

CAMS VISUAL ARTS

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Course Tutor: Linton Bocock

Teaching Assistant: TBA

Aims of the Course

- Explore, develop and extend the artistic abilities of the learners
- Encourage learners to develop their social skills, build their confidence levels and work towards re-entry into mainstream activities

Objectives of course

To introduce visual arts to the learners and to help them develop their artistic abilities by supporting their wants and needs using a variety of methods and stimuli

Course Duration & Cost

30 x 2 hr classes per academic year
£30

Course and Learner Level

This course is aimed at adults who are experiencing mental health issues. The learners represent a range of skill levels are at different stages in their recovery programmes so the course will be tailored to their respective needs.

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This course is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council's *Community learning* team. A close liaison is maintained with Cambridge Social Care Services who refer the students. The course will be accredited using the Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) system and learners successfully completing the course will receive a certificate to acknowledge their achievements. Emphasis will be placed on individual learning targets developing skills in aspects of visual arts and social and communication skills. The overall structure of the course encompasses the above objectives and reflects the learner's personal interests and needs through the use of Individual Learning Plans and one-to-one consultation throughout. Where appropriate, basic skills are embedded into the sessions by introducing technical terms, and key words used in various artistic techniques and practices; and by stressing the volume, area and quantity information required for different projects.

Method of achieving Objectives

In the early stages the crafts focus will be on tutor led activities but the learners will be encouraged to develop their own ideas and styles and to recognise and develop their creative talents. The learners will be encouraged to support each other and some projects will be designed as paired or group activities to further encourage this and to underpin both aspects of the course. Each learner will have a ring binder in which to keep photographic evidence of their artwork and worksheets will record technical aspects of each project. The learners will be encouraged to collect research materials for their folders and will also be encouraged to develop their presentation techniques.