The Learning for Life Scheme
Funding for Non-Work Related Learning

The administration for the Learning for Life scheme is based in the LOGIK Centre, 5-7 Lifton Place (Access via University Road), University of Leeds, LS2 9JT. You can contact Eileen Barrett (Learning for Life Adviser) on extension 34619 (voicemail available for messages), or email: loglearn@leeds.ac.uk if you need an application form, any help in finding a course, or to check to see if a particular course and/or educational provider is eligible for funding. You will be able to find up to date information about the scheme on our website in the new term: www.logik.leeds.ac.uk/about-us/learning-for-life/

All members of staff who are on grades 2, 3 or 4 can access ‘Learning for Life’ funding (up to £135 each year) to pay for non-work related, part-time course fees. The 2019/20 funding year started on 1st August 2019 and you have until the first week in July 2020 to claim your allowance for this year.

September Enrolments
Would you like the opportunity to gain new skills or to learn something that you have always wanted to do? You can develop hidden talents, find new interests and meet new people. Please contact Eileen if you need any help in finding a course that is suitable for you. You can arrange a time that is convenient to drop in for an informal chat. If you do not have access to a computer, you can use the computer facilities at the LOGIK Centre. Learning new skills may sometimes lead to new hobbies or a change in career direction, personal goals and aspirations.

A Selection of 2018 L4L Course Recommendations

A Beginners Guide to Homeopathy, a Workers Educational Association (WEA) course:

This course gives a general overview for those with an interest but no knowledge. It covers the history of homeopathy and its general concepts and leaves you with a good idea of whether the area of study is something you would wish to pursue further. Themes are presented clearly and with enthusiasm. The class had a relaxed pace with plenty of opportunity to ask questions, and signposting to how you can become more involved with the study of homeopathy.

Yoga for Beginners at the LOGIK Centre

This course has helped me get to grips with the basics of Yoga.
Antenatal Exercises at the LOGIK Centre:

A very useful and enjoyable course to undertake during pregnancy. Claire is a wonderful instructor!

Dry Manicure and Application of Gel Polish at the Beauty Academy:

If you are looking to learn a fun new skill, this is definitely the one for you. It was easy to book and the location was easy to find. All the materials were included in the price and the trainer gave lots of information on how to continue with the skills that I was taught.

Mandarin Evening Classes at the Business Confucius Institute (BCI):

I really enjoyed taking Mandarin lessons at the BCI. You can't find a better place to learn Chinese in Leeds. The staff and teachers are very friendly and supportive. If you are thinking about learning a new language, the BCI should be where you start.

Post Graduate Certificate in Interpersonal Counselling Skill at Leeds Beckett University:

The course provides students with skills to use both in work and personal life. It enhances interpersonal skills which are transferrable for working with people in a range of settings.

Writing for All (Learning for Life Course) at the LOGIK Centre:

This short course made the summer months more enjoyable and I met staff from other parts of the university. There was a good supportive atmosphere in the room - very relaxed and friendly. The classes were flexible which left it up to you what you read out or wrote at home. It also served as a useful refresher and gave me motivation to start writing again.

Beginners Italian at the LOGIK Centre:

A relaxed fun class that is really easy to follow. A really friendly and helpful tutor. This class is suitable for absolute beginners as it starts from the basics.

Strictly Just Pencil at the LOGIK Centre:

Kate is the perfect art teacher, she has such a positive attitude, lots of experience and makes people of all abilities feel welcome.

It has been a really enjoyable and informative experience and I would recommend this course to others!

Kate is an excellent teacher who explains everything thoroughly, is very supportive, patient and encouraging to us all. There is a wealth of resources available to use; you don't need to take anything with you.

The course is a brilliant one to take if you are a total novice like I was, or if you are just dipping back into drawing.

A very therapeutic course which brought back my artistic talents as the last time I did painting was when I was in school.

A very enjoyable course, taking that one hour out of life and the office to do what I enjoy worked wonders for my wellbeing. Not only did it encourage me to forget about my worldly worries, it helped me focus on and learn a new calming skill. The teacher was excellent, passionate about her work and loved to share her knowledge and experience of art and culture.

Strictly Just Pencil has been so popular that we will be running a beginners and improvers in October on Wednesdays. Please contact Eileen if you are interested.