

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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National Numeracy Day 2025 – Let's Talk About Money!

**A free and
friendly way to
feel good about
NUMBERS?**



Sign me up!

Find out more about
National Numeracy Day
by scanning the
QR code or searching
'Numeracy Day'.



Did you know that a third of people in the UK say managing money is the main reason they want to improve their numeracy?

Whether you feel anxious about maths or just want to get a bit better at budgeting, you are not alone, and simply talking about numbers is a great place

to start.



This National Numeracy Day, we are focusing on money confidence. Because managing money well starts with understanding the numbers behind it.



Feel better about numbers and money

In these videos, you will hear real stories about how our feelings towards maths can hold us back from engaging with our finances and how building confidence with numbers can be a key step towards reducing financial stress:



[Watch here – “Why Numbers Matter”](#)



[Watch here – “Gaining Confidence with Maths”](#)

At **Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES)**, we offer a range of courses designed to help you feel more confident with numbers, whether for daily life, work, or money management.



click here to find a course near you [DACES Course List](#)

Youth Hub Success Story

Owen's Journey to an Apprenticeship at United Cast Bar



Spring 2025 Employer Visit – United Cast Bar

When Owen reached out to the Youth Hub in February 2025, he was eager to make a change and take a positive step toward employment. Encouraged by a friend who had previously accessed support, Owen contacted **Miranda** a decision that would set him on a clear path to success.



Building the Foundations

At his first appointment, Owen showed strong determination and a real willingness to learn. With Miranda's support, he created a professional CV and learned how to navigate job platforms such as **Indeed**, **Direct Jobs**, and **Find a Job**. Weekly sessions helped him gain confidence in writing cover letters and proactively reaching out to employers.



Making the Most of Every Opportunity

Owen took full advantage of Youth Hub activities, including attending the **Chesterfield Hope Hack** a youth-led event that gave him the chance to explore real-life challenges and build communication skills. This experience played a big role in boosting his confidence.



A Turning Point: United Cast Bar Visit

In March, Owen joined a **Youth Hub employer visit** to **United Cast Bar**, in collaboration with *Careers Made in Chesterfield*. He toured the foundry, learned about advanced production processes, and met staff members gaining a firsthand look at the working environment.

Impressed by the experience, Owen took initiative and contacted the manager directly to express his interest in joining the team.



Success Secured

Thanks to his drive and preparation, Owen has now secured an **apprenticeship with United Cast Bar**, with **Chesterfield College** as his training provider.



A Message of Encouragement

Owen's story is a fantastic example of what can be achieved with the right mindset, consistent support, and the courage to step outside your comfort zone.

Well done, Owen we are proud of you!



click here to find out more about Youth Employment support [Youth employment support - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Celebrating VE day 80 years on at the Alfreton Study Programme



The staff and learners on the Alfreton Study Programme took part in the VE Day celebrations, remembering a moment that changed the course of history. Several fabulous outfits were worn, and parents and guardians were invited into the centre to celebrate and participate in a range of activities.

These included watching original footage from 8 May 1945, when the world awoke to the news that Nazi Germany had surrendered, marking the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Other activities included visiting a variety of stalls in the hall, where learners demonstrated valuable transferable skills by serving customers with enthusiasm and plenty of smiles. Of course, no celebration would be complete without a sweet treat everyone enjoyed a cake or two!

This event gave us the opportunity to reflect on and honour the service of veterans, educate the younger generation, and reaffirm our collective commitment to peace.

"We shall never forget."

Georgina Smith shared her thoughts: *"It was an amazing afternoon. I would like to thank all the staff for their contributions, for looking fantastic in their outfits, and for creating such a brilliant atmosphere for everyone! A special thank you to Lisa Hartley (Learning Support Assistant) for planning, preparing, and organising this event. Well done!"*



Learning Disability Week 2025



Monday 16 June to Sunday 22 June

2025 Celebrating ability, raising awareness, and promoting inclusion.

Learning Disability Week is a time to **educate**, **raise awareness**, and **celebrate the talents and contributions** of people with learning disabilities.

Having a learning disability does not mean someone is not intelligent, it means they learn in a different way and may need extra support to succeed. Unfortunately, people with learning disabilities are more likely to experience **low self-esteem**, **social exclusion**, and **mental health challenges** due to misunderstanding and lack of support.

Let us change that together.

Join us to:

- Learn more about **learning disabilities**.
- Discover the **support and courses available**.
- Meet other organizations and services ready to help.
- Celebrate the **skills and achievements** of adults with learning disabilities.



Event Schedule:



Monday 16 June 2025 – 1pm to 3pm Clay Cross ACE Market Street, Clay Cross, S45 9JE



Wednesday 18 June 2025 – 1pm to 3pm Enterprise Event at Derbyshire Eco Centre Porter Lane, Middleton by Wirksworth, DE4 4LS



Thursday 19 June 2025 – 1pm to 3pm Ilkeston and Cotmanhay ACE Centre Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston, DE7 8PF



Let us celebrate together! Come and find out about the courses we offer, how we can help you **meet new people**, **gain new skills**, and most importantly, **have fun** while learning!



We are here for you. If you or someone you know has a learning disability, come and talk to us. We want to help you reach your goals, your way.



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Celebrating learning disabilities week

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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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