

## 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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#### New courses starting this April!



Are you looking to transform your career, earn a promotion, learn a new skill or take up a new hobby?

We are delighted to offer a range of courses available with flexible start dates specifically designed for you. There are lots on offer starting this April.

Why not take a look at our website and register yourself onto course. Take the first

step into a new learning journey with us.

To Find out more, visit [derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation)

#### Help us to shape our future identity



We are considering a name change from Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES) to ensure that our name is recognisable, easy to remember, and fully reflects what we do.

After conducting a range of focus groups and consulting with key people, we have narrowed

down a wide pool of potential names to a couple of suggestions.

Our new name will be based on feedback that our should be short, straightforward, easy to remember, and reflect the breadth of our provision. Feedback also included that it should include both "Derbyshire" and "learn/learning" to showcase the diverse services we offer.

We would love to hear your thoughts on these suggestions! Please take a moment to complete this quick form and tell us your preferences: <https://forms.office.com/e/rNdFTXTX8h>

Thank you in advance for your input. Your feedback is invaluable as we continue to improve our services.

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## Your feedback is important is important to us

### Have you completed a course with us recently ?



Your feedback is important to us. it helps us identify what we do well and what we can do better. Your feedback really does shape what we do. its supports us to:

- continue to improve quality
- make sure your learning is effective and enjoyable as possible
- makes sure our courses stay inclusive and relevant to meet your needs needs

f you have completed a course with us recently and haven't yet completed your feedback form, now is your chance! Please scan the QR code or follow on the link below:

[DACES course feedback form 2024 to 2025](#)

It only takes a 2 minutes to complete the form. We would love to hear from you. Every feedback form we receive makes a difference.

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## Changes to library opening hours



From Monday 31 March 2025 all 43 of our council-run libraries will introduce the new opening hours timetable, and although slightly reduced, the revised hours have been tailored to ensure branches are open when most people regularly use them.

The changes are part of the implementation of the new Derbyshire Public Library Strategy, which is aimed at securing the future of county libraries, ensuring they remain open, offering modern and sustainable services to their communities.

The new strategy was agreed in January following a 12-week public consultation which saw 3,800 residents give their views.

All council-run libraries (not including 2 community-run libraries in Woodville and Tideswell) will reduce their opening hours by an average of 10%.

However, all libraries will be open for a time on Saturdays, with all but the smallest libraries also opening until 6pm once a week. No libraries will be open for less than 16 hours per week.

To mitigate the reduced opening hours, reservation charges for book and talking book requests, where the item is either in print or in stock in Derbyshire libraries, will be removed, as will charges for borrowing talking books.

Library users who are planning on visiting their local branch are asked to check revised [opening times](#) from Monday 31 March 2025.

They can also ask about the new times at their local library from today. Any queries should be emailed to [ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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## 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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