

Level 1 Community Interpreting

The role of the Community Interpreter is becoming increasingly important, particularly in regions with many linguistic communities. The Interpreter acts as a bridge between communities and enables people to access services and situations which would otherwise not be possible.

This qualification offers the opportunity for learners who are speakers of other languages to learn about the area of Community Interpreting. Learners may wish to study the subject as they have an interest in the topic or they may wish to use the qualification as a stepping stone to becoming a Community Interpreter.

Start Date:	16 September 2026
Start Time:	09:30
Lessons:	10
Weeks:	10
Hours:	30.00

The qualification offers the opportunity to learn about the language skills required when working in the community - giving an awareness of how language changes depending on the situation. There is also an opportunity to look at how Public and Voluntary Service sectors work and their interaction with the community. The role of the interpreter is also explored and discussed.

Venue

Medway Learning and Skills Hub
Unit 2
Britton Farm Street
ME7 1GX

What will I learn on this course?

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- 1 To learn how to use language skills to the best advantage
- 2 To learn about the sectors where interpreters may be required to work
- 3 To learn about the role of the Community Interpreter

Is this course suitable for me?

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- ? Those who have an interest in working with different linguistic groups in the community.
- ? Those who have an interest in learning about the role of an interpreter.
- ? Those who wish to acquire further qualifications to enable them to work towards becoming a Community Interpreter.

You will need to phone 01634 338400 to book an initial assessment before enrolling.

Is there anything else I need to know about the course?

- There are no formal entry requirements for this course, but it is expected that all learners will have a good level of English and satisfactory language skills in another language
- Learners are fully supported to achieve their goals and we strive to be an inclusive provider
- Learners need to be aware that there will be some homework set and individual research to undertake as part of their personal development

Will there be additional costs?

This course is free if you meet the funding criteria. i.e. are unemployed and on a recognised benefit.

What could I go on to do after this course?

This is an introduction course and learners are positively encouraged to progress onto a higher level interpreting qualification such as the Level 2 Certificate in Preparing for the Community Interpreting Role course.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>.

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

How are IT/Digital skills used and enhanced on this course?

You may need to use the internet for some or all of your course - using a tablet, laptop or computer. The tutor will speak to you about useful websites, apps and online resources which you may be asked to use for homework.

Health & Safety

We try to make sure your class is as safe as possible. If you are worried about anything, please talk to your tutor or our Safeguarding Officer.

For e-learning courses - etiquette and safe learning

Please make sure you and everyone at home are fully dressed when you are joining classes online, and that no personal information (address, bank details) can be seen.