

Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet



AUNP22 - Silver Jewellery Improvers

Delapre Community Rooms

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Alton Street

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Room Delapre Community Rooms

Start Date: 22 September 2026

End Date: 01 December 2026

Start Time: 10:00AM

End Time: 12:00PM

Day: Tuesday

Sessions: 10

Tutor: Mrs Katherine Richmond

What will I learn?

This 10-week intermediate course is designed for learners who have already completed a beginners' jewellery course or have equivalent experience. Learners will develop their design ideas and refine their technical skills, working on one or more personal projects with tutor support. The course aims to deepen learner's jewellery-making skills and support the design and production of personalised silver pieces through structured projects and independent practice. By the end of the course, learners will be able to refine soldering, forming, texturing and finishing techniques, work more confidently and independently, explore more advanced techniques appropriate to their skill level, manage a simple jewellery making project from design to completion, develop creative confidence and maintain safe and effective working practices in the studio.

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 purchase 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.

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 course is a great next step for anyone interested in pursuing jewellery making as a hobby, a craft business, and even a future career. This course could lead onto further short courses and workshops, working independently at home or in a shared studio space, start developing a small collection or small-scale selling, and progression to our Silver Jewellery Workshops or accredited or higher-level courses at college or university. 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/>

