

Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet



SUNP10 - Silver Jewellery Beginners

Delapre Community Rooms

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Start Date: 12 January 2027
End Date: 23 March 2027
Start Time: 12:30PM
End Time: 2:30PM
Day: Tuesday
Sessions: 10
Tutor: Mrs Katherine Richmond

What will I learn?

This 10-week beginner-level course introduces you to the essential techniques of silver jewellery making and aims to build foundational jewellery-making skills whilst developing your ability to design and craft silver pieces from scratch. You will make several pieces over the term, such as a ring, pendant or earrings, while building skills and confidence in a supportive environment.

By the end of the course, you will be able to use a range of jewellery tools and equipment safely and effectively, accurately measure, cut, shape and solder silver, explore and apply different texturing, forming and finishing techniques, design and make at least 2-3 complete items, apply critical thinking to evaluate and improve your work, and work independently with growing confidence and creativity.

What will I need to take part?

All tools, materials (including a small amount of silver), and safety equipment will be provided. Additional silver may be available for purchase if you wish to make more items. Please bring an apron with you or wear old clothes, tie long hair back and avoid wearing loose clothing and open-toed shoes. You will be working on a small scale, so it is advisable to bring your glasses with you. Hand dexterity is also required to manipulate the materials. A notebook and pen are useful to take notes. No prior experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

What to expect

This course offers a fun and relaxed environment where creativity and learning go hand in hand. The course will be delivered through a combination of tutor-led demonstrations of each technique, hands-on practice and project-based learning, design and development activities, peer discussion and feedback, ongoing support and 1:1 guidance. Tutors use Google Classroom to help make course resources available both during and between sessions. Please take advantage of joining your Classroom when invited to do so. For IT help please visit <https://learners.northantsadultlearning.ac.uk/it-tips>

Where can it lead to?

This Silver jewellery course is a great stepping stone for anyone interested in pursuing jewellery making as a hobby, a craft business, and even a future career. Jewellery making can also help to support self-expression, resilience and confidence building and provide a creative outlet that can help to improve mental health and wellbeing. Possible progression could include Silver Jewellery Intermediate, Silver Jewellery Workshops and accredited or formal qualifications and higher education. Your tutor will also be able to advise on next steps and progression opportunities.

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Course eligibility and fees

This adult learning course is available to residents of Northamptonshire who are:

- aged 19 or over on 31st August in the funding year
- living in England, outside a devolved adult skills funding area.
- ordinarily resident in England on the first day of learning.
- Resident in England for the duration of your learning.

If you don't meet the above requirements, including some international students or people not ordinarily resident in the UK, you will not be able to attend this course.

Asylum seekers may be eligible to attend in some circumstances, including where they have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered, or where they receive certain types of local authority support.

Fees are payable on enrolment as published on the booking page.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or in employment and earning below £25,750 a year, you may be eligible for reduced fees.

Under certain circumstances you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity, residency, prior qualifications and where relevant, benefits or income.

If you are not sure what support you are eligible for please phone our office between 10 -4 on weekdays 0300 303 1058 or email adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Northamptonshire Adult Learning Service work in partnership with National Careers Service advisers who can provide information, advice and guidance on skills, learning and work. National Careers Service can be contacted by telephone 0800 100 900 or text your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 and an adviser will call you back for free or go to <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>