Art - Traditional Signwriting 2 Level 1B

Medway Adult Education

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Join us to learn the traditional heritage craft of Signwriting. Under the guidance of our expert tutor, you will engage with the foundational skills starting with how to draw and layout letters by hand and then learning the brush techniques needed to create beautiful signs. Working by hand, participants not only hone their artistic abilities but also honour a legacy of craftsmanship, thus contributing to the resurgence of these time-honoured skills in a world increasingly dominated by technology. This hands-on approach cultivates not only creativity but also an appreciation for the process and the value of authentic craftsmanship.

This is a level 1B art specialism course for beginners in this subject area or those who have csome art experience.
Like most skills, becoming proficient in signwriting requires practice. Learners will be given the opportunity to refine their skills before moving onto to paint their own sign which they will have created using skills learnt over the course.

If you are interested in developing your creative skills, book onto one of our courses from the Creative Arts offer.

Start Date: 18 January 2027
Start Time: 13:00
Lessons: 10
Weeks: 10
Hours: 20.00

Venue
Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
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WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles underpinning letter form and spacing when using shadows (on at least 2 different pieces)

2. Brushwork techniques to create traditional lettering styles using a Mahl stick and at least 2 different colours

3. Free hand lettering in of at least 2 different fonts

Your tutor will work with you to set individual learning goals alongside the group learning aims.

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new art -based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

The course will also cover:

Workshop health and safety
How to draw letters without being reliant on a computer
Sign layout and design including how to create effective shadows
Paint mixing
Surface preparation
Brush techniques for sign writing
Use of a Mahl stick to create smooth brush strokes
Care of paint brushes

This is a level 1b art specialism course for beginners in this subject area or those who have completed Drawing & Painting 2C.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc.

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

You will be provided with:
- Sketch book
- Paint palette to borrow (will need to clean and return each lesson)
- Mahl stick (to borrow each class, need to return at the end of each class)
- Specialist signwriting paint in primary colours to get you started & thinners

Learners will need to purchase:
- Pencil for drawing (HB) & pencil sharpener
- 45cm / 18" ruler
- Eraser for paper
- From 2nd week Brushes - Brush makers A.S.Handover sell a Sable Chisel Writer Set: # 1, 3, 5. (Product code: 2112SET) https://www.handover.co.uk/about-us/
- Apron

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

You will need to purchase items as the course progresses, such as a wider range of coloured paints and primed wood, but your tutor will give you guidance after the first class

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available. Your progression course R261066A Art - Signwriting Level 1C

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.
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.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Multiple sessions-
To get the most out of the course:
- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that Art involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.
You agree that:
- Art activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor

Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.