

## Adult Community Education News

### **DACES is Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service**

Join us to get qualifications, confidence and skills for life and work!

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#### **National Apprenticeships Week**

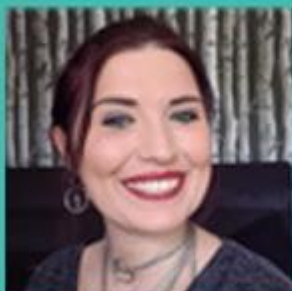
We're delighted to support National Apprenticeship Week 2025, taking place between 10 and 16 February.

National Apprenticeships Week is a week-long celebration that brings together businesses and apprentices across the country. The week shines a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy

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#### **Another chance to gain qualifications**

## Personal growth better late than never!



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Catherine had been enquiring in school about courses for parents, to help support her children who have additional needs, when she stumbled upon the opportunity for a teaching assistant apprenticeship.

Having had to give up her hotel manager job a few years previously due to childcare needs following divorce, this apprenticeship was an ideal opportunity for Catherine to gain work and learning to fit around her children. Catherine is thrilled to have the mental challenge and stimulation of new learning, as well as the opportunity to complete her maths and English Level 2 qualifications alongside her teaching assistant learning.

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If you would like to follow in Catherine's footsteps with a Derbyshire County Council apprenticeship course, email [workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk)



Apprentice Alison had been wanting to make a career change from an office job to a teaching assistant for some time, but was struggling to work out how to gain the qualifications she needed whilst maintaining an income to support her family.

The level 3 Teaching Assistant apprenticeship opportunity through Derbyshire County Council has enabled her to do this. Actively working in a school allows Alison rich opportunities to learn through working with and observing others. Alongside this, Alison is learning the knowledge and theories that underpin the profession and tie her learning together.

Alison says; “Although there's lots to do, I feel well supported, and there's no pressure if you take a little longer than expected to complete tasks. The work-based tutor is excellent, and promotes a really nice encouraging atmosphere in our sessions. My hope is to become a well-respected and capable teaching assistant”

If you're interested in gaining a teaching assistant apprenticeship through the county council, email [workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk)

## Apprenticeships with Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES)

### Do you have a business? We could support you with an apprenticeship



We offer apprenticeships that are designed in collaboration with employers to ensure that they grow a more skilled workforce, whether for existing staff or new recruits.

We can support employers through the entire recruitment process so that they are sure to match the apprentice with the roles needed within the workforce. This includes help advertising vacancies and help with shortlisting and interviews.

All apprentices are visited in the workplace and are fully supported throughout their apprenticeship journey. Employers are also provided with ongoing assistance to ensure their apprentice is progressing and on track to complete their training.

We are a large provider for Derbyshire County Council's apprenticeship offer and are proud of the high success of apprentices securing permanent roles and promotions within the council.

If you have an apprentice aged 16 to 21, the apprenticeship is fully funded. At age 22+, the employer contributes 5%, or DACES can support you in applying for a levy transfer from Derbyshire County Council.



"The support and communication received from my tutor throughout the apprenticeship has been to a high standard. With the many changes to management and roles within the council I had, without my tutor I don't think I would have got the grades I did."

For apprenticeship enquiries  
email [workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:workplace.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### We currently offer apprenticeships in:

- Business administrator level 3
- Customer service practitioner level 2
- Teaching assistant level 3
- Schools business professional level 4
- Early years practitioner level 2
- Early years educator level 3
- Team leader level 3

**Find a job with Derbyshire County Council**

We work hard to be an excellent employer and in return we expect our employees to give their best so that we can deliver high quality services to the people of Derbyshire.

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