

Adult Community Education News

DACES is Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service

Join us to get qualifications, confidence and skills for life and work!

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Could a career in catering be for you?

Catering SWAP

Sector - based work academy programme

Are you passionate about food and enjoy working as part of a team?

This exciting opportunity is starting 3 June 2024 for 2 consecutive weeks with interviews for Derbyshire County Council jobs.

Location:

- Week 1 - Clay Cross Adult Community Education Centre
- Week 2 - Derbyshire County Council school placement

This course is for people 19+ who are unemployed actively seeking work and are interested in working in the catering sector. You will learn the skills and knowledge to prepare for work in catering. If you are unemployed and actively seeking work, this course is **free**.

You will learn:



- Skills, knowledge, and experience to work in catering
- Level 2 Certificate Food Safety
- Level 1 Essentials of Health and Safety
- Impartial advice from Derbyshire Careers Service

If you are interested in our Catering Sector Based Work Academy Programme, [visit our website](#) or email ncs.scans@derbyshire.gov.uk

Learn your name in BSL (British Sign Language)



I think we've all felt lonely at some point in our life.

But for too many disabled people, loneliness is a part of everyday life, whether it's because they can't easily access public spaces or because of different communication styles. So much of what they do at Sense is about breaking down barriers, so no one is left behind.

You can help break down those barriers, too.

One quick thing you can do to help is learning to spell your name in British Sign Language (BSL).

The good news is that you can learn how to do it quickly and easily on the Sense website.

[Learn your name in BSL](#)

It's a simple thing, and it won't change the world on its own, but if we all do it, we'll make society that bit more welcoming for people who use BSL. And that'd be a start.

National Numeracy Day 2024

National Numeracy Day 2024 is on Wednesday 22 May



We at DACES want to celebrate National Numeracy Day and help to create more opportunities for Derbyshire residents and employees through building confidence and skills with numbers.

Check what activities and events are taking place at your local Adult Community Education centre by looking on the [DACES website](#), ring us on 01629 531241 or pop into your local ACE centre.

We have a variety of activities and events for families and adults taking place across the county – book your place today.

[Get theses tips for maths anxiety](#)

Free Construction and DIY courses



Coming soon!

Free Construction and DIY courses

We have new **free** courses starting at our construction units in Holmewood and Glossop.

- Introduction to bricklaying
- Introduction to plastering
- Women into construction
- Introduction to joinery
- DIY

All courses may be **free** if you are employed and earn less than £20,319.

If you're interested in these email dacesemployability@derbyshire.gov.uk or ring 01629 535895

There's no need to wait until September for your next course You can still learn this Summer

We have courses still starting over the next few months. If you'd like to find a suitable course visit our website.

[This video demonstrates how to search for courses that begin in various months.](#)



You can book courses for the 2024/2025 year from 9am on Monday 1 July 2024.

2024 could still be the time to make a difference to your life!

Events for unpaid carers



If you're an unpaid carer, did you know there are lots of activities, training and events which are free for you to take part in this month?

From chair-based yoga and arts and crafts to reading groups and a session on benefits advice, there's lots on offer hosted by Derbyshire Carers Association (DCA).

To access the events and activities, you'll need to be [registered with the Derbyshire All Age Carers Support Service.](#)

[Take a look at what's available and book yourself a place.](#)

The Derbyshire All Age Carers Support Service – which is delivered by DCA on our behalf – includes:

- information and advice helpline
- face-to-face, home visits and telephone support
- planning for emergencies
- support groups
- carer's assessments
- skills for caring
- financial advice and grants
- social activities and events
- volunteering and more.

Follow DCA on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) for news, updates, and events.

[Find out more](#)

Meet the team

Get to know us better! Our new **Meet the Team** series reveals our team's unique learning stories. Life's journeys are never straightforward, and ours are no exception. Join us!

This month meet Amanda



[\[For screen reader text\]](#)

Meet the team— move on up

When I left school, I was disappointed with my examination results. But I got a job working in an office and worked my way up. I then left on maternity leave and didn't return to work until my youngest child was at nursery.

One of my jobs was working in the admin office at South Normanton Adult Education Centre. This is where my thirst for learning began. I started classes to improve my computer skills, then retok my English and maths qualifications to gain a level 2 so that I could attend Teacher training courses in an evening. Eventually I gained my Certificate of Education and began teaching ICT at Adult Education Centres, whilst still working part time in admin.

I have worked here for over twenty years and my learning continues, from Management courses to Assessor courses. I now work as Programme Development Worker. DACES have always encouraged my development and progression of career.

I truly believe with the right encouragement and determination you can achieve your learning goal.



Amanda Harris
Programme development worker

Elmer day!

Saturday 25 May is Elmer Day

The day also commemorates Elmer's 35th birthday. Several Derbyshire Libraries are holding celebratory activities during May.

You can find out more about [Elmer Day on the Elmer website](#). Join their free, drop-in sessions for children and families at these libraries:

- Ashbourne Library - craft session on Saturday 25 May, morning. Call 01629 533950 for further information.
- Borrowash Library - collage activity where children work together to complete a large Elmer picture to restore her multi-coloured appearance, from Between Saturday 18 and Saturday 1 June. Call 01629 533448 for further information.
- Dronfield Library - Elmer's patchwork birthday - stick a patch on Elmer's body in the Children's Library - during opening hours, from Saturday 25 May to Saturday 1 June. Ring 01629 533450 for further information.
- Hayfield Library - arts and craft children's session to create a mosaic Elmer on Tuesday 14 May and Tuesday 21 May, from 5pm to 6 pm. Call 01629 533438 for further information
- Swadlincote Library - 'Elmer Party Day!' - take part in a special hide and seek game amongst other exciting crafts! Saturday 25 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, family event. Call 01629 533013 for further information. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



For further information on Derbyshire Libraries email ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk, [visit the website](#) or follow them on [Facebook](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week runs from Monday 13 to Sunday 19 May

This year's theme is all about moving more for better mental health and there's lots of apps to help to get a bit more active.

These include the NHS Active 10 app and the Coach to 5k app.

[Search for, and download, apps to help you get more active here.](#)

Find a job with Derbyshire County Council

We work hard to be an excellent employer and in return we expect our employees to give their best so that we can deliver high quality services to the people of Derbyshire.

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Ofsted says we're Good!



Love learning locally with
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**SKILLS
FOR LIFE**



Apprenticeships



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