

Get into Learning

Derbyshire
Eco^{centre}

What's on...

Spring Courses
2017



Learn Locally with Derbyshire Adult
Community Education Service

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Improving life for local people



Derbyshire Eco Centre is run by Derbyshire County Council's Adult Community Education Service. It was opened in 2010 to encourage learning of all kinds that unites people, places and prosperity. It is the first of its kind in the country.

- Leading by example with our sustainable building design. Follow our self-guided trail to find out more.
- Indoor and outdoor learning spaces to provide a wide range of experiences for all ages.
- Discover our woodland walk, gardens and dry stone walling training site.

Learn about sustainable building

Our practical courses on renewable energy and low tech building will help you to plan projects that you can build yourself and give you the confidence to talk to architects and contractors.

We are recognised as quality assured providers for:



What's on Offer?

Our courses are colour coded to help you find subjects of interest to you. We have courses for beginners, for all abilities and follow on courses for those who already have some previous experience and want to develop their knowledge and skills.

Get Creative

We have lots of opportunities for you to unleash your artistic abilities and gain confidence using natural and recycled materials.

Get Hands On

Practical skills courses for those who don't mind getting their hand dirty. Includes short courses and longer qualification courses.

Get Learning as a Family

Our family activities are designed for parents, carers and children to enjoy together. Prices are per family – £15 for up to 2 adults and 2 children, extra children are £5 each. Each adult can bring up to 3 children aged 4–14 but only 2 can be under 5 years old. Please check course details before booking as some courses have a higher minimum age limit.

Get Active and Healthy

Courses to get you active and healthy in mind, body and spirit. Fun short and weekly courses in yoga, massage and alternative therapies.

Get Ahead in Life and Work

Improve your confidence and skills to enhance your job prospects and make life changes that you have been dreaming of.

How to find the Eco Centre

Trent Barton bus 6.1

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, National Stone Centre**
– 2 minutes walk

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, Malthouse Close**
– 10 minutes walk

For public transport details contact **traveline:**
www.traveline.info
0871 200 22 33

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Porter Lane
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Derbyshire DE4 4LS
01629 533038



January

	<p>Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Monday 9th January (evenings – 5 wks) £80 / £73 / £43</p>
	<p>Felt bags, brooches & beads Learn how to turn fleece into beautiful hand felted bags, brooches and other accessories. Wednesday 11th January (evenings – 5 wks) £65 / £59 / £35</p>
	<p>Jewellery making – Silvercraft (at Anthony Gell School) Learn traditional techniques to make jewellery by fashioning silver into beautiful forms Wednesday 11th January (evenings – 5 wks) £65 / £59 / £35</p>
★	<p>Assertiveness and confidence building Learn how to feel more confident in your communication with others through changing how you feel about yourself Tuesday 17th January (evenings – 3 wks) £25 / £23 / £13</p>
	<p>Introduction to stained glass technique Learn traditional stained glass techniques and make a small leaded glass panel (leaded light) Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd January (2 days) £88</p>
	<p>Introduction to bee keeping An introduction to the practice of bee-keeping for beginners and would be bee keepers Sunday 29th January (1 day) £40</p>

We hire out spaces to groups for meetings and special events, please contact us for further information.

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February

	<p>Hedgerow basket making Use fresh cut willows and hedgerow stems to make spectacular and functional baskets for indoor and outdoor use Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th February (2 days) £88</p>
	<p>Get to know your sewing machine Gain confidence and the knowledge to get the most out of your sewing machine Saturday 4th February (1 day) £41</p>
	<p>Hedgelaying Learn to lay a hedge in the traditional Derbyshire style, for the benefit of wildlife and the landscape Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February (2 days) £72 / £65 / £36</p>
	<p>Family mosaic making (7 yrs and over) Use mosaic tiles and beads to make pictures inspired by nature. For children aged 7 and over and their grown ups. Wednesday 15th February (1 morning) £15*</p>
	<p>Family photo books Create your own fabulous photobook for your treasured memories from recycled fabrics and other materials. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Thursday 16th February (1 morning) £15*</p>
	<p>Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Monday 20th February (evenings – 5 wks) £80 / £73 / £43</p>
	<p>Introduction to massage Learn basic relaxation massage techniques for use on family and friends Monday 20th February (evenings – 5 wks) £65 / £59 / £35</p>
	<p>Jewellery making – Silvercraft (at Anthony Gell School) Learn traditional techniques to make jewellery by fashioning silver into beautiful forms Wednesday 22nd February (evenings – 5 wks) £65 / £59 / £35</p>
	<p>Dry stone walling – Lantra Level 2 Certificate Develop your existing dry stone walling skills by learning how to build a wall end to a high standard Starts Friday 24th February (14 days over 6 months) £590 / £550 / £390</p>
	<p>Stained glass (leadwork) – all abilities Learn or develop existing skills needed to create a leaded stained glass panel Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February (2 days) £88</p>
	<p>Practical woodland management Learn how to plan basic woodland management and safely fell small trees Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February (2 days) £72 / £65 / £36</p>
	<p>DIY plumbing Learn basic plumbing skills and techniques in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere Tuesday 28th February (evenings – 6 wks) £85 / £78 / £49</p>

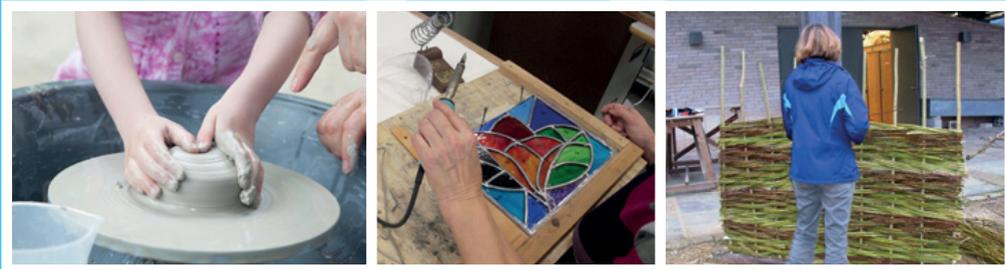
*£15 for a family of up to 2 adults and 2 children, extra children only £5 each (maximum 3 children per adult)

March

★	<p>Garden mosaic making Design and create your own outdoor mosaic panel to brighten up your garden! Wednesday 1st March (evenings – 5 wks) £65 / £59 / £35</p>
	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn to carve a decorative stone from a design of your choice Friday 3rd March (1 day) £46</p>
	<p>Plant and garden knowledge for garden design Develop your understanding of the requirements of ornamental plants, improve your plant knowledge and hone your planting design skills Friday 3rd March (mornings – 6 wks) £90 / £81 / £45</p>
	<p>Yoga for women's health Discover and practice yoga exercises, meditation and relaxation techniques designed to boost your health and wellbeing Sunday 5th March (1 day) £34</p>
	<p>Coping with stress Gain a better understanding of what causes you stress and find positive ways of dealing with it Tuesday 7th March (evenings – 3 wks) £25 / £23 / £13</p>
	<p>Stained glass – an introduction to copper foil work Learn to create beautiful stained glass pieces using copper foil technique Thursday 9th March (evenings – 5 wks) £76 / £70 / £46</p>
	<p>Willow beehive making Learn how to make a traditional beehive from coiled willow and straw using wattle and daub techniques Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March (2 days) £95</p>
	<p>Living willow structures Work with living willow to create structures such as domes, tunnels or seats Saturday 11th March (1 day) £46</p>
	<p>Dry stone walling – Lantra Level 1 Certificate Gain the basic knowledge and skills to build and repair dry stone walls to a satisfactory standard. Starts Monday 13th March (10 days over 5 months) £426 / £397 / £283</p>
	<p>Making natural dyes Make your own natural plant dyes and test the colour results on a range of different materials Saturday 18th March (1 day) £41</p>
	<p>Introduction to Permaculture An introduction to the principles of permaculture and how to apply them to the way you live your life Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March (2 days) £50 / £45 / £25</p>
	<p>Bike maintenance II – Brakes, gears, cables & bearings If you already know how to fix a puncture, learn more skills to keep your bike on the road. Saturday 25th March (1 day) £41</p>
	<p>The self sustaining garden Find out how to create a low maintenance, highly productive, eco-friendly garden that takes care of itself! Saturday 25th March (1 day) £39</p>

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★	Introduction to reflexology An introduction to the theory and practice of reflexology and hand reflexology in particular Saturday 1st April (1 day) £41
	Wind powered irrigation systems Build a system to pump water around a garden powered by a small wind turbine Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April (2 days) £125 / £117 / £83
	Hurdle making Learn how to weave willow or split hazel poles into a strong panel for the garden. Sunday 2nd April (1 day) £51
	History & mystery of Public Rights of Way Improve your knowledge of access and Public Rights of Way and what you can do to improve them in your area. Thursday 6th April (1 morning) £18
	Self build with timber Create a basic Walter Segal designed timber frame structure and explore super-insulation, flooring and cladding Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April (2 days) £93 / £86 / £57
	Introduction to hempcrete A practical introduction to using hempcrete in sustainable building projects Saturday 8th April (1 day) £75 / £70 / £51
	Family collage creation Make a brightly coloured and textured piece of art from stuff you would usually throw away. Wednesday 12th April (1 morning) £15*
	Family pottery Learn hand building techniques to make fun objects from clay. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Wednesday 19th April (1 morning) £15*



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Think you can't?

You could with us!

We offer a range of support to help you achieve:

Financial help

Learning support

Bring a friend...

...and much more!

Childcare help

The Guide

Visit our learner handbook, **The Guide** at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide

or ask in centre, where you can find out

- practical information for learners
- how to access help and support
- how to give us your feedback



Hayden has autism, dyslexia and ADHD. With our help and support to meet her needs, she achieved qualifications in English, maths, Sign Language and Food Hygiene and has now moved on to learning at a college and a part time work experience placement.

Sonya has hearing loss and had learned somewhere before that didn't meet her needs. We worked with her to make sure she could access the materials and fully take part in the course. She now has a Level 4 teaching qualification and teaches lip reading, signed communication and deaf awareness.



All additional support provided is based on an individual assessment of each learner, our staff can talk through this with you.

What will this course cost?

We use three different bands for our course fees. The full fee for a course will be advertised as Band A. If you are a Derbyshire Gold Card holder, you will pay the Band B price for Community Learning. In most cases, we offer reduced fees for those on certain benefits at Band C. For some qualification courses you may be able to apply for a learner loan. There may be additional costs on some courses for materials and exams fees.

Please check at the time of booking.

How can I pay?

Payments can be made online through the web or in person at your local centre. For some courses, you may be able to pay in instalments.

How can I join?

Most courses are available to book through our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch or you can visit or telephone your local centre.

Where can I get further information or advice?

For detailed information about the support that we can provide, including financial help and learning support, visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide or contact your local centre. Not sure what to do next? We have highly skilled National Careers Service advisers actively involved in supporting learners in many of our centres. Ask in centre, visit the National Careers Service website or call **01629 532430**.

How can I help?

Find out how to volunteer at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/dacesvolunteer
We regularly recruit Tutors and Learner Support via www.derbyshire.gov.uk/jobs

Book online, it's easy

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch

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