

## Pottery: Garden Sculpture 1 Totum

This creative provision is being marketed as RICA (Rochester Institute of Creative Arts).

Join us for an engaging sculpture introductory workshop where you'll explore the art of creating decorative clay totem poles inspired by natural shapes. Led by an experienced tutor in a professional studio setting, this course covers basic hand-building techniques and guides you through the entire design and making process. All necessary materials and tools are included in the price, making it an accessible and creative experience for anyone interested in exploring their artistic side.

Start Date: 16 January 2027  
Start Time: 10:00  
Lessons: 1  
Weeks: 1  
Hours: 6.00

If you are looking for a course to improve or maintain your mental health and wellbeing, why not book onto one of our courses from the Managing mental health and well-being offer?

### Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre  
Rochester Community Hub  
Eastgate  
ME1 1EW

### WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Prepare clay (wedging) to create at least 1 sculpture.
2. Design and make at least 2 shapes for your stacking totem.
3. Prepare the sculpture for firing.

learners will also be expected to observe appropriate health & safety requirements in the pottery studio as set out in the MAE ground rules /learner contract

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

### IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

Suitable for all, beginners to those with hand building experience.

### IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

- Please bring an apron and do not wear anything you value highly.
- No open toed shoes in the pottery.

Long hair must be tied back (hair bands will not be provided)

- 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.

A collection day for the finished piece will be arranged with the tutor.

### WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about another subject related course available.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts 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 your individual progression options.

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.

## **WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Single session-

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 on 01634 338400 so that your place can be given to someone else.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that pottery involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Pottery activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area (no open toed shoes in the pottery, hair must be tied back when using the wheels)
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor
- Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
- By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.