

Halton Adult Learning

Creative Short Course in Photo Editing

Course Code

ART/PFDIT/24/3/A

Time and duration

Start Date: 12 June 2025

Start Time: 09:30 Weeks:

Location

Acorn Learning Centre Kingshead Close Castlefields Runcorn WA7 2JE

Duration

3 weeks

Time

9.20-3pm

Photo Editing basic outline

A short course delivered by Digital Arts Box CIC on behalf of Halton Adult Learning, to explore and enhance fundamental photo editing skills.

Description

Photo Editing Basics is a hands-on, 3-week course designed for beginners who want to enhance their digital photography through editing. Using laptops or desktop computers, participants will explore the free, browser-based software Pixlr.com to learn how to adjust, enhance, and creatively transform their images. With a step-by-step approach, the course focuses on practical editing skills suitable for everyday use—ideal for adult learners looking to improve the look and feel of their photos. All techniques covered will also provide a solid foundation for progressing to more advanced editing tools in the future.

Goal of the course

The goal of this course is to give participants a solid introduction to digital photo editing techniques, with a focus on improving visual impact, correcting common image issues, and building confidence with creative tools. By the end of the course, learners will be able to apply practical editing skills to enhance their own photographs.

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Learning Outcomes

Understand the basic layout and tools of PixIr.com
Crop, straighten, and resize images for different purposes
Adjust brightness, contrast, colour balance, and sharpness
Use layers and filters to enhance or stylise images creatively
Apply basic retouching tools (e.g., clone, heal, blur)
Export and save edited images in suitable formats for sharing or printing

Course delivery breakdown

Session 1: Introduction to Editing & Cropping
Getting started with Pixlr.com: interface overview and file handling
Cropping and straightening images for composition and framing
Basic adjustments: brightness, contrast, saturation
Hands-on practice with group feedback

Session 2: Colour, Clarity & Creative Filters Exploring tone and colour correction tools Enhancing sharpness and clarity Introduction to filters, effects, and stylistic choices Practice tasks and peer review of edits

Session 3: Layers, Retouching & Exporting
Using layers to combine and control elements
Basic retouching: blemish removal, cloning, and blurring
Saving, exporting, and preparing images for different uses
Final project task and informal group showcase

How to enrol

Contact Halton Adult Learning on 0151 511 7788