



Adult learning opportunities

Barrowden is well placed geographically for residents to take opportunities offered by local authorities as well as other providers in Rutland, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire.

Local authority classes cover a good range of subjects in daytime and evening classes.

[Rutland Adult Learning and Skills](#) offers qualifications, leisure courses in arts and languages, and employability and life skills.

[Leicestershire Adult Learning](#) runs courses across the county, with the nearest to us in Market Harborough and Melton.

[New College Stamford](#) has a range of arts, leisure and professional courses for adult learners.

[Northamptonshire Local Authority](#) offers a good range of courses, with centres in both Kettering and Corby, although not the full range of subjects is available in these venues.

University of the Third Age (U3A) provides informal educational and social opportunities for its members (over 60s) and there are local groups in [Rutland](#), [Stamford](#) and [Welland](#). Membership is very reasonable and most classes/groups are free to members.



Uppingham School runs a [Summer School](#) each year. Courses tend to focus on the arts and music and are open to people for all over the country.

Workers Educational Association (WEA) is the largest voluntary sector provider of adult education. For the best range of courses you may need to investigate what's on offer in the nearest large towns.

Another organisation which meets in the region is the Arts Society, formerly called the Decorative and Fine Arts Society. There are Arts Society groups in [Oakham](#), [Rockingham](#) and [Stamford](#) which organise monthly lectures, visits and study days.

Universities are another provider of adult and continuing education. The University of Leicester offers [language courses](#), and a range of creative arts courses at the [Richard Attenborough Centre](#)