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Our Newham Learning & Skills Learner Newsletter



Learner Bulletin

Update from the Head of Service- Jaspal Dhaliwal



We hope you are having a restful half term break.

We hope you managed to take in some of the key events that Newham put on celebrating Black History month with the theme this year of reclaiming the narrative, which is what we promote here at ONLS, giving all of our learners an opportunity to reclaim your own narratives to succeed in your chosen path. With support and guidance we hope empower you for the future.

I'm pleased to introduce our new biodiversity courses, offering you a chance to learn about the environment and the importance of protecting our natural world. Some learners have also had an eye opening experience with a Virtual Reality experience which you can read more about in this newsletter.

Take this time to rest, rejuvenate and we will see you back in our classrooms in November.

Jaspal Dhaliwal
Head of Our Newham Learning & Skills

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Important Dates

- **HALF TERM WEEK** - Monday 28th October – 2nd November 2024
 - **10 week courses end** - Friday 30th November 2024
 - **12 week courses end** - Friday 6th December 2024
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Upcoming themes and events

- **Disability History Month**- Saturday 16th November – Monday 16th December 2024
 - **ONLS Wellness event** - Friday 29th November 2024
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Black History Month at Our Newham Learning & Skills

Black History Month is a time to recognise and celebrate the important contributions made throughout history by the global majority. It reminds us of the rich culture, strength, and achievements of Black communities around the world. In the UK, this month highlights the role Black Britons have played in shaping the country's history and reclaiming the narrative.

At Our Newham Learning & Skills, we celebrated Black History Month through our display of eminent black Britons who have helped shape politics and popular culture in the UK. By showcasing these stories we look to all at ONLS to inspire and reflect on the history a achievements of the Black community.

Safeguarding

Stay alert, Trust your instincts

Here at Our Newham Learning & Skills, we take your safety and security seriously. That's why we're supporting



WE ARE SAFEGUARDING

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

Your Safeguarding Officers




Counter Terrorism Policing's campaign to encourage everyone to help keep each other safe this winter.

You play a vital role. You know your surroundings better than anyone else and you know if something isn't right. This doesn't just apply at ONLS but on your commute and where you live too. While you're with us, you will see your tutors, our facilities team, Business Support Officers and our Safeguarding team who are there to help you if you need it. If something doesn't feel right, tell them straight away and they will do the rest. You won't be wasting our time. Let's keep each other safe.

 Jaspal Dhaliwal Head of Service	 Bunmi Otubushin Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Rovana Jobson Head of Curriculum
 Mayse Brown Inclusive Learning Manager	 Denise Herman Curriculum Manager	 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.

You can also email us: onls.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk

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

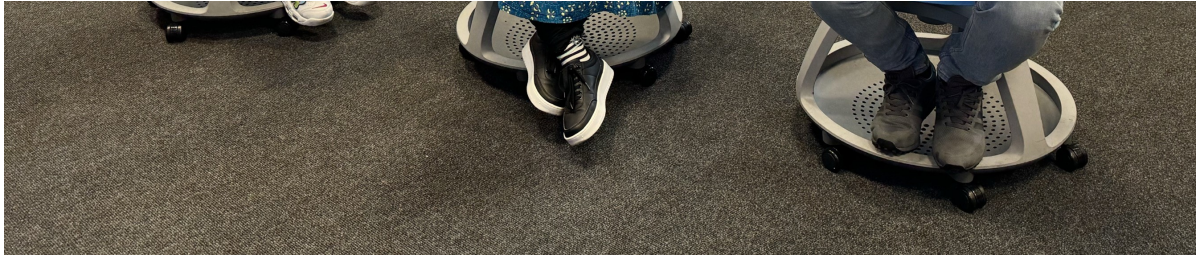
If you would like to raise a safeguarding concern, please speak to one of our safeguarding officers or email onls.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk.

Here's what we did last term

Learner virtual reality experience at North Woolwich Learning Zone

On Tuesday 15th November, a group of lucky learners had the chance to develop the interview skills through the power of Virtual Reality supported by Bodyswap. The learners found the workshop invaluable in helping them to hone their interview techniques for the future. The use of the immersive room meant learners across all our centres were able to benefit from the workshop. 21st century learning at its best!





Your learner reps are here!

You chose the people you wanted to represent you as learner reps. See learner information boards for meeting times and get your opinions in. Our next meeting will be on:

- **Tuesday 25th February 2025**

Learner information boards

Learner information boards at all of the centres with news and information of activities both here at ONLS and in Newham for you.

Free courses

Discover exciting learning opportunities with Our Newham Learning & Skills. We are delighted to offer three online courses to all Newham residents. Whether you're interested in enhancing your expertise in cyber security, coding or data protection/ data security, we have the perfect course for you. Take advantage of this unique chance to develop valuable skills from the comfort of your own home. To enrol:

[Application Form Pre-Check - Our Newham Learning & Skills \(eassessorpro.co.uk\)](https://eassessorpro.co.uk)

ONLS Wellness Event

We're excited to announce the upcoming ONLS Wellness Event. This event will take place on Friday 29th November, 10am – 2pm, at Forest Gate Learning Zone, providing a fantastic opportunity to engage with a variety of services and activities focused on wellness.

Attendees will have the chance to interact with representatives from a range of essential services from Newham, including:

- **Our Newham Work:** Discover employment support and training opportunities tailored to your career growth.
- **Our Newham Money:** Learn about financial advice and resources to help you manage your finances effectively.
- **Volunteering team:** support your local council on volunteering opportunities
- **Henna Painting:** Enjoy the soothing experience of henna application while connecting with others.
- **Cake decorating** to hone your crafting skills.

Look out for further information via the learner information boards at each of ONLS centres. Sign up for activities [here](#)

Your bulletin your stories

We'd 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 pieces poems, 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 stories to farheen.butt@newham.gov.uk by the 10th November 2024.

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