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Our Newham Learning & Skills Learner Newsletter



# Learner Bulletin

## Update from the Head of Service- Jaspal Dhaliwal

*I am Jaspal Dhaliwal, head of Our Newham Learning and Skills.*



*We are thrilled to welcome you to the start of a brand new academic year and the beginning of an exciting learning journey! Whether you're taking your first steps into new courses or continuing to build on what you've already learned, this is a fresh opportunity to grow, challenge yourself, and reach new heights.*

*Every new school year brings with it the chance to explore new ideas, discover hidden talents, and embrace opportunities for personal and academic growth. As you embark on this path, know that we are here to support and guide you every step of the way.*

*Let's make this year one of curiosity, creativity, and achievement.*

*Here's to the start of an inspiring and successful year ahead!*

**Jaspal Dhaliwal**

## Jaspal Dhaliwal Head of Our Newham Learning & Skills

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### Important Dates

**Half Term Week** - Monday 28th October - 2nd November 2024

### Upcoming events

- **Black History Month** - 1st October - 31st October 2024
  - **ONLS Wellness Event** - 28th October 2024
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### Your Induction

Welcome to all learners, we hope you are settling in well. As part of your induction, you should have received your Learner Handbook. If you have not received this, please speak to your tutor or ask at reception. Your handbook contains important information that will help you navigate and plan for the academic year.

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### Learner ID Cards

As part of your induction, all learners will have been given an ONLS ID badge. As part of safeguarding our learners and staff, you must wear your badge at all times and will be challenged if you are seen not wearing one. Please be patient while we work on our systems as not everyone will have received these yet.

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### Safeguarding

Our safeguarding officers are here to help you. There are photos of safeguarding officers in every classroom.







If you would like to raise a safeguarding concern, please speak to one of our safeguarding officers or email [onsl.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk](mailto:onsl.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk).

**OUR NEWHAM Learning & Skills**

**WE ARE SAFEGUARDING**

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

**Your Safeguarding Officers**

 Jaspal Dhaliwal Head of Service	 Summi Druwshin Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Rowena Johnson Head of Curriculum
 Maysie 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: [onsl.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk](mailto:onsl.safeguarding@newham.gov.uk)

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

### 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. Limited spaces available. Enrol now: <https://www.primedtalent.com/aws-restart-newham/>

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### **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 \(eassessorpro.co.uk\)](#)

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### **Learner Representatives**

A big thank you to all those who have been elected as learner representatives! As a representative, your role is crucial in helping to campaign for positive change and ensuring that learners' voices are heard. Our first meeting will take place on 8th October via Teams, where we will discuss upcoming plans and how we can work together to make a difference. We hope to see you there!

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### **Our Newham Work - Jobs fair**

Our Newham Work are running a jobs fair on the 10th October at Stratford Town Hall.

There will be many employers present as well as representatives from ONLS. Please attend these by booking slots using the QR code on the leaflet. Leaflets will also be available on the learners' boards at each of our centres. This is a fantastic opportunity to support you on your next step.

**Date:** 10th October 2024

**Time:** 9:30am - 4:30pm

**Location:** Stratford Old Town Hall

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### **Learner stories - induction phase in the classroom**

My name is Yasmin Opoka and I'm enrolled on Early Years L1 and enrolled through the summer during one of the open days. The enrolment process was very straight forward. All staff members were very friendly and it was very useful to speak to a member of staff.

As the course has just commenced, we are currently within the induction phase and getting to know other learners. We have covered Safeguarding, British Values and we

getting to know other learners. We have covered Safeguarding, British Values and we were provided with the course syllabus.

I enrolled as I am a new mum and would like a different career path. This is my first step to work within a nursery.

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