

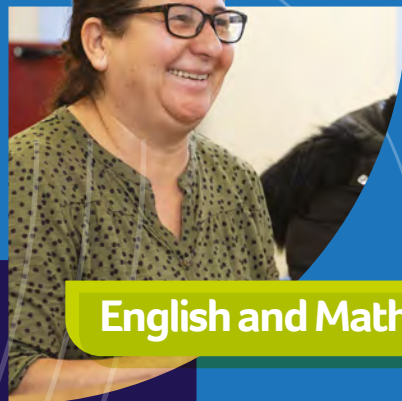
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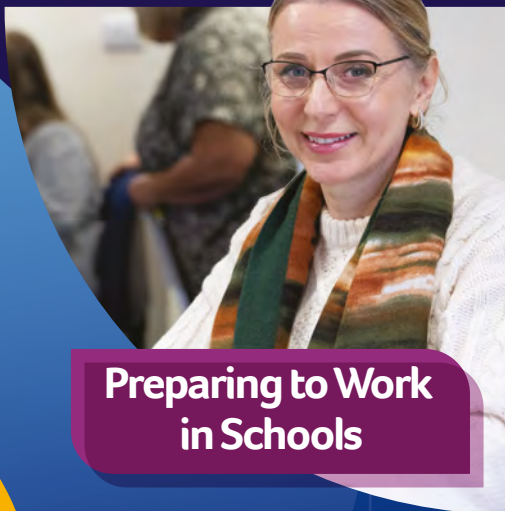
COVENTRY LEARNS

2026-2027

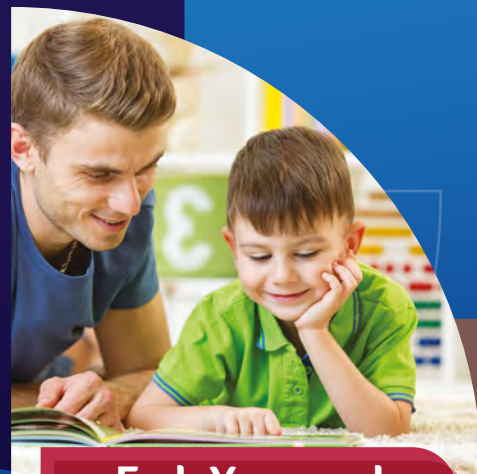
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Welcome to this academic year's CHOICE magazine. Whether you're looking to build your confidence, learn something new, or take a step towards work, we have something for you.

This year feels especially exciting because there are some important changes to share. We now have a new name – Coventry Learns. We've made this change to better reflect everything we do across the city. It's not just about classes anymore, it's about supporting people at every stage of their journey, whether that's learning new skills, finding work, or feeling more connected in the community. We feel Coventry Learns better captures the wide range of programmes and projects we offer and the different residents we work with.

This year we're bringing you just one CHOICE magazine for the full academic year. This is a deliberate change, helping us reduce printing costs so we can invest more into things that make a real difference, such as face-to-face engagement in local communities, and expanding our digital marketing to reach more people across Coventry.

What hasn't changed is our focus on making a positive impact. Over the past year, thousands of learners have taken part in

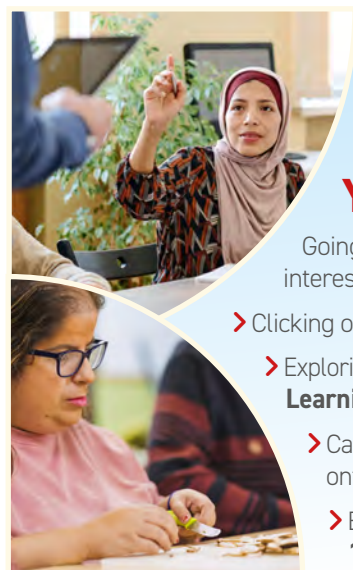
our courses, and the feedback has been really encouraging. People tell us they feel more confident, better prepared for work, and more connected to their communities. Many have gone on to further learning, employment, or simply found a new sense of purpose. You can read more about this in our latest learner impact survey, available on our website.

Learner Impact Survey

As you look through this edition of CHOICE we hope you feel inspired to learn. And if you're unsure where to start, our team is always here to help guide you.

To find out more information about the range of courses available or to enrol, visit coventry.gov.uk/adulted or call **024 7697 5200**.

We look forward to welcoming you.



How to enrol on a Community Programme class:

You can enrol by:

Going online to coventry.gov.uk/adulted and searching for a course that interests you. Do so either by:

- > Clicking on the **Search for a course** link at the top of the page.
- > Exploring the pages under **Essential Skills, Learn a Language, Learning for Life and Learning for Work** to get a better understanding of the range of courses we offer.
- > Calling **024 7697 5200** where a member of Coventry Learns will enrol you onto a class.
- > Enrolling in person at **Southfields Old School Monday – Friday 10.00am-2.00pm**.

To avoid disappointment, we advise you enrol as early as possible.

Please note, payment can be made by debit or credit card only.

COURSES REQUIRING AN INTERVIEW

When you find a course on our website you are interested in joining, it may say you need to attend an appointment for an enrolment interview to join. We conduct interviews so that we can make sure the course is at an appropriate level for you and to check whether you are eligible for government funding. (If not, you will still be able to join, but there will be a fee to do so.)

IMPORTANT – when attending an enrolment interview, you must bring the following:

>> IDENTIFICATION:

If you are a UK National, please bring your birth certificate, driving licence or British passport.

If you are an EU citizen, please bring your passport/ID card and a share code generated within the last 90 days.

If you are currently seeking asylum, please bring your ARC card and Aspen card (if applicable).

Otherwise, you will need to generate a share code for your online eVisa document to prove your residency status.

(If you have not yet applied for your eVisa, please bring your residence permit (BRP), passport with visa or whatever documentation you have that shows your residency status.)

>> EVIDENCE OF RELEVANT BENEFITS OR INCOME:

If your gross personal income is less than £36,126 per annum. (This is one of the criteria that allow us to claim government funding.)

>> YOUR NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER.

LIFE SKILLS

Family Learning

Free Family Learning courses and programmes include:

Maths/English in the Primary School (adults only) – These courses help parents and carers to understand how these subjects are taught in modern British primary schools. Each week you will be given fun games to take home and play with your children. There is an online pre-recorded version of this course if you cannot attend a face-to-face course.

Positive Family Foundations (adults only) – A nurture-based, practical advice programme providing insight on how children aged 0 – 10 years old interact with their parent/carers and what children need to thrive. There is an online pre-recorded version of this course if you cannot attend a face-to-face course.

Baby Massage (parents and carers with a baby aged from 6 weeks to 6 months - pre-crawlers) – Five sessions focusing on simple massage techniques to use with your baby while in the group and at home.

First Words Together (adults and their children aged 0-2) – A 5-week programme focusing on encouraging early communication leading up to babies' first words. Each family gets a free story book each session to support communication and language development.

50 Things to Do Before You're Five (adults and their children aged 0-5) – Family pre-school stay and play sessions for parents and their pre-school aged children. A range of fun, free and affordable ideas and activities inspired by the '50 Things to Do Before You're Five' app: <https://coventry.50thingstodo.org/>

Inclusive Learning, Engagement and Employability Skills Programme (ILEEP)

Do you have or know someone with a learning disability and/or difficulty?

We offer a range of exciting programmes designed for people with learning disabilities and/or difficulties, focused on developing independent living skills, building confidence through volunteering, and supporting progression into further learning and employment.

Our courses are held at the Broad Street Centre, a modern, safe and inclusive facility, supported by friendly staff and skilled tutors.

Examples of some of the courses on offer this year –

- Production Arts & Theatre Studies
- Catering & Hospitality
- Applied Horticulture for Work
- Creative Pathways: Retail and Community Arts
- Customer Service & Community Engagement
- Celebrations & Cultural Identity
- Our World, Animals & Nature

Changing Futures Together

Are you 16 – 18 with or without an Educational Health Care Plan or 19 – 24 with an Educational Health Care Plan? Then why not join one of our Study Programmes?

- Step into your future
- The Supported Internship Programme
- Step Into the World of Work

You will study a range of qualifications and attend a work placement. Qualifications include the following

- GCSE or Functional Skills Maths
- GCSE or Functional Skills English
- ICT Functional Skills
- Customer Service
- Employability
- Health & Social Care
- Childcare

You will get progression support into employment, apprenticeships, supported internships, further education or university.

Bursary payments may be available to help with travel costs and stationery expenses, dependant on eligibility.

We hold a range of open days and enrolment events throughout the year – please contact the team for further information.

The Community and Leisure Programmes – courses for growth, health and pleasure

Our Community Programme offers an exciting range of courses for adults, in dance, art, crafts & textiles, to build confidence, improve health and wellbeing, develop new skills or turn creative passions into a business.

Courses are offered at a variety of progression levels in short or 10-week sessions, offered day and night, during the week and at weekends.

Would you like recognition for your artwork?

We offer a range of **NCFE-accredited Arts and Crafts courses** from Entry Level to Level 2. These programmes provide opportunities to explore a variety of creative mediums, enabling you to develop your skills and work towards producing a final piece.

Once your application has been received, we will contact you to complete the enrolment process, offer advice and guidance, and carry out a short initial assessment to ensure the course is suitable for your needs.

The **Leisure Programme** offers competitively priced courses for pleasure. These courses are not tied to funding, no longer require as much progress and achievement tracking while still developing your skills and knowledge across a range of dance, art and craft disciplines.

The Leisure Programme also includes extensive **Piano and Music Theory courses**. Offered at all levels of playing: beginner lessons, graded lessons and 1:1 lessons with opportunities to take external accredited exams.

If you would like more information on any of our courses and events, please contact: aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk or call us on: **024 7697 5200**.

LANGUAGE SKILLS



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

BSL classes for those who want to learn to communicate effectively through sign. We have free 10-week introductory and improvers BSL courses and means-tested 33 and 36 week Level 1 and Level 2 BSL qualification courses available in the daytime or evening.

How can you join?

Please enrol online for one of our free dynamic 10-week introductory or improvers BSL courses: coventry.gov.uk/adulted.

To enrol for a BSL Level 1 or Level 2 qualification course, please call 024 7697 5200 to book an appointment for enrolment.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Do you want to learn Spanish for pleasure and travel?

We have leisure courses for people who want to unlock the door to a new language and culture.

How can you join?

Please enrol online for one of our lively Spanish courses coventry.gov.uk/adulted

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Do you need to learn English to live and work in the UK?

We have ESOL courses to learn to understand, speak and write in English. We offer work and life skills courses for ESOL learners such as ESOL + Driving, ESOL + Customer Service, ESOL + Business Administration, ESOL + First Aid or ESOL + ICT.

What type of ESOL class do you want?

We have ESOL courses which meet twice a week and intensive 4-day courses such as our ESOL integration or vocational Foundation Programmes or our Intensive ESOL for Work courses. **Intensive ESOL for Work classes focus on language for employment and provide wrap around support to help you to look for work:**

COVENTRY LANGUAGE & INTEGRATION

PROJECT (CLIP) offers ESOL for Work courses with personalised employment support for up to three months after completing the course.

Course Information:

6-WEEK:	13-WEEK:
ESOL Entry 3/B1 and Level 1/B2/advanced	ESOL Entry 2/A2/Intermediate

What will you get?

- English grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary for jobs
- Guidance on UK work & culture
- Help with job search, application writing and CVs.
- Support with housing, healthcare, education & more

Why should you join clip?

- Over 50% of past clients secured employment through the project
- Fast track your career with expert employment coaching

How can you join CLIP ESOL for Work?



Scan the QR code or email aesclip@coventry.gov.uk

COMMUNITY INTERPRETING

Do you want to learn about the role of a community interpreter?

Do you have an interest in working with different language groups?

We have a 6 week preparation course and 20 week Level 1 and 36 week Level 2 Community Interpreting qualification course available.

How can you join?

To enrol please phone **024 7697 5200** to book onto an appointment.

HOW CAN YOU JOIN OUR OTHER ESOL CLASSES?

Please phone the Coventry Learns team on **024 7697 5200**.

If all the appointments are full, we will ask you to ring back at a later date. You need to be normally and legally resident in the UK. We will ask to see your passport, e-visa or ARC card at enrolment. If you are seeking asylum, you need to have lived in the UK for 6 months or have refugee status.

INTRODUCTION TO TESOL

(Teaching English To Speakers Of Other Languages)

Are you looking for a career teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages?

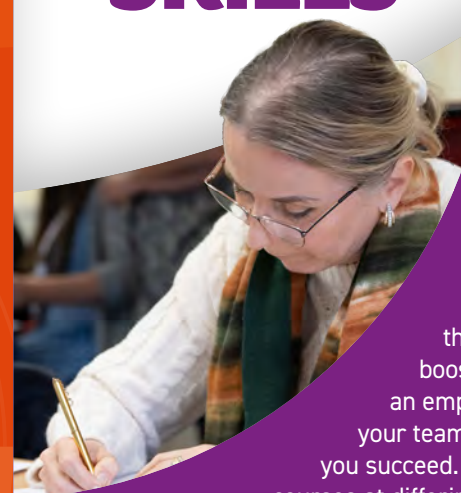
This 8-week introductory course is what you are looking for. The course covers • Language awareness • Approaches to teaching grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing speaking and listening • Lesson planning, micro-teaching and observations.

How can you join?

You need to have a minimum of Level 2 English. This course runs in the Summer Term. Email aeslanguageskills@coventry.gov.uk from February to book an appointment.

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WORK SKILLS



Are you seeking training to gain employment?
Would you like to enhance your current skill set and/or qualifications to increase your opportunities of promotion or a career change?

Are you an employer that would like to enhance the skill set of individuals or a team? Are you an employer that is struggling with recruitment or is considering taking on an apprentice?

Vocational Courses

Whether you're just starting out, already in the sector but looking to boost your skills or if you are an employer wanting to upskill your team, our courses will help you succeed. We offer a wide range of courses at differing levels in **Administration, Adult Social Care, Early Years, Leadership and**

Management, Residential Child Care, Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools and Team Leading. We offer Face-to-Face delivery at a range of venues across the City and Online.

For more information, advice and guidance about our courses and or to enrol, please give us a call and book a slot on one of our 'Information and Guidance Sessions'.

Distance Learning

Would you like to study at home, at a time that suits you, having up to 12 weeks to complete an **accredited Level 2 qualification?** With this offer this is possible! We currently offer courses in **'Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent', 'Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties'** with more offers in the pipeline, keep a look out for our social posts to hear more!

Pathways to Employment

We understand that everyone's journey is different and that the support and guidance you need differs. You may know what you want but need to enhance your skills, or alternatively you may feel 'lost' or 'stuck' and need help to uncover your strengths. We therefore have designed various short courses (**Sprint Ahead with Coventry City Council, Skills to Success & our Journey Exploration Programme**) with this in mind. Our courses are typically delivered at the Job Shop, enabling you to have the full support and guidance of the Job Coaches & Employment Engagement team.

In addition are you over the age of 19? Are you in receipt of Universal Credit? Are you linked with a Disability Engagement Officer at the DWP? If so our **Stairway to Work** programme will help put you on the right track to being work ready. This short course will give you the opportunity to enhance your pre-employment skills whilst also building on key areas such as self-esteem, self-confidence and helping you focus on your next steps.

Path 2 Apprenticeship

Are you aged 19 – 29 and not in education, employment or training this is a fantastic, fully funded opportunity designed to help you take a confident step into a lasting career, and for employers to access motivated, supported talent at no cost. The programme offers personalised coaching, real work experience, and expert careers guidance, all leading to a guaranteed interview for a paid apprenticeship at National Minimum Wage. It's a supportive pathway that builds skills, confidence, and real employment prospects.

For employers, Path 2 provides access to work-ready candidates who have already received targeted training and mentoring, reducing recruitment risk and effort.

With no financial cost to get involved, it's an easy way to grow your workforce while supporting local talent.

Get involved today.

Youth Trailblazer – Are you aged 18-21 and want an apprenticeship, we have a great opportunity leading to a career at the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, including paid work experience, training, plus a guaranteed interview. Contact aesworkskills@coventry.gov.uk or the jobshop@coventry.gov.uk to get registered, **don't delay!**

Apprenticeships

Would you like the opportunity to work for an employer, earn an apprenticeship salary and gain valuable workplace skills and experience in your chosen area of work? Age is not a barrier, if you are aged over 16 years of age, this is a great way to start or progress your career.

We offer a range of apprenticeship training from Level 2 to Level 5 in a range of areas including **Customer Service, Business Administration, Early Years, Teaching Assistant, Health Support Working and Adult Social Care.**

Next Steps in the Workplace

Are you interested in moving into a team leader or management position at work, do you need to develop your skills? Are you a supportive employer that is passionate about staff development and would you like the opportunity to upskill staff into management positions?

The programme considers the needs of the business as well as meeting the needs of the individual. Delivery can be at our training centre, online, blended or at your site to enable employees the chance to access whilst still managing their day-to-day responsibilities. Continued success, and an advocate for our programmes is DHL eCom UK **'Coventry Adult Education have gone above and beyond to create a nurturing, supportive offer that always has the individual at the centre'.**

For more information on all of the above contact aesworkskills@coventry.gov.uk or call 024 7697 5200 to discuss.

CONNECT TO SKILLS

Our Connect to Skills programme offers short and easy courses to help you build confidence, learn new skills or try something new.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, or to join a course, please email aesconnecttoskills@coventry.gov.uk or call us on 024 7697 5200

Courses include:

- Cooking on a Budget
- Easy Ways to Save Energy
- Diet and Nutrition
- Food Growing
- Teamwork and Communication
- Stock Control and Sorting Essentials
- How to Teach Children Digital Skills

All courses are beginner friendly. Don't worry if you are new to learning or if this is your first course with Coventry Learns.

Our friendly Tutors will support you at every stage and can guide you into further learning, job-search support or volunteering opportunities.

Our courses are held in community locations across the city, such as family hubs, Salvation Army and Coventry Learns centres.



ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Maths, English & Digital Functional Skills Courses

Our Maths, English, and Digital Functional Skills courses help adults build essential skills for everyday life, work, and further education, leading to nationally recognised qualifications. We offer daytime, evening, and online classes, with face-to-face enrolment and paper-based exams at our venues. Courses run 2½ hours per week over the school year. Maths covers practical skills like problem solving, fractions, percentages, and interpreting data. English focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening to boost confidence at home, work, and in the community. Digital Functional Skills (Entry Level 3 and Level 1) include; using devices, communicating, creating and editing documents, online transactions, and staying safe online. All learners receive initial assessments to join the level best suited to their ability.

Foundation Programme - Essential Skills for Daily Living

The Foundation Programme is designed for learners returning to education or employment who want to build confidence in Maths, English, and Digital Skills. Ideal for those with little or no prior knowledge, it uses a practical, themed approach to make learning relevant to everyday life and work. The 6-week course runs 2 days a week with a commitment of four hours of class time per day.

The course will provide opportunities to further develop skills in the Essential Skills or to explore opportunities for volunteering or work experience.

Short Brush Up Courses - Maths & English

Our Brush Up Courses in English and Maths offer a short, five-week learning opportunity designed to build confidence and strengthen essential skills in a supportive environment. The English Brush Up course focuses on spelling, punctuation, grammar, and writing clearly for different audiences, including practical skills for letters, emails, articles, and reports. The Maths Brush Up course helps you develop everyday numeracy skills—such as budgeting, shopping, and planning projects—without the pressure of formal exams. These courses run every half term until June 2027 and can also prepare you for further Functional Skills study.

Tailored Learning for Confidence and Personal Development

We offer a range of short courses to help you build your confidence in maths and English. Whether it is anxiety around numbers, using spreadsheets to help with finances or completing application forms confidently, we have courses to help.

- Confidence with Maths and Numbers
- Financial Fundamentals for the Self-Employed
- Budgeting and Managing Money
- English for Work

GCSE English and Maths: AQA

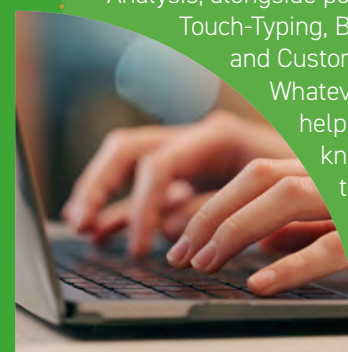
We are planning to offer both face-to-face and online GCSE courses from September 2026. All classes will require you to make a commitment of attending each class and completing up to 5 hours home study per week. GCSE English includes developing your reading & writing skills and language analysis of 19th, 20th and 21st Century texts. It is a 30-week course with assessment through 2 exams in the summer term.

GCSE maths includes number and algebra, geometry and measures, statistics and probability. Examination is through 3 papers taken in the summer term.

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Digital Skills Courses

Boost your confidence and future opportunities with our exciting range of Digital Skills courses. Whether you're taking your very first steps with technology or working towards a Level 2 Digital Skills qualification, we have a course to suit you. With programmes ranging from just 2 to 13 weeks, you can learn at a pace that works for you while developing practical skills for everyday life and work. New for this year are AI for Everyday Use, Level 1 Cyber Security, Digital Photography, and Introduction to Data Analysis, alongside popular courses such as Touch-Typing, Business Documents, and Customer Service Level 1. Whatever your goal, we'll help you build the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in today's digital world.



Enrolment Dates

Autumn 2026 enrolments (weeks commencing):

- 17 August 2026 – Mon to Fri
- 24 August 2026 – Mon to Fri
- 31 August 2026 – Tue to Fri
- 7 September 2026 – Mon to Fri

Spring 2027 enrolments (weeks commencing):

- 30 November, 7 December and 14 December 2026

Summer 2027 enrolments (weeks commencing):

- 8 March, 15 March and 22 March 2027

For more information or to enrol, scan the QR code below or call 024 7696 5200.



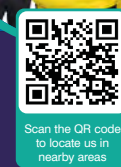
JOB SHOP

What we can do to help!

- Benefits advice/guidance
- Access to vacancies
- Wellbeing support
- 1:1 employment support
- Links to healthcare support
- Invites to events/job fairs
- Confidence boosting courses
- Job searching skills
- Access to basic skills
- Financial support for training, work attire and travel
- Access to work-related qualifications (CSCS, SIA)
- In the community support



Contact details:
The Job Shop, Smithford Way
Coventry CV1 1FY
jobshop@coventry.gov.uk
024 7678 5740
@covjobsupport coventryjobshop



Scan the QR code to locate us in nearby areas



Save money on Community Learning courses with Go CV+



You can sign up for Go CV+ if you meet one or more of the below criteria

- ✓ You are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed
- ✓ You are a carer registered with Carers Trust Heart of England
- ✓ You are a Foster Carer registered with Coventry City Council
- ✓ You are a Student [NUS]



Scan to see all qualifying benefits



Apply now at go-cv.co.uk/adult-education



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Website: coventry.gov.uk/adulted

Telephone: **024 7697 5200**

Email: feedback@covaded.org

www.facebook.com/CoventryLearns

@CoventryAdultEducationService (YouTube)



BE SAFE!

Anyone who is being abused, neglected, bullied, groomed, or drawn into extremism or terrorism is not safe.

Do you know what to do if you are not safe, or someone you know is not safe?

- If a child is at risk of harm or neglect, call **024 7678 8555**
- If a vulnerable adult is at risk of harm or neglect, call **024 7683 3003**
- If you think someone is being drawn into radicalisation, extremism or terrorism, tell your tutor or any member of staff in the Adult Education Service
- Talk to your tutor or any Adult Education Service staff member
- See our posters (at venues or on www.covlearn.co.uk) for who to call if a child or adult is at risk
- In an emergency, call **999**

SCHOOL STREET SCHEMES

Limit the amount of motor traffic in streets surrounding schools for a short time at the start and end of the school day (8.15-9.15am and 3.15-3.45pm) all year round. From September 2024, **Southfields Old School** will fall within one of these areas covering East Street and South Street. Anyone driving on these roads without a valid permit or exemption will be committing an offence and may receive a fixed penalty fine which is currently set at £70.

Scan the QR code to visit the Coventry Learns website



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN COVENTRY.

WE NEED YOU!

Could you support a learner and be a partner in learning?

We need volunteers on a range of courses. You will work alongside a learner or learners under the guidance of a tutor.

For further information please call 024 7697 5200