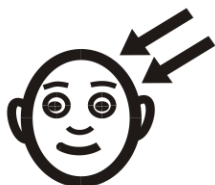


# Learning at Inspire Libraries



This easy read tells you about kinds of learning you can do at Inspire Libraries.

## Adult Learning



There are local courses for adults in Nottinghamshire.



[This page](#) has information about the courses that are available.



If you want to go to university but don't have the qualifications, Inspire Learning can help.



[You can learn more about getting into higher education \*\*here\*\*.](#)



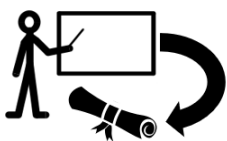
Inspire Learning offers courses for learning IT and Digital Skills.



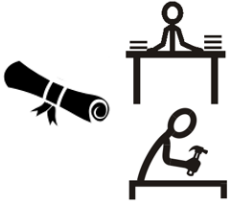
You can take these courses across Nottinghamshire and online.



[You can learn more about learning digital skills \*\*here\*\*.](#)



There are courses you can take to gain qualifications.



These qualifications could help you get a job.



[This page](#) has information on the courses you can take in Nottinghamshire with [Inspire](#).



[This page](#) has photos of work done by learners on Inspire courses.



There are tutoring courses for helping with mental health and confidence.



These courses are run with Portland College.



[There is more information about the tutoring courses here.](#)

## Distance Learning



There are online courses you can take.



You can use these to learn new skills or gain qualifications.



You can take them using a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer.



If you don't have a laptop, there are some courses where you can borrow one.



The courses are free if you:

- are over 16



AND

- have access to the internet



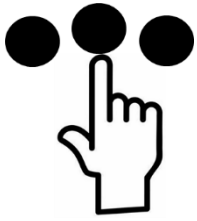
If you want to take the Functional Skills course, you must **not** already have GCSE grades A-C in Maths, English and ICT.



You can learn at times that are best for you.



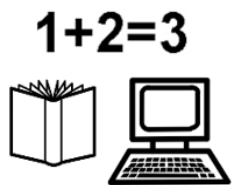
There will be a tutor available to support you over phone or email.



You can choose from:



- Employability Skills Level 2



- Functional Skills in Maths, English and ICT up to Level 2



The Employability Skills course has different units you can pick from.

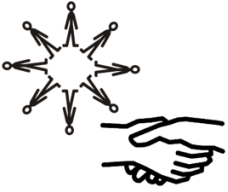


This means you can learn what you need to based on the kind of job you want and the amount of time you have.

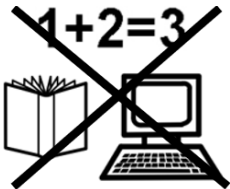


The units include subjects like:

- Health and Safety at Work.



- Equality and Diversity.



Functional Skills are for people who do not have GCSE grades A-C in Maths, English and ICT.



This course can give you qualifications that people hiring for jobs will recognise.



To find out more and to get on a course, you can call us on 01623 677 200, or email [learning@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:learning@inspireculture.org.uk).



There's an [online booklet with more information about Distance Learning](#).



There's a [YouTube video where you can meet the Distance Learning team and learn more](#).



If you want to work in IT, there are free online courses you can take to help your career.



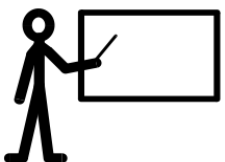
These courses are run by CISCO NetAcad.



The courses can help you take your first steps to becoming an IT professional.



Each course has a final test you can do. If you don't want to do the test, we suggest you do the quizzes so you can check what you've learned.



Here are the courses you can take:

- [Introduction to Cybersecurity](#)
- [Introduction to IoT](#)
- [Cybersecurity Essentials](#)
- [Get Connected](#)

- [Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Linux Unhatched](#)
- [Linux Essentials](#)



To get on an IT course, click on the one you are interested in and type your details in the sign-up page.

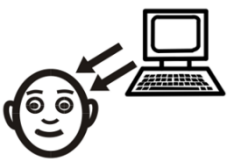


All our online courses are great for your CV and job searching.



[You can look through all the courses available, \*\*here.\*\*](#)

## Regular IT Help Sessions



These are sessions where you can learn digital skills and get more confident with IT.



You can learn to:

- Text.



- Shop online safely.



- Make video calls with friends.



- Send emails



- Share photos



The sessions are 40 minutes long.



They're free and you can have a cup of tea.



You can bring your own digital device or use one of ours.



For more details or to book a session, you can contact your local library.



Or you can contact Ask Inspire by calling 01623 677 200 or emailing [ask@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:ask@inspireculture.org.uk).

## **Links in this document**

### **About Inspire Adult Learning**

[inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/about-inspire-adult-learning/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/about-inspire-adult-learning/)

### **Access to higher education**

[inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/access-to-higher-education/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/access-to-higher-education/)

### **IT and Digital Skills Courses**

[inspireculture.org.uk/be-inspired/news/2025/05/16/digital-skills-courses-on-your-doorstep/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/be-inspired/news/2025/05/16/digital-skills-courses-on-your-doorstep/)

### **Accredited Courses**

[inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/accredited-courses-level-1-and-2/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/accredited-courses-level-1-and-2/)

### **Adult Learning Gallery**

[inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/adult-learning-gallery/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/adult-learning-gallery/)

### **Portland Pathways**

[inspireculture.org.uk/portland-pathways/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/portland-pathways/)

### **Distance Learning brochure**

[online.fliphtml5.com/ydjjq/gffq/](https://online.fliphtml5.com/ydjjq/gffq/)

## **Distance Learning with Inspire Learning YouTube video**

[youtu.be/CYA2ahZ2vr0](https://youtu.be/CYA2ahZ2vr0)

## **Courses**

[inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/courses/](https://inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/courses/)

---

For the standard English web page version of this information, go to:

[Adult Learning | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/)

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/>

This easy read was first published 18 May 2026.

This information was last updated 18 May 2026.