



HOMES FOR UKRAINE

16+ Education for Hosts & Guests
from Learning Services Worcestershire



ADULT LEARNING
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Learning Services Worcestershire is the County Council department for post-16, community-based education in Worcestershire. We are directly contracted by the Department of Education to provide learning opportunities for residents when other options such as sixth form, college, apprenticeships or university are not the best choice. We have three main offers:



Young Adult Learning

This programme provides vocational training in local communities for young people aged 16-19. It creates an alternative to college and traineeships are popular within this programme. These are work-based learning opportunities where learners focus on getting ready to enter the world of work – often through apprenticeships. They are great for learners who need to improve their English and maths skills before joining an apprenticeship; they also create a supportive environment for developing confidence in a workplace before stepping up to the demands of an apprenticeship.

19+ Community Learning

This programme complements the wider work of the council by providing learning opportunities which support key council objectives, such as the wellbeing of residents, support for children's learning and community development. Courses in this programme counteract social isolation by bringing residents together to learn, signpost people to opportunities to volunteer or take up other roles in their community, support schools with their parent engagement and guide participants towards improved wellbeing.

19+ Adult Skills

This programme offers skills and qualifications which support confidence in the workplace, digital connectivity, entry points to new careers and pathways to Higher Education. This programme includes opportunities such as GCSE English and Maths, Essential Digital Skills, Employability support, Teaching Assistant training and vocational programmes for Hair & Beauty.

Fairfield Centre – Home to Learning Services

Learning Services Worcestershire is a county-wide service which operates out of local libraries, schools, community centres and other partner venues. Learning can be taken to any local community where there is sufficient demand for the service. However, the home to Learning Services is the Fairfield Centre in Warndon, Worcester and we always have staff on hand there to respond to enquiries and provide additional information about our services to anyone who wants to visit us in person.

Support for Ukrainian Guests

Age 0 – 16

Learning Services Worcestershire is not able to advise on education for children of school age. Any enquiries for guests of this age should be directed to Here2Help referral point:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

Age 16-19

In the academic year 2021/22, young people born before 01/09/2005 should be in education until at least their 18th birthday.

From the academic year 2022/23, this date will change to birth dates before 01/09/2006.

Learning Services Worcestershire can provide educational advice to Ukrainian guests within this age group. Accessing mainstream education is anticipated to be particularly difficult as we enter the summer exam season, so our team will be working to support flexible opportunities for learning during this period. Please email youngadultlearning@worcestershire.gov.uk or call 01905 728537 to speak to us about a young guest needing support.

Age 19+

The Department for Education has confirmed that all Ukrainian guests are eligible for government-supported adult education on the same terms as British residents. We will be offering a mixture of opportunities which will be developed over the coming months. As well as our usual programmes for Worcestershire residents, we will have some additional opportunities under the Homes for Ukraine scheme which will not be advertised within our public-facing programme. These additional opportunities can be found by searching under “Homes for Ukraine” at: worcestershire.gov.uk/learningservicescourses

In addition to our own programmes, we will be collaborating with local partners to support referral into courses and qualifications provided by Kidderminster College, Heart of Worcestershire College, Warwickshire College Group and the University of Worcester.

Intergenerational Learning

Family Learning is a key part of 19+ Community Learning. This is where parents / carers / grandparents and their children come together to learn. Family Learning will be part of our Homes for Ukraine opportunities. All Family Learning involves an adult aged 19+, but we welcome participation in whatever host/guest combination can benefit your new family unit.



Support for Host Families

As well as support for guests, we are keen to make sure that there are opportunities to support hosts too. Whether this is by welcoming you onto one of our mainstream creative programmes where you can get some “me time”, or by inviting you to workshops where you can develop specific skills to support your guests, we hope that you will find something of benefit in the programme. Your feedback and input to help us understand what you and your guests need will be welcomed as we work to develop our programmes over the coming months.







How Much Do Courses Cost?

Many of our courses are entirely free and others are individually priced but have government subsidy. Any charges are shown against each individual course at the time of booking. Where concessions are available, these are usually related to employment status. Advice can always be sought by calling **01905 728537** prior to booking. If required, staff answering calls on this line will be able to transfer the call to our Homes for Ukraine Education Manager, Natalie Buck, who is able to communicate in both English and Russian.

Getting Ukrainian Education Recognised

Guests who have qualifications issued in Ukraine (or elsewhere) may want to investigate their equivalence under UK systems. UK ENIC (formerly NARIC) is the national agency for international qualifications. Their services may be beneficial, particularly for professional qualifications which could enable access to certain professions: **Home Page (ecctis.com)** A statement on their support for Ukrainian refugees can be seen at: **News (ecctis.com)** and they have a dedicated email address to help refugees: **refugee@ecctis.com**. This page from the European NARIC site may also assist with understanding the Ukrainian education system and qualifications: **Enic-Naric**



Course	Minimum age	Absolute Beginner	Simple Conversation	Semi-fluent	Fluent / Native Speaker	Hosts	Interpretation	Pre-Course Level-Check (1)	Programme
Embedded Conversation Practice	19+	With own interpreter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	No	No	Adult Learning Courses 
Welcome to Worcestershire	14+ with adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Staff Interpreters	Yes	Course for Ukrainian guests 
English skills boost	14+ with adult	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes / No (3)	No	Yes	Adult Learning Courses 
Maths skills boost	14+ with adult	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes / No (3)	No	Yes	Adult Learning Courses 
English Language for Job Seeking	19+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Staff Interpreters	No	Course for Ukrainian guests 
English Language for Parents, Carers and Grandparents	19+	With own interpreter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes / No (3)	No	No	Adult Learning Courses 
Maths and English for Parents	19+	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)	No	No	Adult Learning Courses 
Teaching English to Others	14+ with adult	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Course for Ukrainian guests 
English for Families	5+ with adult	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Peer Interpreters	No	Course for Ukrainian guests 
Qualifications in English	16+	No	No	No	Yes	Yes / No (3)	No	Yes	Adult Learning Courses 

1. Pre-Course Level Check is a phonecall with one of the team to check applicant's ability to ensure the course will be helpful to the applicant

2. Hosts are encouraged to participate with their guests wherever possible

3. These courses may be suitable for hosts, if the hosts have their own learning needs.

