



Adult Learning

Role and Purpose Statement

2021-2022

**Statement of Intent**

**Southampton City Council’s Adult Learning Service will commission, broker, support and monitor adult learning and skills opportunities across Southampton; encouraging social, economic, educational and personal progression for individuals, families and communities.**

**Local and National Priorities**

Southampton City Council recognises the key role that adult learning has in supporting social and economic wellbeing of individuals and the city as a whole. The City Strategy 2015-25 has three main priority areas and the Adult Learning service woks to support all of them:

* Economic growth with social responsibility
* Skills & Employment
* Healthier and safer communities

The Skills & Community Learning Service also supports the priorities of [A Healthy Southampton for All](http://www.southamptoncityccg.nhs.uk/our-vision-mission-and-values) and [Better Care Southampton](http://www.southamptoncityccg.nhs.uk/better-care-southampton), particularly in building resilience and using preventative measures to achieve better health and wellbeing.

Nationally, ‘New Challenges, New Chances’ (Further Education and Skills Reform Plan: Building a World Class Skills System, December 2011) confirms the purpose of Government Supported Community Learning is to:

* Maximise access to community learning for adults, bringing new opportunities and improving lives, whatever people’s circumstances.
* Promote social renewal by bringing local communities together to experience the joy of learning and the pride that comes with achievement.
* Maximise the impact of community learning on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families and communities

‘New Challenges, New Chances’ also sets out the service objectives for Community Learning:

1. Focus public funding on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate, including in rural areas and people on low incomes with low skills
2. Collect fee income from people who can afford to pay and use where possible to extend provision to those who cannot.
3. Widen participation and transform people’s destinies by supporting progression relevant to personal circumstances, e.g.

* improved confidence and willingness to engage in learning
* acquisition of skills preparing people for training, employment or self-employment
* improved digital, financial literacy and / or communication skills
* parents / carers better equipped to support and encourage their children’s learning
* improved / maintained health and/or social well-being.

1. Develop stronger communities, with more self-sufficient, connected and pro-active citizens, leading to:

* increased volunteering, civic engagement and social integration
* reduced costs on welfare, health and anti-social behaviour
* increased online learning and self organised learning
* the lives of our most troubled families being turned around.

1. Commission, deliver and support learning in ways that contribute directly to these objectives, including:

* bringing together people from all backgrounds, cultures and income groups, including people who can/cannot afford to pay
* using effective local partnerships to bring together key providers and relevant local agencies and services
* devolving planning and accountability to neighbourhood / parish level, with local people involved in decisions about the learning offer
* involving volunteers and Voluntary and Community Sector groups, shifting long term, ‘blocked’ classes into learning clubs, growing self-organised learning groups, and encouraging employers to support informal learning in the workplace
* supporting the wide use of online information and learning resources
* minimising overheads, bureaucracy & administration.

**How this will be achieved**

**Commissioning**

Southampton City Council uses a commissioning model across its services, and subcontracts its Adult Education Budget (AEB) budget provision to:

* Ensure value for money in line with our Procurement Strategy and Contract Procurement Rules, and Pound Plus;
* Provide a responsive and flexible service to learners, and
* Offer a wide range of courses and venues to utilise the experience and expertise of many different training providers.

Around 80% of provision is delivered via external sub-contractors who are appointed via a four year framework running from July 2019 – July 2023. The rest is delivered by internal delivery partners. All subcontractors have formal contractual agreements which clearly lay out the rights and responsibilities on both sides of the subcontracting agreement for the full length of the framework. Call-off contracts are entered into each academic year which detail delivery for that year.

**Partnerships and quality improvement**

Southampton City Council’s Skills & Community Learning team is committed to raising the quality of every learning activity delivered through its subcontracting arrangements. A wide range of formal and informal support is provided for subcontractors in order to achieve this including:

* contract reviews
* observations
* target setting and monitoring
* staff training
* learner evaluation and analysis
* emails, phone calls and meetings with subcontractors as and when requested or necessary.

The Skills & Community Learning team works hard to form strong partnerships with all subcontractors, as well as facilitating the sharing of good practice and peer support across the range of subcontracted and internal provision.

More information and a copy of this statement can be found at: http://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/further-learning/adult-education.aspx

**Delivery Partners for 2020-21**

| **Organisation** | **Main curriculum areas** | **Priority groups targeted** | **Location** | **Contact details** |
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| Bfluent | Functional Skills | Unemployed, black, minority ethnic and migrant communities | Bfluent School of English  132 St Mary Street, Southampton  SO14 1NX | Tel: 02380 678500  <http://www.bfluent.co.uk/> |
| City College Southampton | Family ESOL and Family ESOL with Maths | Parents and those without level 2 qualifications | St Mary Street  Southampton  SO14 1AR  (courses run in locations across the city) | 023 8048 4848  [www.southampton-city.ac.uk](http://www.southampton-city.ac.uk)  [enquiries@southampton-city.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@southampton-city.ac.uk) |
| CLEAR (City Life Church) | ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and employment support | Unemployed, black, minority ethnic and migrant communities | James Street Centre  Southampton  SO14 1PJ | [023 8022 1111](tel:023%208022%201111)  [www.clearproject.org.uk](http://www.clearproject.org.uk) |
| Co-operative Assistance Network | Employability (in social enterprise) entrepreneurship (by social enterprise) | Unemployed or under-employed(currently in a work situation where earnings and productivity potential are not being maximised) | 106 St. Andrews Road  Southampton  SO14 0AE | 07771 540163  [www.can.coop](http://www.can.coop)  [chris@assist.coop](mailto:chris@assist.coop) |
| Enham Trust | Supporting disabled people to live, work & enjoy life | Adults with disabilities | Spitfire House 28, High St, Southampton SO14 2NP | [**01264 345 800**](tel:+441264345800)  [info@enhamtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@enhamtrust.org.uk) |
| Itchen College | Award in support work in schools | Unemployed, single parents | Middle Road, Bitterne, Southampton SO19 7TB | 023 8044 6156  [acet@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:acet@itchen.ac.uk) |
| Mayflower Theatre | Improving Health and Wellbeing through arts-based learning | Universal access; some courses targeted at learners with learning difficulties/health issues | Mayflower Theatre  Commercial Road  Southampton  SO15 1GE. | 02380 711810  [engage@mayflower.org.uk](mailto:engage@mayflower.org.uk)  [http://mayflower.org.uk/get-involved/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__mayflower.org.uk_get-2Dinvolved_&d=DwMFAw&c=pbUzoxRZCRvayVvkYvkiMADZfiEVjR_P9wc-irKGhek&r=bJa7HrGYNBa1Dni6Iv7s_mulTndd9UQBFxIS989ME3rLXPAotWBRoEPLmrZzCaNs&m=xRhZy-y9VW1GN1apfAYSsGzKdteFvtTnk8yTXFo2170&s=k9VYpkGo0sgy-3DyUsne-N2cAoVgrip2QbjyJjM_le4&e=) |
| Mencap | Life After Caring – reducing social isolation and building confidence when the caring role ends. | Carers who have been bereaved. | Mencap Centre  187a Portswood Road  Southampton  SO17 2NF | [l.lawless@carersinsouthampton.co.uk](mailto:l.lawless@carersinsouthampton.co.uk)  Phone 023 80582 387 |
| No Limits | Life skills and employability | Low skilled, unemployed and those with learning difficulties or disabilities, particularly young adults | Advice Centre  13 High Street  Southampton  SO14 2DF | Phone: 02380 224 224  [enquiries@nolimitshelp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nolimitshelp.org.uk) |
| SoCo Music Project | Improving Health and Wellbeing through creative engagement | Adults in recovery from addiction, those with mental health issues and older people in care homes. | The Pavilion,  Hoglands Park,  Southampton,  SO14 1NH  Hightown Studios, Hightown Community Centre  Tunstall Rd, Southampton  SO19 6AA | [www.socomusicproject.org.uk](http://www.socomusicproject.org.uk)  [mark@socomusicproject.org.uk](mailto:mark@socomusicproject.org.uk) |
| Southampton City Council Cultural Services | Arts and Heritage themed cultural learning activities for all ages and abilities | Universal access; some courses targeted at learners with learning difficulties/health issues | Southampton City Art Gallery  Civic Centre Southampton  SO14 7LP | 023 8083 2810  [www.southampton.gov.uk/libraries-museums/art-gallery/activities-adults.aspx](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/libraries-museums/art-gallery/activities-adults.aspx)  [gallery.education@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:gallery.education@southampton.gov.uk) |
| Southampton City Council – Early Years Help & Prevention | Parenting, personal finance and health | Families with children in priority areas | 60-68 Clovelly Road  Southampton  SO14 0AU  Courses run in Children’s Centres/locations across the city | 023 8033 1635  [surestart@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:surestart@southampton.gov.uk) |
| Southampton City Council – Employment Support | Employability | Unemployed | Civic Centre Road  Southampton SO14 7LR  (courses run in locations across the city) | 023 8091 7585  [Employment.support.team@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Employment.support.team@southampton.gov.uk)  [Southampton City Council website](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/further-learning/employment-support-team.aspx) |
| TWICS | Community development and support | Volunteers, people with a learning disability, unemployed people | Swaythling Neighbourhood Centre  Hampden Park Way  Southampton  SO17 3AT | 023 8067 1111  www.twics.org.uk  [ichambers@twics.org.uk](mailto:ichambers@twics.org.uk)  [mtomlinsom@twics.org.uk](mailto:mtomlinsom@twics.org.uk) |
| We Can Train (part of Pitman Training) | Business Skills and IT courses, Employability & Self-Development  Book-keeping, Accounting, CSCS Card, Food Safety, Warehousing & Storage | Unemployed | 31 Eastgate St, Southampton SO14 3HB | 023 8037 1679  [www.pitman-training.com/our-centres/south-west-england/southampton/](http://www.pitman-training.com/our-centres/south-west-england/southampton/) |
| WEA | Maths, English and skills for employment, health and wellbeing, cultural studies and community engagement | Black and minority ethnic communities, women’s groups and those with basic skills needs | Workers Educational Association (WEA)  60-68 Clovelly Road  Southampton  SO16 3NX | 023 8063 0483  <http://www.wea.org.uk> |