



WI Bursaries

With the demise of Denman College, as winners of a WI bursary LRFWI members may find the information below about educational providers useful. It is not comprehensive, but offers a starting point. Those taking up bursaries should get their choice of provider approved by their WI.

Please forward any further recommendations, approved by your WI, to myself.

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Mandy Cutler on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Approved Suggestions for Providers of Educational Courses

Denman at Home – Online

<https://www.denman.org.uk/>



WI members and non-members alike are welcome to join our new series of informative, entertaining shared virtual experiences in the comfort of your home. From cookery courses, craft demonstration, history lessons and activities for all the family. We have something to suit all tastes, and courses, from only £5 per session.

The courses are available via Zoom. You don't need a Zoom account to access them; sign up for a Denman at Home course and you'll be sent a link with a password to your email address and all you'll need to do is click to join.

There's a chat facility so that you can ask your tutor questions throughout the course.

A multitude of courses are available in the following categories:

[Online craft courses from felting to stitching](#)

[Online learning – including fascinating history talks!](#)

[Share virtual experiences with like-minded people](#)

[Online cookery courses to suit all abilities](#)

[Online lifestyle – Experience yoga & music](#)

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Non-Approved Suggestions for Providers of Educational Courses in Leicestershire

Leicestershire Craft Centre

<https://www.leicestershirecraftcentre.co.uk/index.asp>



Leicestershire Craft Centre delivers the widest range of [art & craft courses](#) in the region. We teach here at the centre, visit [schools](#), businesses and other organisations, run [parties](#) and attend [craft events](#).

Our shop stocks fabric, dressmaking patterns and we are agents for Brother Sewing Machines. You can buy all our kits and fabric from our [Etsy shop](#) too.

There is something for everyone at Leicestershire Craft Centre! We look forward to meeting you soon. Katharine Wright.

Courses:

[Taster Courses](#)

[Art & Sculpture](#)

[Jewellery](#)

[Sewing](#)

[Dressmaking](#)

[Homemaking](#)

[Wellbeing](#)

[Knitting/Crochet](#)

[Felting & Textiles](#)

[Seasonal](#)

[Other](#)

[Children's Courses](#)

Contact Us

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Ginger Cat Glass: Glass Fusing Workshops with Vanessa Thompson Lowe

<https://gingercatglass.co.uk/>



Ginger Cat Glass has a workshop and studio in Leicestershire where I create handmade fused glass giftware and art. The glass I use in my work is bullseye glass, this is a handmade glass imported from Portland Oregon USA. I use a variety of sheet, stringers and frit glass as well as inclusions of copper foils, wire, metals and silver leaf to create beautiful and interesting pieces of art work.

Come along to a workshop and learn to make and design your own creations in glass. Workshops are designed for beginners and children. All instructions given and individuals catered for, a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 per class.

Workshops

Learn to score and break glass to make decorative shapes and designs with coloured, clear glass, glass frit and stringers. Once you are confident to cut your own glass then you can then begin to design your own piece. These will then be heated in a kiln to produce a smooth or textured look dependent on the heat applied and the finish required to suit your work (kiln work will be done after the class and will be usually ready for collection within approx. 7 days). All basic materials are included in the cost of the workshop. Closed toe shoes must be worn.

£35 per person for a 2 hour workshop.

You will be able to make either:

- ◆ coasters
- ◆ a sun catcher
- ◆ a curve or wave
- ◆ a small bowl

Should you wish to make more items then a further charge for materials will be incurred.

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Jewellery Making with Silver Clay - Charlotte Wakeling of Felix & Reuben.

<http://felixandreuben.co.uk/>



Charlotte Wakeling is the founder and designer of Felix & Reuben Keepsake Jewellery. Charlotte is an experienced and qualified jeweller, silversmith, and silver clay artist.

Silver Clay Workshops

Felix & Reuben – Jewellery School. Silver Clay Workshops.

Our Jewellery studio, where all the silver clay magic happens, is based within COPAH Studios, 6 Hollier's Walk, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1QW.

We offer a range of silver clay workshops, for beginners, which are perfect for those who have never worked with silver clay before, or improvers, who have maybe done a workshop in the past and need a refresher, or advanced workshops, which are tailored to suit your needs. Whether you're a beginner, improver or advanced student, you will leave the workshop, with solid silver items you have made that day, and armed with all the information and knowledge to make silver clay jewellery from the comfort of your own home. (Full printed notes are provided via email following the workshop.)

Our silver clay workshops (depending upon duration) are available on weekdays, weekends, and evenings – 1-2-1 and group sessions available. If you'd like to book a workshop for four or more people, please do get in touch with Charlotte, via email at contact@felixandreuben.co.uk

We do publish workshop dates, however, the majority of our workshop dates are tailored to suit your needs, so do get in touch, so we can book in a date just for you.

- Jewellery Making with Silver Clay – One Day Beginners' Workshop – £130 (per person). Maximum four students per workshop. Available on Saturdays and Sundays, all year round.
- Botanical Inspired Jewellery Making with Silver Clay – One Day Workshop – £130 (per person). Maximum three students per workshop. Available on Saturdays and Sundays, from April – September.
- Silver Clay Leaf Workshop – Three hour workshop – £80 (per person). Maximum three students per workshop. Workshops available on weekdays, weekends, and evenings.

View workshops dates here <https://www.craftcourses.com/courses/jewellery-making-with-silver-clay-one-day-beginners-workshop>

A series of notes will follow where we will introduce a little more about each workshop.

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Willow Workshops – Kate Morrell

<http://katemorrellwillowworkshops.co.uk/workshops/>



If you want to experience something different, my workshops are a great way to get “hands-on” with this traditional craft in the company of new friends

The courses run from 10-4 and weather permitting we can work outdoors in a beautiful quiet relaxing location. The workshops are relaxed and friendly and there is a light lunch provided and as many drinks as you require throughout the day.

I will take you through the process of weaving your chosen subject and will help you to achieve it in the time given so everyone goes home with a finished sculpture.

About the workshop

Duration: 10am – 4pm

Price: £80

Learn to sculpt your own small willow animal in the grounds of my home in the beautiful setting of Donington Le Heath. We can work indoors or outdoors (weather permitting). Come and join me for a fun and relaxed informal day willow weaving.

To start off with I would recommend a small animal or bird as the craft is very time consuming and I want you to leave with a finished piece of willow sculpture. I will show you the techniques I use to make the sculpture from start to finish and feel free to bring along any pictures to work from or I can print a picture of your choice as a reference for you to work from when you arrive.

Please email me with the date you are interested in.

What's included in the price?

Tea/Coffee and a light lunch will be provided throughout the day and materials are included in the price. We are close to Kelham Bridge nature reserve if you fancied a short walk on your break. I would recommend that you chose a small sculpture to start with and if you could think about what you would like to make and advise me it would be very helpful so I can plan your day.

To book a workshop or make an enquiry please call me on **07890 854559** or complete the [contact form](#).

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Planet Leicester Bakers

<https://www.planetleicesterbakers.co.uk/>



Since starting up Michelle the founder has run a micro-bakery business from her home kitchen just north of the city of Leicester. For busy event bake days she is helped by her partner who volunteers as bakery assistant!

Michelle is part of the international [Bread Angels](#) network and recommended by [The Great Food Club](#). The bakery is registered with a 5* food safety rating from Charnwood Borough Council.

Bread training & activities with Planet Leicester Bakers

Learn to make beautiful bread with Michelle from Planet Leicester Bakers.

From introductions to bread making to full day sour and slower dough workshop days, Planet Leicester Bakers has shared bread making skills with local people since 2014. Michelle is a qualified and experienced adult tutor with many years of experience and success in community teaching and training. Planet Leicester Bakers is an opportunity to combine those skills with sharing the beauty of making good bread.

Team building with bread has also been a very popular offer for local businesses and organisations. The bread making process offers space for combining business and team strengthening using a relaxing and fun activity.

Workshops on:

- **An introduction to bread baking at home**

In this inspiring half day session, learn the basics of making beautiful bread at home. A hands on experience with ingredients and equipment supplied. You will have a lovely range of fresh bread to take home with you.

- **An introduction to sour and slower dough**

A full day of bread making, perfect for those who want to start out on the adventure that is sourdough bread!

Ingredients and equipment supplied, as well as recipes and plenty of information. Ongoing contact offered beyond the day, ensuring you have the support to develop your skills into the future.

- **Team building with bread**

Bread is a fantastic tool for bringing teams together and strengthening their working relationships.

Using community venues, the day is organised for teams to get the most out of the experience. From encouraging working with different people to negotiating and supporting each other in a new, unfamiliar but safe activity.

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Hannah's Chocolates

<http://quorndon.com/hannahs/index.php>



The proprietor, Tom Phillips, is a wedding cake specialist and chocolatier having over 30 years of experience in both teaching and practising the art of sugarcraft. A former London chef and lecturer in catering, Tom has acquired national and international recognition for his work and won numerous awards and medals, including 2 international gold medals. He has also written two books on the art of chocolate work.

Chocolate Workshops

Hannah's runs one-day chocolate workshops throughout the year. Workshops are normally held on Saturdays or Sundays but can be delivered mid-week by arrangement.

The workshop includes:

- An introduction to the history, origin and making of chocolate
- Chocolate tasting
- Chocolate tempering
- Making a chocolate centrepiece to take home using chocolate techniques such as moulding, modelling, and decorating (see example centrepieces below)
- Lunch

For dates of forthcoming chocolate workshops, contact Tom at [Hannah's Sugarcraft](#).

Chocolate Workshop Creations

After completing one of our workshops, you will not only have a great understanding of how chocolate is made, how to process it and work with it to create marvellous chocolate gifts, but you'll also be able to take away the result of your work. The images below show examples of what has been made in the past during our chocolate workshops.



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Wet-on-Wet Oil Painting

<http://www.paintwithjayne.co.uk/>



My name is Jayne Good and I am a certified instructor in the Bob Ross Wet-on-Wet Oil Painting Technique.

The workshops are from 10am - 4.00pm, all equipment is provided on the day, all you have to bring is a packed lunch and yourself. The cost is £50.00 for the day you will take home a beautiful 20 x 16 inch oil painting to be proud of - guaranteed!

Tea and coffee is included with a quality biscuit, a little sugar fix can help the painting process!

To reserve your place on a workshop, please send me a deposit of £15.00 per person, together with your contact details (cheque payable to Jayne's art and crafts) or send by Internet banking. I will then confirm the booking by phone or email. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, so please don't leave it too late - numbers are limited.

Half day workshops of 2 and half hours using a smaller canvas is £25.00

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Jayne Good is based in Broughton Astley, Leicester.

Bowmen of Glen Archery Club

http://www.harborough.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/6307/bowmen_of_glen_archery_club_in_great_glen.pdf

Bowmen of Glen is a friendly archery club based in Great Glen, LE8 9AB

Archery is an inclusive sport for all ages. There are no barriers and people of all abilities are welcome. You could be a wheelchair user, visually impaired or an amputee, archery is open to all.



Beginner's Courses

If you're new to archery and are looking to join us then we will need to teach you how to shoot safely and successfully. We run a number of beginner's courses throughout the year which will help you to achieve this.

These take place over the course of a weekend with each day starting around 9am and continuing through to approximately 5.30pm (you must attend both days). The courses cost £50 per person and we provide all the required equipment.

Archery is suitable for all ages so juniors are most welcome, however we do ask that a parent or guardian joins them on the course (for under 8s please contact us for advice before booking a place). We'll provide everything that you need for the weekend so just bring yourselves!

For queries relating to joining the club or taking a beginner's course, contact Eddie Pemberton on the email address below.

Contact Us

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Leicester Croquet Club

<http://www.leicestercroquet.org.uk>



Social and competitive croquet at Monks Rest Gardens in Old Humberstone, Leicester.

The season usually runs from late April to early October.

The Club is well equipped and has a clubroom in the adjacent park pavilion.

Hit your balls through all of the hoops before your opponent does. How difficult can that be? It sounds easy, but croquet is a game of skill and tactics, which can be played socially as a pastime, or competitively as a sport.

Taster Sessions

If you and your friends fancy a quick game or your workplace or club is looking for a great social event with a difference, then get in touch with us. We offer a two hour quick play taster session with basic tuition and 3 rounds of games resulting in a winning team.

Minimum of 8 players and maximum of 24 players. Cost £7.50 per player.

To book a taster session, please email: taster@leicestercroquet.org.uk

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