

Pottery - Intensive throwing workshop 2

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to look into the possibility of a new craft-based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress.

This one-off intensive throwing workshop is a mixed ability course for complete beginners to experienced potters. It aims to improve learners' throwing skill.

Beginners will focus on throwing cylinder shapes practising centring, opening and pulling, followed by other shapes. Advanced learners will continue to develop their own creativity and innovative abilities exploring more difficult shapes such as vases.

The course aims to develop your confidence and creativity through throwing techniques. There will be limited time for trimming due to the time needed for the pieces to dry to leather hard, instead, a "no turning" method will be introduced to ensure all pieces can be finished on the wheel.

Start Date: 01 February 2025
Start Time: 10:00
Lessons: 1
Weeks: 1
Hours: 6.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

Learners will:

1. Be able to demonstrate centring, opening and pulling.
2. Be able to produce items of similar shape.
3. Be able to select the appropriate tools to finish at least 1 piece on the wheel without turning at the leather hard stage.

Learners will also be expected to observe appropriate H&S rules.

Is this course suitable for me?

Suitable for all, beginners to those with throwing experience.

Is there anything I need to know about the course?

- Please bring an apron and do not wear anything you value highly.
- No open toed shoes in the pottery.
- It would be advisable to bring a notebook and pen.
- Learners with previous experience should bring in an example of their own work to help in the initial assessment process.

Some of your guided learning hours will be used to complete paperwork such as ground rules and individual learning plans for the course. You will then have time to revisit these targets with your tutor to assess your progress.

Will there be additional costs?

The cost of materials is included in the course fee. There will be no additional costs for this course. An amount of clay is included within the course fees, all of the items made during the course will be glazed with the learner's choice of colour. A collection day for the finished piece will be arranged with the tutor.

Further clay can be purchased from the studio should you require it. Prices are currently £25.00 for approx. 1/2 bag this price might change depending on market values and clay type.

What could I go on to do after this course?

Learners can follow this course with other related courses that the centre runs, such as Pottery, Sculpture and Ceramics or other garden sculpture courses on the themes of seed heads and green man heads.

There are many other arts and craft courses on offer at Medway Adult Education. You may wish to concentrate or develop your skills with a particular medium such as painting in oils, pottery, stained glass, or advanced watercolour for example. We also have a BTEC Art and Design Skills course that you could progress towards.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as Mid Kent Medway School of Art and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions, and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through with your individual progression options.

Your tutor will be happy to advise you about progression courses, including those offered by other providers.

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/lf> you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

This is one session course- please attend for the duration of the lesson. If you enrol and then cannot attend please inform us as soon as possible so that your place can be given to someone else. 01634 338400.

Health and Safety

No open toed shoes in the pottery.

Learners will be given health and safety direction during the course.

Health and Safety Disclaimer:

By participating in the class you accept that you understand that pottery involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability.

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities.

You understand that this is a pottery activity and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need to protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working with clay and glazes. MAE is not responsible for damage to your items or person.

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