

## **POTTERY WORKSHOP - MIXED LEVEL**

### **01. Who is this course for?**

This course is designed to encourage learners of all abilities achieve their own personal goals within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where you can go at your own pace. Beginners will start with the basic ceramic processes. Intermediate and advanced learners will work on personal projects with technical and artistic support from the tutor. Due to high demand and lengthy waiting lists, we are now limiting enrolment to one pottery course per term per student.

### **02. What will I learn?**

For beginners and learners needing a recap, the course will cover a range of skills and first ceramic techniques such as pinch, slab, coil pots and the use of press plaster moulds. There is an emphasis on self-initiated work rather than formal structured set projects. Come and relax, make and be inspired with a very experienced tutor and like minded people

### **03. How will I learn?**

This course combines tutor-led activities with independent learner projects. Learners will be supported through class demonstrations and 1:1 assistance to develop their skills and create their own pieces of pottery. Learners will receive regular verbal and written feedback on their progress. Please avoid taking holidays during the course. Missed lessons can affect funding for adult learning courses.

### **04. What will I need to bring?**

It is advisable to wear an old shirt or apron: please do not wear your best clothes. The course fee includes a materials fee per person per course for resources (clay, glaze, firing etc.) You may wish to purchase some basic tools after a few weeks, but this is not essential. Online courses: suitable equipment, software, and a reliable internet connection.

### **05. What skills or experience do I need?**

No formal qualifications or specific skills/aptitudes are required. No prior knowledge of the subject required

### **06. How will I be assessed?**

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum uses formative and summative assessment methods to evaluate your progress. You will work towards completing a set of class learning targets, as well as your own personal development targets. Targets are reviewed at the middle and end of the course. Informal discussions with the tutor will take place throughout the course, both individually and in groups. Your progress will also be documented through photographic evidence.

### **07. What could I do after this course?**

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum offers a range of art, craft, sewing, dance and creative arts courses for you to continue developing skills specifically aimed at improving your wellbeing. The Adult Learning Service also offers courses in: Digital Skills; Languages; British Sign Language; ESOL; Maths and English; Skills for Jobs; Apprenticeships and Traineeships; Family Learning; Programmes for Adults with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities

## **08. How will I be supported in my learning?**

We aim to support all learners to succeed. Our tutors will work with all learners to meet individual needs by using a range of resources and teaching methods. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any additional learning needs or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners, this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

## **09. Is help available with course fees?**

## **10. How do I choose the right course for me?**

If you are unsure about which course may be right for you, our team of Learning and Work Advisers are on hand to offer FREE and impartial information, advice and guidance on learning and work options available to you. To book your free, confidential, and impartial appointment, please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email [LALS.LWA@leics.gov.uk](mailto:LALS.LWA@leics.gov.uk).