

Our Newham Learning & Skills Learner Newsletter



Learner Bulletin

Update from the Head of Service - Jaspal Dhaliwal



Welcome to the first edition of the Learner Bulletin for this term! I hope you are settling in well and feeling positive about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Whether you are embarking on a new learning journey or continuing to build on your progress, this term is a fresh start filled with possibilities.

If you are new to our community, we are delighted to welcome you and look forward to supporting you every step of the way. You are now part of a dynamic and diverse learning environment where you can develop your skills, expand your horizons, and achieve your ambitions. This bulletin is here to provide guidance, inspiration, and important updates to help you make the most of your experience.

For those returning, we hope your journey so far has been rewarding and that you feel motivated to push forward towards your next milestones. Remember, progress is made one step at a time, and every effort you put in brings you closer to your goals. We are here to support, encourage, and celebrate your achievements with you.

Wishing you a successful and fulfilling term!

Jaspal Dhaliwal
Head of Our Newham Learning & Skills

Important Dates

Spring Term 2025: Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April 2025

Half Term Week: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Upcoming themes

- **International Mother Language Day:** Friday 21st February 2025
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Upcoming Exams

We have a number of exams taking place over the next couple of weeks.
Formal seated exams at Beckton Globe.

- Wednesday 12th February 9:30am - Level 1 English
- Wednesday 12th February 9:30am - Level 1 Maths
- Wednesday 12th February 1pm - Level 2 English

For information regarding exam dates please [email our MIS and Exams team](#).

Upcoming Events

National Apprenticeship Week Fair -
Wednesday 12th February 2025.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday 12th February, at the Old Town Hall in Stratford from 10am to 4pm. We are thrilled to welcome both returning and new employers, offering access to hundreds of residents interested in apprenticeship opportunities. The fair provides a unique opportunity to engage with residents/learners eager to learn more about apprenticeships.

Book your space [here](#). For more information, speak to reception.

View last year's highlights [here](#).



Discover exciting opportunities at our apprenticeship fair

Gain valuable insight and connect with employers at Newham Apprenticeship Fair 2025.



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ONLS and Barclays Workshop - February - May 2025.

ONLS and Barclays have partnered to bring you three workshops for 2025. Each workshop will be delivered by an expert from Barclays and be run at a variety of centres. Everyone is welcome, but spaces are limited so please speak to your tutor to book you on a session.

- **Fraud and Scams** - Tuesday 11th February - 11am -12pm – Beckton Globe Room 119
Learn how to protect yourself from online fraud and scams.
- **Female Founders** – Friday 7th March – Priory Park Centre Room 19/20 Time TBC
Come and hear how women are conquering the business world and get some useful hints and tips.
- **Budgeting** – Forest Gate Learning Zone -Friday 21st May – 1-2pm, Youth Hall/Sports Hall - Learn about how you can make your money go further with budgeting skills from the experts at Barclays.



ONLS & Barclays Workshops



Come to our Barclays workshops

Throughout 2025, ONLS and Barclays have partnered to bring you three workshop covering:

- **Fraud and Scams** - How to protect yourself from online fraud and scams
- **Female Founders** - Come and hear how women are conquering the business world and get some useful hints and tips.
- **Budgeting** - Learn about how you can make your money go further with budget skills.

See details below

Fraud and Scams Tuesday 11th February 2025 11am -12pm Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way, E6 8JQ	Female Founders March 7th 2025 Time TBC Priory Park Centre, E6 1QH	Budgeting Friday 21st May 2025 1-2pm Forest Gate Learning Zone 3 Woodford Road, E7 0DH
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Exploring skills beyond the classroom

Safeguarding at ONLS

Please familiarise yourself with our updated safeguarding team to ensure you know who to contact should you have any concerns regarding the safety and well-being of learners, staff, or visitors. Our safeguarding team is dedicated to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for everyone at Our Newham Learning & Skills.

If you would like to report a safeguarding concern, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team directly. Alternatively, you can email us at ons.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk or call us on 020 3373 4590. All concerns will be handled with sensitivity and in line with our safeguarding policies and procedures.



WE ARE SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is about keeping our learners safe - inside and outside of our centres. We are committed to safeguarding.

Your Safeguarding Officers

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Maysie Brown
Inclusive Learning Manager

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Roxana Jobson
Head of Curriculum

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Denise Herman
Curriculum Manager

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Abdul Hasib
Operational Lead

Are you concerned?

Are you concerned about your safety or someone else's safety? If so, please speak to a Safeguarding Officer or any member of staff.



Jasbir Dhillon
Head of Service

You can also contact us:

ons.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk
020 3373 4590



If you see something, say something.
Our Safeguarding team is here to support you

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Round up of this month's activities.

ONLS and Barclays CV Building Workshop.

Last week, learners from the AWS course and the Bookkeeping course had the opportunity to attend an engaging CV building workshop hosted by ONLS in collaboration with Barclays. The session was designed to provide invaluable insights into crafting an effective CV and maximising LinkedIn as a professional networking tool.



The workshop covered a range of essential topics, including:

1. **What Makes a Good CV:** Learners were guided through the key components of a strong CV, such as clear formatting, tailoring to job roles, and showcasing relevant skills and experiences.
2. **The Power of LinkedIn:** Attendees explored how to leverage LinkedIn to enhance their professional presence online. Facilitators explained how employers actively search for talent via the platform and shared tips for creating a compelling profile to attract job opportunities.

The session was highly interactive, allowing participants to ask questions and share their experiences. One attendee shared their thoughts: "I found the session very useful and beneficial. I now know what a good CV contains and will be setting up my LinkedIn." - Amna

AWS (Amazon) re/Start programme

Ready to take your career to new heights?

Join our 16 week FREE cloud computing programme. Gain hands on experience, boost your Cloud Computing Skills and open doors to endless opportunities in the tech industry.

The Amazon Web Services (AWS) re/Start programme is a full-time, classroom-based skills development and training programme run in collaboration with Amazon Web Services that prepares individuals for careers in the cloud.

Limited spaces available.

Enquire [here](#).

Learner Success Story

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible journey of Jarif Khan, an inspiring ESOL learner who proves that dedication hard



learner who proves that education, hard work, and support can lead to life-changing success!



Jarif joined Our Newham Learning and Skills (ONLS) in 2019 as an ESOL Entry 1 learner, determined to improve his English skills and build a brighter future. While studying at this level, he secured his first job as a cleaner at McDonald's, showcasing his willingness to take the first step toward his goals.

Over the next two years, Jarif worked diligently to improve his English proficiency. His hard work paid off when he successfully applied for a shift manager position at McDonald's—a testament to his growth and determination.

But Jarif did not stop there! This academic year, while studying ESOL Level 2 with us, he achieved another milestone—admission to Arden University to study Business and Management. His ultimate goal? To become a successful manager and continue building a thriving career.

Jarif expressed heartfelt gratitude to the ESOL tutors at Priory Park Centre for their unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement throughout his journey. His story highlights the transformative power of education and the impact we, as educators, have on shaping learners' lives.

Jarif Khan's success is an inspiration to all learners striving to achieve their dreams. We are incredibly proud of his accomplishments and wish him the very best as he embarks on this new chapter at university!

Congratulations, Jarif! Your story is proof that hard work and determination can take you anywhere you dream to go.

Laura Iacsa

Curriculum Manager – ESOL

Find and Apply for a Job in Newham

- Looking for employment opportunities within Newham? Please explore the link below:
- [Search Jobs - Newham Candidate Experience Site Careers](#)
- [The Education Space](#)
- [Newham Jobs - Indeed](#)

Your Bulletin Your Stories

We would love to hear from you. Have you got a story to tell us? We welcome real-life stories that you want to share (be prepared to be interviewed) or creative writing

stories that you want to share (be prepared to be interviewed) or creative writing pieces, poems, and short stories. Tell us a story about you, your journey, your challenges and triumphs. We will not publish your name if you do not want us to. Send your stories to farheen.butt@newham.gov.uk by the 15th of February 2025.

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