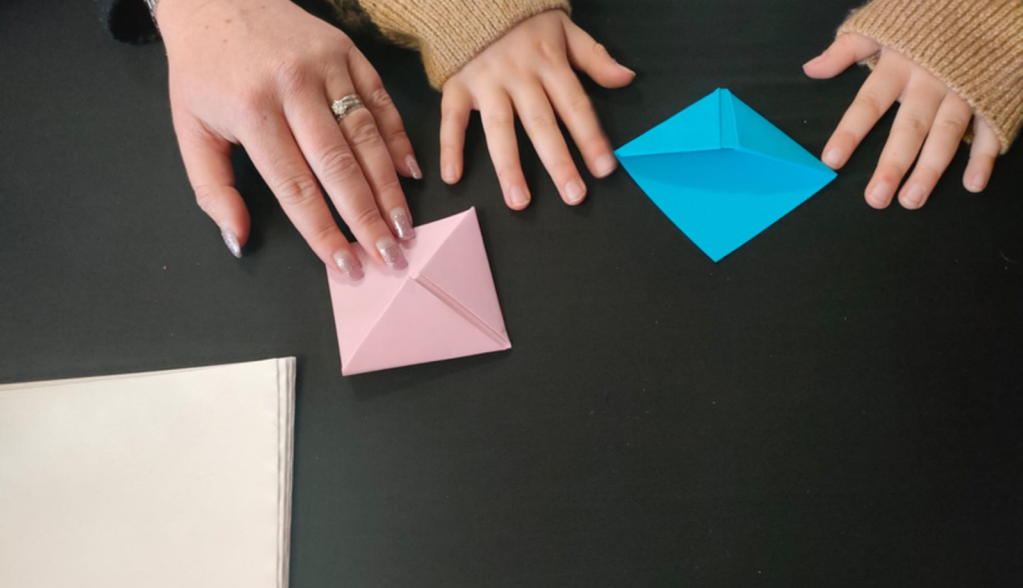
Thurrock's Family Learning team offer a range of workshops and courses for parents and carers with an aim to boost confidence and help build a child's self-esteem. We also offer sessions to help develop your child's maths and English skills, as well as fun interactive activities to develop communication and build lasting memories together.

Pre-booking is essential. If a class is full, you can register your interest and you will be contacted as more dates are added throughout the year.

Family Hubs, Community Hubs, Libraries, Early Years Settings and Schools

Contact us by calling **01375 372 476** or email **tacc@thurrock.gov.uk** if you would like to work in partnership for the benefit of the families in your community.





FAMILY LEARNING COURSES

- Aiding your Anxious Child
- Family Woodwork 6+ years
- Seasonal Crafts
- Fun with Numbers
- Saturday "Pop Ins"
- ADHD Awareness
- Supporting your Child's Literacy
- Supporting your Child's Numeracy
- Storytelling for children aged 2-5 years
- Come Dine With Me

For more information about Family Learning activities and events at TACC scan the QR code.



**For up to date course information visit our website or contact the college direct*



TUTORS

When most people think about getting in to teaching, they think of schools, degrees and student debts. Adult education is different. Our courses are part-time and start and finish to allow for school runs. No degree is needed, and the initial teacher training qualification can be completed within 12- 13 weeks studying part time. See below for more details.

The college funds this qualification for its teaching staff. We are always looking to increase the range of subjects we offer and grow our team of tutors. You may already have experience of teaching or training; have a hobby you would like to share with others or are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge from previous or current employment.

We'd like to hear from you if you have existing skills, or have a strong interest in the following areas: English, maths, ESOL, Health & Social Care, Teaching Assistants, Digital Skills, Leadership and Management, Floristry, Horticulture, Cooking, Food Safety, Paediatric First Aid, Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW), Adults with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEVEL 3

This is the first part of the teaching qualification for the post 16 sector. It is for those who:

- Currently work or want to work as teachers/trainers in the further education and skills sector
- have just started a teaching/training role
- are assessors who wish to achieve a teaching/training qualification
- are teachers/trainers who are seeking career progression in their area of work

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (LSAs)

LSAs provide a vital role in supporting adult learners with additional needs whether that be a learning difficulty or disability or a health condition.

LSAs support learners one-to-one or in a small group setting in class or online and work under the direction of the Tutor. Work is part time, flexible hours and allows for school runs. This role can be fulfilling and often is an ideal stepping stone to a career in teaching.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an essential part of TACC's vision to contribute to the skills and wellbeing in our community.

If you have some free time, don't feel quite ready to take on a paid role or would just like to find out what it's like working in an adult education setting, then volunteering is ideal for you!

Many of our volunteers progress into learning support or teaching roles and find the experience of volunteering really fulfilling.

For more information about career or volunteering opportunities with TACC, contact TACC.HR@thurrock.gov.uk or visit our website: www.tacc.ac.uk.

Changing lives through Learning

We are proud to play our part in helping people to achieve their full potential, gain confidence and thrive. Many of our learners are new to learning or have not been inside a classroom for a very long time. With the help of our supportive and knowledgeable tutors you really will love to learn! Find out what some of our learners think about their learning experience below.



The ESOL course helped me to apply for

higher education. I enrolled at university on a foundation year and I finished my first year with grade A. That could not be possible without your professional tutors and great support.



It's made my brain work as my brain had got

dusty. It's waking my brain up. I keep my notes and BSL resources out and look at them with a cup of tea rather than watching the TV. I have learnt so much in a short time. It gives you some respect for yourself. Makes you proud.



Completing a Skills Scan to determine my level of learning ability not only assisted the tutor in determining where I should begin but also

supported me in realising, realistically, what I needed to do and where my focus should be. With a structured plan of highlighting the areas that were less familiar, it meant I was clearly focusing on the areas that needed more work rather than going over what was already established.





TACC Annual Learner Awards Celebration

At the end of every academic year we celebrate our learners' amazing achievements with an evening of celebration at our Learner Awards Ceremony!

Nominations are received from staff and tutors, throughout the year, with awards given for the highest number of nominations in each category.

It is a brilliant night and a chance for staff, learners and many of our community partners to come together in celebration of our wonderful learning community.

Visit our website, drop in or give us a call to find out more about courses, workshops and qualifications available at TACC

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CELEBRATE LEARNERS



Each year 2,000 people learn new skills or gain qualifications with us.

Why not join them?

how to enrol or contact the College

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- Call: **01375 372 476**
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Main campus at The Old Courthouse in Grays
with delivery at locations across Thurrock,

