

Level 1 Community Interpreting

The role of the Community Interpreter is becoming increasingly important, particularly in regions with many linguistic communities. The interpreter acts as a bridge between communities and enables people to access services and situations which would otherwise not be possible.

This qualification offers the opportunity for learners who are speakers of other languages to learn about the area of Community Interpreting. Learners may wish to study the subject as they have an interest in the topic or they may wish to use the qualification as a stepping stone to becoming a Community Interpreter.

Start Date: 22 April 2026
Start Time: 09:30
Lessons: 10
Weeks: 10
Hours: 30.00

The qualification offers the opportunity to learn about the language skills required when working in the community – giving an awareness of how language changes depending on the situation. There is also an opportunity to look at how Public and Voluntary Service sectors work and their interaction with the community. The role of the interpreter is also explored and discussed.

There may be times when the lessons may be held remotely, via live video calls, use of our Moodle area, private social media groups etc. By signing up to the course you are agreeing to this wide range of teaching and learning approaches;

Venue

Medway Learning and Skills Hub
Unit 2
Britton Farm Street
ME7 1GX

What will I learn on this course?

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- 1 To learn how to use language skills to the best advantage.
- 2 To learn about the sectors where interpreters may be required to work.
- 3 To learn about the role of the Community Interpreter.

Is this course suitable for me?

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- ? Those who have an interest in working with different linguistic groups in the community.
- ? Those who have an interest in learning about the role of an interpreter.
- ? Those who wish to acquire further qualifications to enable them to work towards becoming a Community Interpreter.

You will need to phone 01634 338400 to book an initial assessment before enrolling.

What could I go on to do after this course?

This is an introduction course and learners are positively encouraged to progress onto a higher level interpreting qualification such as the Level 2 Certificate in Preparing for the Community Interpreting Role course.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>.

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed